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By Telegraph from *New York*

To *Dr Dawson*

*McGill University*  
*Received your letter quite*  
*approve of proposed*  
*mode of procedure.*

*Dupperin*



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Copy to Duffin

McGill College.

Montreal.

July 29, 1848

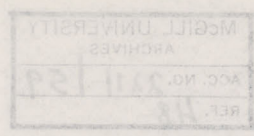
My Lord,

I beg leave, with  
reference to the honorary  
degree which Your Excellency  
has been so kind as  
to accept from this Uni-  
versity, respectfully to ask  
your pleasure as to certain  
forms usually observed here  
in the conferring of such  
degrees. These are the following:-

1 The recipient of the degree  
appears in academic costume  
(silk and hood)

2 The vice-chancellor  
announces that the degree has

copy of diploma



McGill College  
Montreal  
May 18, 1888

been granted by the  
corporation, with the reasons.

3. The candidate is  
invited by the Registrar to  
come forward to the table  
and sign the Register of Degrees.

4. The Vice-Chancellor takes  
him by the hand, and  
recites a short formula con-  
ferring the degree, after  
which the graduate assumes  
his seat on the dais.

In event of your  
having no objection to the  
above form, a suitable  
sum and wood for  
the occasion will be in

readings in the Library,  
to be put on before  
proceeding to the Convocation  
Hall; but should you  
prefer to dispense with  
this or any other part  
of the ceremony, I shall  
be happy to arrange  
accordingly.

I may add that  
our programme will embrace  
the reception of your Ex-  
cellency and Lady Dufferin  
in the Library—proceeding  
to the Convocation Hall—reading  
of address and reply—can 2

giving of the Degree — and  
if your Excellency will favour  
us with an address either  
to the Curators or the  
Students or to the Public  
assembled on the occasion,  
we shall be much gratified;  
but on this subject the  
Chancellor has promised  
to write.

Apologizing for  
troubling you with so small  
matters, I remain,

Yours very respectfully  
W. Duffin

The Right Honourable  
The Earl of Dufferin }  
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Saturday Morning

Dear Dr. Dawson

I enclose a letter from  
 The Jew: Jew: you see he puts us  
 up on our mettle by proposing  
 that the address and answer be  
 in Greek - I will prepare a draft in  
 English and the learned heads of  
 the college must clothe it in  
 the classic garb. If I can manage  
 to read it it will be an achievement  
 as my Greek, always very slender,  
 is reduced to puzzling with some  
 difficulty through a chapter of the  
 Testament - I will send the draft  
 when prepared for your suggestions &  
 amendments. Please give me back the  
 letter as it is marked private. I send  
 you the keys in certificate, and return your  
 draft

Draft of Report. It is very <sup>full</sup> and  
most satisfactory I have no time  
to suggest - except perhaps that the  
hints to the Ex: are pretty broad

My engagements to-day will  
I fear prevent me from calling  
on you - If you happen to be  
in Tom Desj's or at any office

Yours truly

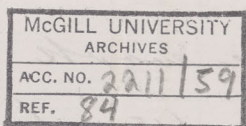
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McGill M. School  
Feb'y 6<sup>th</sup>. 1878.

J. W. Dawson Esqr. to his D. &c

Chairman of Council of M.G. M. School.

Sir.

I beg to lay certain statements and requests before you and to state that I do so only in consideration of the well-being of the school, and of what is due to myself.

The present modes of punishment in my power are - the giving of lines to be written at home and keeping-in after school hours. The first of these interferes with the preparation

preparation of home work  
and the second, is, after the  
first offense in one class or  
another, or in case of the boy  
being late, or not knowing one  
of his lessons, perfectly useless.

Consequently, I would respectfully  
request that the usual means  
of discipline be placed in my  
hands. In this regard I am  
informed that there is no  
regulation bearing on the matter  
and it would seem that  
the privilege should fall to  
me as it does to all teachers  
in the public schools of Quebec.

But as it has been denied to  
me I have hitherto forbore  
from claiming it as it was  
not a customary method of

discipline in the School. Such is not the case at present, as it is daily employed by the Head Master.

