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General Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,  
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Dear Sir Arthur:-

RE: CHURCH COMMISSION -

I am in receipt of a letter from the Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada asking me if I would get in touch with you, first, to find out if you have accepted the position as Chairman of the Church Commission, and secondly, in the event of your having accepted, which I personally hope you have, if we could get together with the Reverend Mr. Pigeon and arrange for Sessions of the Commission as soon as possible.

Our people are very anxious to have the cases presented with the least possible delay and I am given to understand that the Commission will not have a great deal of work and that there are not very many cases to be presented but that delay is causing serious inconvenience.

GB-ER:

Yours sincerely,

*Gregor Barclay*

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MONTREAL April 12th. 1926.

Sir Arthur Currie, G. C. M. G.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:- Re: Quebec Church Property Commission

While I do not wish to hurry you in connection with the operations of the above Commission, may I venture to call to your attention the fact that a delay of two months is provided in the Act within which all applications to the Commission must be lodged.

I would, therefore, like to suggest that the Commission hold at least a preliminary meeting and appoint a Secretary, with whom applications for hearing could be lodged within the statutory delay.

While I have no definite news on the subject, I am hoping that you have seen your way clear to accept, and that is why I am venturing to send this reminder to you. Nearly one-half of the time appointed for the lodging of claims has now expired, and I do not wish the parties to be left with too short a time for the production of their claims after the Commission holds its first formal meeting.

Yours faithfully,

*G. A. Campbell*

MEMORANDUM RE QUEBEC CHURCH PROPERTY COMMISSION.

My fee for acting as a member of the Commission is fixed by Legislative Ordinance at \$1,500. I told Mr. Gregor Barclay that I would like to have an assurance that the parties in whose interest it was created would reimburse me for the income tax payable on the \$1,500.

On April 12th, 1926, he gave me this assurance verbally over the telephone. With that assurance, I have informed Mr. G. A. Campbell that I was willing to act.

Montreal,

April 13th, 1926.

April 13th, 1926.

Geo. A. Campbell, Esc., K.C.,  
189 St. James Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Campbell:-

In reply to your letter of  
April 12th, let me say that I have decided to accede  
to the request to form one of the Quebec Church  
Property Commission.

I shall see Rev. Pidgeon and  
Mr. Gregor Barclay some time this week and we ought  
to be able to make a start at once.

Yours faithfully,

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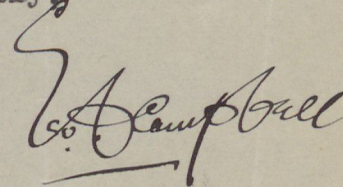
Dear Sir Arthur:-

RE: QUEBEC CHURCH PROPERTY COMMISSION

I have received and noted with pleasure your favour of April 13th. I am sure that both parties will be greatly pleased at your acceptance.

I will be glad if you will keep in mind my suggestion that a preliminary meeting of Commissioners be held and a Secretary appointed with whom claims could be lodged within the statutory delay.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. A. Campbell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours faithfully,".

ANALYSIS  
OF  
Votes on Church Union  
and  
Numerical Strength  
OF  
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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The purpose of this pamphlet is to give in brief form an accurate statement of the position of the Presbyterian Church in Canada after the completion of the vote on Church Union throughout Canada. An endeavor has been made to set out in brief and concise form the information that will make clear the situation in relation to the three Churches which entered the United Church of Canada on June 10, 1925. The information is set out as follows:

- I. Numerical strength by congregations of former Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, non-concurring congregations in Congregational and Presbyterian Churches, and the strength of the United Church of Canada on June 10, 1925, with a condensed summary.
- II. Summary of Church Union vote in Congregations in the Presbyterian Church in Canada:
  1. Congregations and Charges in Presbyterian Church in Canada.
  2. Concurring and non-concurring congregations in self-sustaining charges.
  3. Concurring and non-concurring congregations in aid-receiving charges and missions.
  4. Percentage of the whole Presbyterian Church in Canada in non-concurring charges, congregations and membership.
  5. Charges and congregations in the United Church of Canada.
- III. Church Union vote in Congregations in the Presbyterian Church in Canada.



