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Sir J. W. Dawson. C. G. G. G. Montreal 18th March 1895

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your valued favor of 16th instant, and I have also received from Mr. Gould a knowledge of the Merchants Journal leaf Montreal 1790. I had other leaves of the old Mercantile Books of that far back period, in one of these I remember an entry, "Paid here of a Batteau to Kingston £25." This I think was before 1790. From Mr. Drummer's Archives, Ottawa, I got much information about a Batteau Channel or Canal, made about that period, by which Bateaux were largely helped in getting past the rapids long before our Canals were built. I was assured that the trip to Kingston took about three weeks. Those Journal leaves have mostly disappeared. I regret

I trust the Corporation will make effective work of the Reservoir, so that all further damage to the College properties may be prevented. I wished that it was stated, it would cost an enormous sum to make necessary repairs. It does not seem as if it were necessary for this enormous cost. Corporation Cementings do not seem to be very durable. I think the Cementing of the fountain in Victoria Square has to be done over again annually. ^{In our reservoir} A few feet of Coffer dam at a time within 8 or 10 feet of the inside wall would give facilities for easy repairs to be done. But it may be our very muddy water, leaving such a great deposit in the reservoir as it does, would probably prevent any very effective Cementing holding fast. It is a pity that we have to take water that passing Ottawa is rejected for use by the people of Ottawa, because of the vast quantities of decayed saw dust it has to run over.

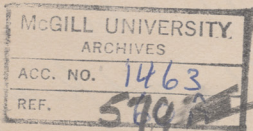
As to the "Wines of Scripture", an address on which I had the pleasure of hearing from you many years since I did not know just how you had it. Now I would most earnestly advise when that

early expected leisure arrives with you, that you would publish
it in full up to date, in your own style, and adding some of your
extended experience of the evils of the drinking Customs of
Society, and the ~~author~~ get deserved ^{richly so} advantages to
be derived by publishing through your publishers, whether
the London Religious Tract Society or others, such a book as
would under Divine Providence and blessing exert a very
extended influence on both sides of the Atlantic, saving I
hope many a young person from the destructive influences of any
indulgence in intemperance. A reverence for your judgment and
opinion and experience would I feel assured, cause the
book to find its way and exert its influence for good for time and
eternity to many a student and professional man as well as
in the Community generally. Personally it would be a
very great gratification to see a book from your pen on this
vital subject.

Your subscriptions solicited to the Tract Society are appreciated
it now being aside from the heavy activities of life. You should
leave the support of the Society to those otherwise situated I think.

Wishing all blessings. I am, Dear Sir,

Respectfully and faithfully yours
J. A. Mathewson



Re your promise
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