In speaking of order in my classes I would beg to submit that there is no special irregularity. No complaint has been made concerning it. I have never lost control of the scholars.

There are several reasons which render it, however, a very difficult thing to keep a steady control of the classes:—

First. The employment of the pupil teachers in the school whose discipline is at least lax;

Second. The change of classes.

No class has a teacher specially attached to it. The  
Teacher

Teacher thus is continually changing his pupils, and the control & discipline he may have acquired in one class may, the next time he comes to it, have been lost under the hands of an untrained teacher

This, combined with the fact that the scholars are accurately acquainted with the limit of his power, render it very desirable that his influence be supported at least in the usual way

I beg to add also that under these circumstances when very great care and attention must be given to the discipline of the class,

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it is not possible to enter  
into the scholastic work with  
the thoroughness and enthusiasm  
desirable -

I may add that  
my ideas of discipline are  
not a stiff and unbending  
rigidness in which discomfort  
forms the principal feature  
as I prefer the blending of  
as much freedom as is  
compatible with careful in-  
struction.

Respecting your kind considera-  
tion

I remain, Sir

Your Obedt Servt.

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PROGRAMME  
FOR THE  
VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY  
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL,  
TO  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,  
FEBRUARY 13th, 1878.

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- 1.—Members of Convocation will meet in the Library at half-past Two.
- 2.—On arrival of HIS EXCELLENCY and LADY DUFFERIN, Members of Convocation will be presented by the Registrar, and LADY DUFFERIN will be conducted to her seat in the Convocation Hall.
- 3.—The Convocation will accompany HIS EXCELLENCY to the Convocation Hall.
- 4.—The Chancellor will read the Address of the University.
- 5.—HIS EXCELLENCY'S Reply.
- 6.—The Vice-Chancellor will announce the granting of the Degree of LL.D. to HIS EXCELLENCY, and the Degree will be conferred.
- 7.—Addresses will be delivered.



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PROGRAMME  
FOR THE  
VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY  
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL,  
TO  
MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
FEBRUARY 19th, 1878.

- 1—Members of Convocation will meet in the Library at half past Two
- 2—On arrival of HIS EXCELLENCY and LADY DUFFERIN, Members of Convocation will be presented by the Registrar and LADY DUFFERIN will be conducted to her seat in the Convocation Hall.
- 3—The Convocation will accompany HIS EXCELLENCY to the Convocation Hall.
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- 5—HIS EXCELLENCY'S Reply.
- 6—The Vice-Chancellor will announce the granting of the Degree of LL.D. to HIS EXCELLENCY, and the Degree will be conferred.
- 7—Addresses will be delivered.

Government House

Ottawa

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1878

My dear Dawson

I must send you a  
line to tell you how delighted  
I was with my visit to  
McGill College.

All the arrangements  
were so considerably planned,  
and everything passed off  
so well, that it proved one of

the most delightful  
remembrances of my Canadian  
life.

I am very proud of my  
degree, as it is the first thing  
of the kind I have ever  
received, and it was an  
additional pleasure that it  
should have been bestowed by  
such friendly hands.

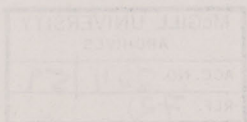
Yours sincerely

Duffin

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I will send you a copy  
of my Greek speech as soon  
as it has been thoroughly  
tested by a competent critic.

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Dufferin

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Ottawa 14<sup>th</sup> March 1878

Dear Dr. Dawson

I think it would  
be well to address a kind letter  
to Mr. Hickson, setting forth the  
great need of the School of  
Applied Science in the McFell  
University; that you do this,  
knowing that his engagements  
prevents him from being regular  
at the meetings of Governors, and  
hearing of the financial embarrassment  
arising from Crystal Palace suit and  
other matters; - excuse these hints, as  
I do not pretend to instruct you

What to write;—

I think it likely that I will  
be at home again on Saturday—

Yours truly

J. Ferrier

*J.F.*  
The above is in reply to your  
letter of yesterday's date, —

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March 14, 1878

I think it would  
be well to address a kind letter  
to Mr. Jackson, saying that the  
great part of the school of  
applied sciences in the North  
Principles that are the  
learning that his experiments  
present him from being regular  
at the history of science and  
teaching of the physical sciences  
coming from which I have not and  
other history; I hope that as  
I do not seem to understand you



Private



March 15, 1878

My dear Judge Day,

I enclose herewith  
the Memo on the new  
Faculty of Applied Science,  
The table of subjects is  
not yet quite ready, but  
will be in a few days.