I.—NUMERICAL STRENGTH BY CONGREGATIONS  
OF FORMER CONGREGATIONAL, METHODIST  
AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

Non-concurring  
Congregations in  
Congregational  
and Presbyterian  
Churches

Strength of  
United Church  
of Canada on  
June 10, 1925

Provinces	Congregational	Methodist (all entered Union)	Presbyterian	Congregational Non-concurring Congregations	Presbyterian Non-concurring Congregations	
Nova Scotia .....	18	343	358	...	83	636
New Brunswick .....	7	263	203	...	29	444
Prince Edward Island ....	...	68	73	...	24	117
Trinidad .....	...	.....	115	...	.....	115
Newfoundland .....	...	334	.....	...	.....	334
Quebec .....	26	458	211	...	52	643
Ontario .....	64	1,683	1,280	5	492	2,530
Manitoba .....	4	319	437	...	14	746
Saskatchewan .....	27	513	876	...	22	1,394
Alberta .....	24	550	572	3	40	1,103
British Columbia .....	4	266	387	...	28	629
	174	4,797	4,512	8	784	8,691

Total number of congregations in three uniting Churches on June 10, 1925.....	9,483
Total number of congregations which entered the United Church of Canada on June 10, 1925.....	8,691
Total number of former Presbyterian congregations non-concurring .....	784
Total number of former Congregational congregations non-concurring .....	8

II.—SUMMARY OF CHURCH UNION VOTE IN CONGREGATIONS  
IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

In giving any statement of the exact situation of the congregations of the former Presbyterian Church in Canada one has to bear in mind the distinction between "congregations" and "pastoral charges." In the terms of The United Church of Canada Act a congregation means a worshipping unit, or single preaching station, and also a voting unit. Under the provision of the Act the vote on the question of union was taken by CONGREGATIONS and not by charges. In this statement, therefore, the figures dealing with the vote on Church Union must necessarily deal with congregations rather than charges. An attempt, however, has been made to arrange the figures in such a way as to show, both by congregations and charges, the actual situation in the three Churches at the date of the consummation of Union, June 10, 1925.

The following statement is based on the most accurate returns obtainable:

1.—CONGREGATIONS AND CHARGES IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
IN CANADA

Total number of congregations in the Presbyterian Church in Canada .....	4,512
Total number of charges .....	2,070
Total number of self-sustaining charges.....	1,128
Congregations in these self-sustaining charges.....	1,946
Total number of aid-receiving charges and missions.....	942
Congregations in aid-receiving charges and missions.....	2,566

## 2.—CONCURRING AND NON-CONCURRING CONGREGATIONS IN SELF-SUSTAINING CHARGES

Number of self-sustaining charges which in toto entered the United Church of Canada.....	705
Number of congregations in these charges.....	1,280
Number of self-sustaining charges which in toto non-concurred in union .....	333
Number of congregations in these charges.....	438
Number of self-sustaining charges, parts of which non-concurred in union .....	90
Number of congregations in these which non-concurred .....	96
Number of congregations in these which entered the United Church of Canada .....	132
Total number of congregations in self-sustaining charges which voted non-concurrence .....	534
Total number of congregations in self-sustaining charges which entered the United Church.....	1,412

## 3.—CONCURRING AND NON-CONCURRING CONGREGATIONS IN AID-RECEIVING CHARGES AND MISSIONS

Number of aid-receiving charges and missions which in toto entered the United Church .....	767
Number of congregations in these .....	2,199
Number of aid-receiving charges and missions which in toto non-concurred .....	94
Number of congregations in these .....	149
Number of aid-receiving charges and missions, part of which non-concurred .....	81
Number of congregations in these which non-concurred .....	101
Number of congregations in these which entered the United Church .....	117
Total number of congregations in aid-receiving charges and missions which voted non-concurrence.....	250
Total number of congregations in aid-receiving charges and missions which entered the United Church .....	2,316
Total number of congregations which voted non-concurrence .....	784
Total number of congregations which entered the United Church of Canada .....	3,728

