



Memorandum relating to Dr Dawson's  
work in the McGill University.

I. The present financial position of  
Natural Science is as follows:—

Dr Dawson's Salary as Professor of  
Geology, Zoology & Botany ————— \$2600  
(Out of this he has to provide his  
own materials & illustrations, expenses  
of field-work, etc.)

Dr Harrington's Salary, as Assistant  
in Lithology & Mineralogy, and  
Lecturer in Chemistry ————— \$1200

(Dr H. has in addition to lecture  
on Mining, Metallurgy and Metallurgy  
in the Science School, for which  
he receives \$1000. These classes  
are special lectures, as there  
are many students in Chemistry  
(50 this term), and there are  
afternoon as well as forenoon  
classes.)

The services of a Curator in the Museum  
are at present supplied by the  
liberality of Mr. J. H. N. Moulton.

The total annual sum expended by  
the University in teaching Natural Science is \$3800



II. In order to provide properly for this work, there should be at least three professors and a Curator, as follows:—

Geology & Palaeontology	\$ 2600
Biology, including Zoology & Botany	2600
Chemistry & Mineralogy	2600
Museum Curator & Assistant	1000
	<u>\$ 8800</u>

In the University of Toronto three subjects are represented by three professors with salaries of \$3000 each, and an Assistant or Lecturer with salary I believe of \$1500.

Some improvement could be effected here, if even \$2000 per annum, in addition to the present amount, can be secured, so as to enable two professors and an assistant to be provided. But if this cannot be done, I foresee that in a few years at farthest when I shall be broken down & obliged to retire, the work will fall below that of other Universities in this country, and



the advantage of the Peter Redpath Museum will be lost.

III. Should I obtain leave of absence for a year, my salary would provide as follows toward salary for the duties of my chair.

To enable Dr Harrington to deliver the lectures in geology by securing assistance in the Science School, &c. ————— \$1200

To pay lecturers in Zoology and Botany ————— 1400  
\$2600

The duties of the Principalship would have to be provided for, but for this the sum of \$1000, now attached to the office, would suffice.

IV. Should I return to Montreal on the expiry of a year, I would be prepared to resume the duties of Principal with the present salary, and to continue that part of my teaching which



relates to Geology and Palaeontology. For this, in case of no other means being available, I might be permitted to retain the amt. of the income of the Japan endowment, say \$1000 or \$1200, and the remainder of my salary might be divided between D. Harrington (to raise his salary to that of an ordinary professor), and a lecturer on Zoology and Botany. As already stated however, no arrangement of this kind, based on the insufficient means provided for Natural Science, can long be satisfactory; and if such means cannot be secured, I would desire as soon as possible to be relieved of all responsibility in the matter, lest through my own failing powers, and the prejudices of rival Universities, I should have the mortification of finding my wish a failure.

The above statement has been prepared by request of the Chancellor.

J. M. D.




P.S. I would not wish anything  
in the above to be understood  
as adverse to the claims of  
other departments of work on  
the general funds of the University.  
I am deeply impressed with the  
great need of aid and extension  
in other portions of our work,  
and have always desired that  
any increase of the general funds  
of the University may be  
employed in strengthening whatever  
seems weakest and in  
advancing other departments than  
those in which I am immediately  
interested.

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I need add that the  
above statements have been  
prepared by request of the  
Chancellor of the University  
and that I desire it to be  
understood that now as  
heretofore I wish to make  
no claim on the General  
Funds of the University for  
what I know there are  
many equally recipients and  
more ~~useful~~ ~~claimants~~  
by side with me in  
the printing that some  
benefactors may be found  
also specially desirous to sustain  
the Museum of the full as  
a whole of it at once and to  
turn to profit account the additional  
accommodations now furnished  
by the Prospect Hill Museum, and  
the facilities offered for the collection  
there placed on it; and what  
they annually amount to  
by myself as I believe superior  
in educational value to any other  
in the Dominion. J.M.D.



Museum of  
Prospect Hill