Since our Meeting,  
Mr Redpath has directed  
me to continue his  
name as a subscriber  
of \$400 for five years.

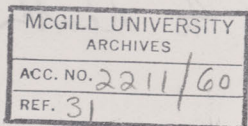


Mr. Van Fossen will also  
continue his subscription  
of \$100. This makes  
\$900 in all. Fossies  
expects Mr. Hickman to  
do something.

The more I think  
of the matter, the more  
strongly I feel that  
the time has come  
when the change  
proposed is necessary, and

should be carried out  
in despite of objections  
which, however plausible,  
are based on purely  
selfish considerations.

In myself, I am  
willing to make personal  
and pecuniary sacrifices  
in the matter, because  
I feel that my re-  
maining time is short,  
and I should wish



Cy & Day  
1874

above all things to see  
this department of our  
work fully established before  
I retire from management,  
which I am most  
desirous to do, both in  
the interest of my chances  
of life and of the  
special scientific work  
which I long if possible  
to complete as fully as  
~~possible~~ <sup>I can</sup> If some of our friends  
were fully understood my wishes  
in this respect they might think  
it less expedient to bring me  
to death prematurely.

Yours  
J W Dawson

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Montreal. Apr 5, 1878

My dear Dr. Dawson,

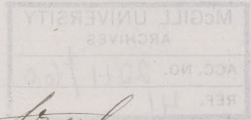
I am more than  
glad to learn from your  
note of yesterday that you  
have decided - I hope I am  
not assuming too much -  
to remain in your present  
position -

I am sure that the Governor  
would make an effort to

Yours  
Wm

your views if you can  
suggest a method by which  
you could be relieved from  
many of the details which  
trouble you.

I have to thank you for a  
copy of your "supplement"  
to your Acadian geology  
much of which is however  
far beyond me. But I am  
glad to have the book for  
all that.



*28/11/18*  
Yours very truly  
Peter Redpath

Principal Dawson  
McGill College

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Apr 18  
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Private.  
From Monday, how on  
the Saturday, I  
at Sweet's  
at the week at  
knowlton, 6 April  
'78.

My dear Principal, I see pretty  
clearly that I have small chance  
of being in town before the 27th  
or thereabouts. If you at all  
want me sooner, let me know.  
As to amendment of the Stat-  
utes with a view to the making  
of our last conversation, I  
think I see my way. Were there  
any chance of Judge Day's tak-  
ing a Chair of Law with the post  
of Dean of the Law Faculty, the  
Statutes could be so amended  
as to sever the two functions  
of President & Chancellor. In  
that case, the latter might  
be named by the governors  
purely; & might have statutory  
right of summons to & con-

Saltatoric voice at the meeting  
of the Governor, & be declared  
a member of Corporation, &  
even take precedence of the  
President. Indeed, I am not  
sure but that some such scheme  
might on other grounds be to  
the advantage of the University.  
As it may well happen that  
the best man for Chancellor  
& the best man for President,  
may not always be the same.  
The two duties are unlike.

Almost of course, in such  
amending Statute, I should  
provide that in default of  
a Chancellor so specially  
named, the President should  
be Chancellor.

Under such a system,  
our friend Day would be prac-  
tically as much on the Board  
as ever; & even a bumping in-  
to it of the present Dean of  
the Law Faculty would not

Remember  
was

...ing materially disturb its bal-  
ance.

In compliment to Day, I  
think such a thing might very  
well be done; leaving him  
(though Chancellor) to a  
post of emolument. After  
his time, I would certainly  
be unwilling to continue  
that part of the scheme.

But even for the hereafter,  
the Chancellor might just  
about as well as not be  
a merely honorary Governor.  
We never really vote. And  
such a change would in  
effect enable us to add  
one to our number.