## 4.—PERCENTAGE OF THE WHOLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA IN NON-CONCURRING CHARGES, CONGREGATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Congregations in self-sustaining charges non-concurring....	27.44%
Congregations in aid-receiving charges and missions non-concurring .....	9.74%
Congregations which voted non-concurrence .....	17.37%
Membership of the Presbyterian Church in Canada which voted non-concurrence .....	30.18%

## 5.—CHARGES AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Total number of self-sustaining charges in the United Church of Canada on June 10, 1925.....	2,791
Total number of aid-receiving charges and missions in the United Church of Canada on June 10, 1925.....	1,494
Total number of congregations in the United Church of Canada on June 10, 1925.....	8,691

### III.—CHURCH UNION VOTE IN CONGREGATIONS IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

In the self-sustaining charges slightly over twenty-seven per cent. voted non-concurrence. In the aid-receiving charges less than ten per cent. voted non-concurrence.

Of the whole Presbyterian Church in Canada seventeen and one-third per cent. of the congregations voted non-concurrence.

There were 1,412 congregations in self-sustaining charges which remained in union, as against 534 congregations in self-sustaining charges which voted to withdraw as the Presbyterian Church in Canada entered the United Church of Canada. It is interesting also to note that only slightly over thirty per cent. of the whole membership of the Presbyterian Church in Canada voted against entering the United Church, while it is more interesting still to contemplate the vast numbers of those opposing union who accepted the verdict of their Church and loyally followed her into the United Church of Canada.

The total numerical strength of the United Church of Canada is impressive. Into the Church have entered 4,797 congregations of the Methodist Church, 166 congregations of the Congregational Churches, and 3,728 congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, bringing the total on the 10th of June, 1925, to 8,691, as compared with 784 congregations which remained out. As a plain matter of fact a union of three great denominations in Canada has been effected with a loss of less than eight and one-half per cent. of the total congregations, and with a loss of about twelve per cent. of the self-sustaining charges.

Still more striking has been the attitude of the overseas foreign missions fields of the three Churches. Of the 655 missionaries of the uniting Churches on the foreign field on June 10, 1925, there are but seventeen (including men, wives and single women) who are no longer on the staff of the United Church of Canada. In addition to these there are six non-concurring missionaries with their wives, and two single women, who are continuing their work at present under the United Church of Canada.

At the same time the loss to the United Church of Canada of 784 congregations is in every way regrettable. Doubtless other congregations of non-concurrents have been formed, as a corresponding number of congregations have been formed by Unionist minorities, and time alone will reveal their ultimate strength. Nevertheless the United Church of Canada has started on its way with a great strength, a great heritage, a great vision and a great task.

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TORONTO, ONTARIO

April 21st, 1926.

George A. Campbell, Esq., K.C.,  
189 St. James Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Campbell:-

On Monday I telephoned the Rev. Mr. Pidgeon for the purpose of having a meeting of the Commission, but found that he was leaving that night on a trip which would take him away from Montreal for ten days or a fortnight. In view of these circumstances I suggested to him, and it was agreed to by Mr. Barclay, that the interested parties should send in their claims to me as Chairman of the Commission. I think I can receive them as properly as a Secretary.

Will you notify them or shall I, and if so, whom should I address or should a notice be inserted in the press?

Yours faithfully,

March 17th, 1926.

W. M. Birks, Esq.,  
Phillips Square,  
Montreal.

My dear Mr. Birks:-

I have given very earnest consideration to the subject of our conversation last evening.

Mr. Beatty was of the opinion that there was no reason, either from the standpoint of the University or on personal grounds, why I should not meet your wishes. Nevertheless, I am going to decline. While appreciating very much this evidence of confidence on the part of those concerned, my best judgment leads me to decide as I have done. I am sorry to disappoint you personally, but I am sure you will understand.

Yours faithfully,

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*Montreal* March 23rd, 1926.

