

Dr. W. W. W.

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My dear William

It will give me the greatest pleasure if I can be of any service to Mr. William in his candidature for the City Engineer ship here; and Sybil hails with pleasure the possibility of adding Mrs. William to the circle of Toronto friends.

The Aldermen are, as a body, a class with whom I have very slight intercourse, and no desire for more; so that my influence cannot command a large vote. But

The present Mayor, Mr. Howland,  
is a gentleman I highly  
esteem; and one with whom  
my opinion may carry  
some weight.

I am well aware of the  
excellent training Mr.  
William has had;  
and his experience since,  
though in other than Civic  
engineering, cannot fail to  
carry weight. I can only  
say that I shall most  
willingly do all I can  
to forward his candidature.  
Unfortunately the ways of  
Aldermen are very crooked.

and it will be a marvel  
if there is no trickery  
and double dealing in  
this matter. Sooner  
or later the community  
will learn the wisdom  
of paying well some  
three or four efficient  
men to manage civic  
affairs; as common  
sense teaches them to  
do in matters involving  
far less serious interests.

At present we get  
an unprincipled set of  
jobbers, who as they get  
no pay, and plenty of  
abuse, feel at liberty

to make what they can  
out of it for themselves  
and their friends. If  
William succeeds he will  
find it difficult as an  
honourable, upright man  
to carry on satisfactorily  
with such masters. His  
testimonials are excellent;  
and I can push his claims  
with the comfortable sense  
of urging a cause which  
rests on high merit, and  
thorough qualification.

Yours faithfully  
Dan. Wilson

Li William Dawson, C. M. G.