All this, merely for your  
private reading.

In haste  
Yours very truly  
Christ Church

Remember  
we are  
yours

San Rio  
Apr 1878

*[Faint, illegible handwriting covering the main body of the page]*

*[Faint handwriting on the right edge of the page]*

8  
I count I should reach in Sat. for  
P. on the 10th week being at home  
at home  
well week.  
11 April  
'48.

My dear Principal,

Your note of the 9th reached me here last night, too late for answer by the mail that left here this morning.

I hardly think it would do for us to contemplate any arrangement by which any Governor should receive any remuneration. If the Chancellorship were held by a non-Governor, there might be remuneration for whatever of its duties might require payment in any shape. And a Chair might be given, with only a very moderate amount of the very highest & easiest of teaching, assigned to it. I see no, some trouble in any plan for putting the Law Faculty under special control - whether of Chancellor as such, or of a Committee or Commission of Governors. We must be careful not to wound the amour propre

of the Faculty, or to weaken  
their prestige. Either, it seems to  
me, we had need some how  
make the Chancellor, personally,  
Dean of the Faculty, with some  
modicum of duty of course as a  
member of it, or else, <sup>we had need</sup> by Chapin  
place him (along with the V.C.)  
on all the Faculties, honorari-  
ly. In which latter case, he  
might give as much more at-  
tention to one Faculty than to an-  
other, as he might see fit.

On the whole, it strikes me that  
if you conclude to say anything  
on Saturday of further amend-  
ment of Statutes, <sup>probably it would be well-</sup>  
had better have the merit of  
a good deal of sagacity.

When I get in, I have no  
fear but that the Chancellor  
& you & I can easily enough  
agree, - I agree to some good end.

In haste,  
Yours very truly,  
Christy Smith.

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*Dear Sir*  
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Moyle

Arden,

Torquay.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1878.

My dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup>  
instant and I beg to reply to your questioning  
seriatim.

I could, if absolutely necessary,  
begin work in Montreal next September  
but as only a very few days would  
elapse between the termination of my  
present engagement and the time of



sailing, I should prefer to leave Eng-  
land at a later date. It might,  
however, be deemed undesirable to  
introduce a new element into  
University Teaching - or even to modify,  
in any way, an existing scheme - in  
the midst of a Session. This leads me  
to ask you whether September 1879  
would, in the interests of the University,  
be considered too late to make the  
proposed alteration in the English  
Department.

The appointment you speak of  
I mean a Professorship of the Eng-  
lish Language, Literature & History -  
is one I wish to obtain because con-  
genial to my tastes. This congeniality

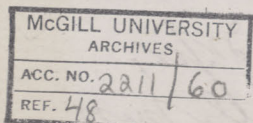
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has more weight with me than  
pecuniary emolument - although,  
I may say that, holding, as I now do,  
an assured and fairly lucrative post,  
I cannot, in justice to myself, af-  
ford to disregard income. In the  
matter of salary, I am both ready  
and willing to undertake English  
work among you for the amount  
stated by you.

In conclusion, I have no wish  
whatever that this letter be considered  
private. I must ask the favour of  
an early reply, if only for the sake of  
those whose interests I am endeavouring  
to promote.

I am, your Obedt. Servt,  
J. W. Dawson Esq. F.R.S. Very faithfully yours  
Chas. D. Morse: 7.7.0

P.S. Please address to me at  
St. Mary's College,  
Ketchikan,  
London B.C.





Monday  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 1878

My dear Sir

Beckett has received from me all that I have charge of except the list of Partial Students which I hope to give him tomorrow — and the list of Graduates in Arts which will require a thorough revision — I shall send you the Summary at end of list of Students when I have completed the lists — The arrangements of

The Christmas Excursion,  
I have to see Mr Murray about,  
but when that is finished  
I can send the outline  
of the Calendar proper  
to be filled in as usual.

The officers for the present  
session of the M. Y. M. C. A.  
are according to the report  
submitted to the Faculty: -

President. - Jas E. Ford  
Sec. - Treas. Rankine Dawson.  
Third member of Com. of  
Management - John M. C. Muir.

