

Copy letter to Lord Minto

Birkenshaw,

Little Metis.

Sept 2/99,

My Lord,

May I presume  
respectfully to express my pleasure  
in receiving the intimation that  
your Excellency and Lady Minto  
have consented to honour with  
your presence the opening exercises  
of the Royal Victoria College for  
Women, founded and en-  
dowed by our friend Sir Stratford  
and representing a work for  
the higher education of women  
which has engaged much of  
my attention for the last thirty  
years and more. <sup>As</sup> though age  
and infirmity do not permit  
me to witness its completion.

I cannot however refrain  
from sending you heartily my  
hearty good wishes and prayers  
for this great advance in the  
work of the Fall, and that  
it may long continue to send  
out a succession of women not  
only learned but noble minded  
and abounding in spirit and  
fitted to advance all that is  
good in Canada and in every  
Country where Canada is known

Sincerely praying our Heavenly  
Father to shower his best blessings  
on you incessantly & Lady Minto,  
and on all connected with  
the new College,  
I remain

Very respectfully

Wm. Lawton  
Late Principal of ~~College~~  
Sturtevant



O'S. It is scarcely necessary  
to say that my successor, or Peter, or  
can bear in your Excellency's hands  
all details connected with the  
opening, as well as historical  
notes as to the new college, and  
the Omaha  
Special course  
preceding it.

JWD

