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My Dear Sir William

In answer to your enquiries about the future of Victoria University M. D. degrees, I must first inform you that, though our University Federation Bill has passed the legislature it is not yet in force. Victoria College is not mentioned in it; but it enacts that any University undertaking to suspend its powers of conferring degrees (excepting in Theology) may become a federating member with the University of Toronto, entitled to representation on the Senate and every other privilege accorded to the affiliated Colleges. This is legally effected by proclamation by the Lt. Governor in Council, in the Ontario Gazette; and it cannot resume the

power of giving degrees till the lapse of a fixed period; nor then till a year after a similar proclamation in the Gazette.

We are fully alive to the scandalous process of selling degrees to a Montreal Medical School. It has accordingly been provided in the Act that the franchise in the Medical Faculty for the election of representatives on the Senate is limited to "such graduates and undergraduates in Medicine as have passed their examination in the province of Ontario". The act is only to come into effect on the proclamation of the Lieut. Governor in Council; and this will depend on the action of Victoria. If they do federate with us, you have nothing further to apprehend. The standard in Medicine is so high in the University of Toronto that we give very few degrees. We could quadruple the number

at once by lowering our standards.

I think this answers all the points you enquire about. Had you publicly protested against the scandalous procedure, as you ought to have done long ago you would have protected yourselves and aided us.

I trust you will now be able to maintain your rights against your French R. C. antagonists.

Yours faithfully  
Daniel Wilson

Sir William Dawson, C. M. G.

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