Yours very truly  
Alexander Johnson

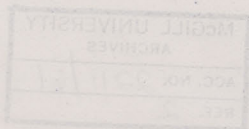
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Shrewsbury  
May 1858



CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY,

OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF.

Ottawa, May 9<sup>th</sup> 1878

Prof Dawson  
McGill College  
Montreal

Dear Sir,

Your favor of 4<sup>th</sup> ult. was  
duly received also the application  
on behalf of the students of McGill  
College.

Mr. Fleming is now here  
and will, before leaving again,  
give the subject his attention

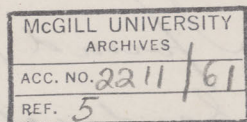
Yours truly  
Marcus Smith



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*J. Mc. Smith*  
*May 14 80*

Wharton



May 10<sup>th</sup> 1878

My dear Sir

I send herewith the  
Calendar proper, and the  
scheme of examinations.

I gave yesterday to the foreman  
in Beckett's office the last of  
my part of the general Calendar  
viz. the Degree lists, i.e. for  
Th. D.; B. C. L.; M. A.; B. A.; and  
Bac. ap. Sc. and Graduate in  
Civil Engineering. These  
I have compared carefully  
with the original lists, year  
by year, since 1860, and  
have corrected any errors.  
The errors were not numerous  
except in the case of Honours  
at B. A. Exam<sup>n</sup>.

I found, however, that one Graduate, had been omitted altogether, viz McLean, (Breadalbane S.). I have inserted his name in its proper place.

The errors in the Honours arise from a confusion of the letters c and e (for classics and English respectively) and from the use of ma (wh. is appropriated to Mathematics) for Mental & Moral Philosophy occasionally.

As the number of letters used to indicate Honours is confusing to the eye - I have endeavoured to simplify the arrangement a little, as you will see when the proofs come from the printer - But it might not advantage

be simplified still more  
I think, by using a single  
letter (Old English) to indicate  
the subject in which Honours  
were taken (of the First Rank)  
the Gold Medallist being  
indicated simply by a + prefix  
to the letter or name. A short  
note at foot of page would  
state to what subjects the  
special medals were attached  
since 1865. and + plain about  
previous years. Second  
Rank Honours would be  
indicated by a 2 attached  
to the Old English letter.

This arrangement would  
obviate very greatly the  
danger of misprints which  
would otherwise recur  
yearly. When you receive  
the proofs, would you be

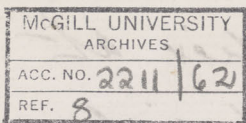
kind enough to let me  
know whether you prefer it  
to the one adopted in New.

At what time the proofs may  
come up I cannot tell  
The foreman says he will  
Commence to put the copy he  
has now got into type at  
some indefinite period, not  
earlier than next week.

He says he has no type to  
go on with as it is all absorbed  
in the Medical division of  
the Calendar, which he is not  
yet allowed to print. Astley  
Excise (or complaint?) has been  
offered for more than a  
month past; it may be  
continued next year.

Yours very truly

Alexander Johnson  
Principal Printer G.D., F.R.S.



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Rimonski,

8 July, 1878.

Dear Principal Dawson,

During the sessions of the Assembly at Hamilton, I received a letter from Mr. Anderson, Principal of Province of Wales College P. S. I., asking me whether one of his "men" could enter at McGill on the third year's course in Arts and at the same time compete for an Exhibition. He is a most clever pupil, but is too poor

to get through his studies at McGill without such aid (moneywise) as a Scholarship or Exhibition supplies. Will you kindly write, addressed to St. Matthew's Manse, Halifax, where I expect to be during the next fortnight, so that I might supply the information asked for?

Dean Bond called on me about Duval, after having spoken to you respecting his relations to the Board. He ~~said~~ you told ~~him~~ him, or that he understood you to state, that the whole matter was left with

me. When on being summoned  
to a Committee (Stephens being  
the other member) on the question  
I went to the Board Room,  
I found, by the minutes, that the  
Board had ~~appor~~ settled the  
whole matter as to Duval, &  
had simply authorized the  
Committee to select one of two  
whose names were furnished,  
Dionne & Fluhmann. Duval  
has ~~now~~ seen Mr. Linn who  
tells him that he never wished  
him to be dismissed; Mr.  
Stephens also on being referred  
to, shifted the responsibility  
from himself, and poor Duval  
visits me to no was absent  
from both the Consultations



at Convocation Hall, and the  
meeting of the Board at which  
a Committee was named to  
appoint his successor. I am  
sorry for Duval. We have  
engaged Pichmann for two  
months, I think, - three per  
haps - simply on trial. We  
have also settled the matter  
with Douell. He accepts our terms.

With kind regards to Mrs  
Dawson. Au.

Yours very truly,

R. M. B. B. B.

Principal Dawson Esq.

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Benmore, Kilmun  
Aug 21. 1875

My dear Dr. Dawson,

Since I sat down  
to write two or three letters, no longer  
to be delayed, I have received yours  
of 8th inst. & forwarded to me  
from London.

I am quite alive to the liabilities  
as well as to the necessities of  
the University. It seems to me  
that - as I suggested previously -  
the amount to be paid for a year  
of

of assessment should be paid  
out of income but that it should  
be distributed over a number  
of years - say \$1000 a year -

This step, if adopted, would lighten  
our load somewhat, without  
stopping our progress. It is a  
matter of Bookkeeping - The  
income should also be charged  
with the interest which would gradually  
diminish -

I hope that the Government will  
see their way to what I suggested  
the other day - namely - an assurance  
to Wm of his appointment whenever

Should a vacancy occur, if they cannot  
definitely appoint him either for this  
year or next.

I may be only repeating  
here what I have said  
before but perhaps my urgency  
should be addressed to the  
Chancellor and not to you -  
but I have written to him  
strongly too.

Pray do not rashly give the \$100  
you speak of. It is not expected  
and I hope that the deficiency may  
be otherwise supplied -

Yours very truly  
P Hedgath

Principal Dorn Mantel

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15<sup>th</sup> Sept 1870

My dear Sir

It is very important to  
my son who is now 16 1/2 years  
of age that he should be enabled  
to pass into the fall without delay  
& to that end he will present him-  
self for examination on Monday  
I do not know if it is possible to  
extend a little longer in the  
matriculation, but if it is & it is  
right & proper way I ask you to  
favorably consider his case.

I am, Sir, faithful

D. Dawson Sheriff & Co. Solicitors

Thurston

Sept 28



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Journal

Montreal, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1878.

Dr Dawson,

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you for voting me one month of salary; but to tell you the truth I would have preferred to get some work instead. I don't see why I am thought unable to teach some of the elements of the language as before.

In my interview with Prof. Robinis I was told that I was placed under a wrong impression & that from my letters he could see that I was seeking things <sup>that</sup> were not being on the wrong track.

Sure enough it is impossible for me to know till I am told why I lost my place; and I would like to know the reason. It struck me since I saw him that there might be some accusation of which I am not aware being brought against me.

If there is, can you do me the favor of letting me know both of what I am accused & the name of my accusers. I have been so



It is so easy. I want like, to spread some bad reports against me.

after, shamefully abused not only from  
Catholics, though they know how to do it.  
but also from people who know better, from  
our French ministers, who are not all of  
them what they ought to be.

I don't claim to be perfect far from it;  
but I am not worse than those who now  
are teaching in the High School; and  
if I wanted to speak I might say;

I never spent my Sunday in dancing;  
never was tipsy in my class; never was  
sued for debt & got my scholars to  
become security for me; never was sieged  
for debt; never was threatened to be brought  
before court because I refused to support  
an illegitimate child. I never got  
the reputation of getting drunk at the  
Provincial Association of teachers.

I am now stating facts; though I refused  
to prove them & you can understand why;  
my trade was never to be an accuser but  
I am only stating facts which are true.

Now this being the case why be so hard  
on one more opposed than the rest on ac-  
count of my position, for on one side  
are the Catholics who try to find fault  
with us. Now go in the neighbourhood  
where I lived ten years & see if any

reputation is good or evil; so much so  
that priests told me often that they were  
sorry I was not among them because  
they knew I was a good man. Now, on  
the <sup>other</sup> side I made myself enemies by siding  
for justice. I admire the noble devotion  
of Chiniquy & I spoke & wrote in his  
behalf because our French ministers though  
jealousy turned themselves against him &  
ridiculed his work, it is so unfair that  
I wrote several articles on the papers which  
put an end to all this foolish talk of  
them. Now among the rest so bad as L'Offici  
who is so disposed to be jealous of any superi-  
ority in others. He & Thos. Leeming have  
done all they could against me in the  
past & I would not be surpris'd if later-  
ly they had been at their camps again.

As I know you to be a fair & just  
man, & also one who can sympathize  
I ask you as a favor to let me know the  
ground of my accusation, if there is  
one & the name of the parties accusing  
me. One thing I desire to bring also before  
you is that in our examination for College  
Certificate the question having at least  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  of the marks was not one for which  
we could get prepared. I am sorry

I don't think it would pay to advertise just now, next month will likely be better.

for that for I worked my class as much as I could in the given time. Another year might have made all the difference.

I don't see yet <sup>what</sup> I can do for the winter; I am unable to get any school; they are all taken & were so before I was dismissed.

I am under the impression that Prof Robins done all he could against me.

And I know, for he told me so, that Dr Jenkins wanted to keep me at the High school; but Robins said you would not & so we let it be. This I could not understand.

I mean to go back to town as soon as possible & try hand at private lessons. I thought that at least one school might have been given me & as I wrote you the Senior school was one which might have been left to me.

If it was a time when property could be sold I would leave for the States, but it is not, and I don't want to loose, if possible, the fruit of my labors. If I had only known a few months before. Keep this letter to yourself.

If you can see any thing that would suit me any where let me know. I defy any one to show me any wrong morally during the eighteen years I have been teaching here.

Please not to forget me, if an occasion present itself, for you <sup>know</sup> that our field is very much circumscribed.

Yours Respectfully N. Duval.

364 Notre Dame St.

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Arden,

Jorquay.

England.

Oct. 16. 1878

My dear Sir,

I cross in the  
"Pennian" which sails from  
Liverpool on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst. I  
hope to begin work almost as  
soon as I arrive and intend,  
if convenient to the Faculty, to  
keep the third year's honours  
to themselves & commence with  
them by studying Milton's shorter

See History of the Town.

poems while the more advanced  
Students can read Chaucer's Pro-  
logue and Knight's Tale. The no.  
of lectures per week can be easily  
settled when I arrive but my main  
object in writing to you now is that  
there may not be much delay in  
getting the Maresdon Press Texts of  
Milton & Chaucer into the hands  
of the Students if they have not been  
accustomed to use them.

I purpose a course of  
lectures on English Const. History, the  
treatment of which can be better  
determined when I know

Something of the same.

I may state that in my opinion

the English funds must be resumed (stock) more  
gradually.

I have with respect,

Your very truly  
Wm. Pitt Rivers

Wm Pitt Rivers

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High School Metcalfe St  
November 26<sup>th</sup> 78.

Thos Dawson L. D. & P. C. S. 10  
Dear Sir,

I enclose the regulation respecting non-residents, as amended at the last meeting of the Board. In considering the application of Rev Mr Baldwin we must of course remember the case of the unknown and influential children who are residents of the City, and who are kept out of an overcrowded school like that on Sherbrooke St by the admission to it of these and other children of non-residents.

Yours obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
H. J. Smith





McGill College

24<sup>th</sup> December 1878

D. Dawson.

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of the Royal Institution Governors of McGill College held on the 21<sup>st</sup> Instant upon the Report of the Vice Chancellor of the Subscriptions & Donations to the Faculty of Applied Science. It was Resolved that the thanks of the University be conveyed to D. Dawson for the seasonable aid by means of his liberal contribution of \$200 to this new & important part of Educational Work.

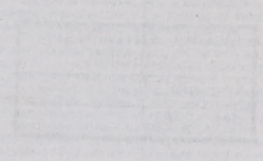
I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient Servant

W Craig Baynes

Secretary



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