The Honorable Sir Arthur Currie, K.C., M.G.,  
Principal's Office,  
McGill College,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir:

As arranged by Mr. Campbell with you, I enclose herewith a copy of the United Church Bill as finally adopted by the Legislative Council.

The printed copies of this Bill have not yet been prepared so that I am sending you a typewritten copy, duly corrected.

Yours sincerely,

*E. G. Place*

X/AM

March 24th, 1926.

E. G. Place, Esq., K.C.,  
Royal Insurance Building,  
2 Place d'Armes,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

Let me thank you for your letter of the 23rd of March enclosing copy of the United Church Bill as finally adopted by the Legislative Council.

I do not wish to appear too meticulous, but as this is a Government Bill I think it might just as well be correct. In it I am designated as "Lientenant-General Sir Arthur Currie of McGill, K.C., M.G. of Montreal". I think the designation should be "General Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University, Montreal".

Yours faithfully,

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Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
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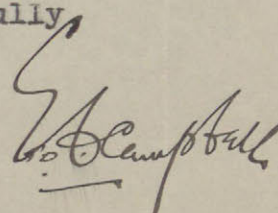
Dear Sir Arthur:-

RE: UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA BILL.

I understand that Mr. Place, K. C.,  
Attorney for the United Church of Canada has sent you  
at my request copy of the Legislation passed at the  
recent Session of the Legislature at Quebec.

My clients, the so-called "Continuing  
Presbyterians", join with the representatives of the  
United Church in very earnestly hoping that you can  
see your way clear to accepting nomination as a  
member of the Quebec Church Property Commission.

Yours faithfully





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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.  
Chairman, Quebec Church Property Commission  
McGill University  
MONTREAL.

Dear Sir Arthur:

In connection with the file of applications to the Quebec Church Property Commission which I handed you yesterday, I feel that I ought to give you a word of explanation, and re-assurance.

These claims were only handed to me by my clients at six o'clock the previous evening and I had no opportunity to investigate them at all before lodging them, as yesterday was my last convenient day for filing. Except in respect of four or five of the more important of them I had never been consulted and so far have had no opportunity to reach a conclusion as to whether, even in my own judgment, they are proper applications or not.

From a casual examination, however, I saw at once that comparatively few of them are applications under Section 4-6 of the Act, in which cases alone your commission will be called upon to make specific orders. I do not think there are more than half of the dozen I anticipated of such claims.

All the others are applications in cases of alleged "extreme hardship" under Section 5; but in these cases your commission is only authorized to make recommendations which will only be binding in the good faith of the parties.

Even in respect of these they will be materially narrowed down by a few rulings in typical cases. I think you can, therefore, still feel that

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B. - 2

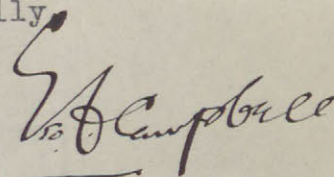
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while we have lodged far more applications than I personally ever contemplated the number of those which have to be discussed at any length will not substantially exceed our expectations.

The form of application which has been used is a general form which I prepared in advance for formal use in all cases. I, therefore, made it double-barrelled so that it could apply either for applications under Section 4 or under Section 5.

At the first public meeting of your commission I will make the necessary public explanation of the situation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'V. D. Campbell', written in dark ink. The signature is positioned to the right of the typed closing 'Yours faithfully,'.

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Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D.,  
Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

We obtained a summary of the work done by the Ontario Church Property Commission from the Chairman, Mr. John D. Falconbridge of Toronto. We should like to obtain a similar Report of that of the Quebec Church Property Commission to go into the Church Union Section of The Canadian Annual Review. It would be necessary to have this in the course of a week <sup>or two</sup> as this Section is now being written. Might we ask if it is possible to oblige us in the matter. The date of the appointment by the Quebec Government and mention of the Chairman of the Commission might be given.

Yours faithfully,

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To the Honourable Sir Arthur Currie  
Principal McGill University  
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Dear Sir Arthur

May I in a word or two explain the presence of myself and other Ladies at the meeting - Last Wednesday (May 26th) of the Commission appointed by the Quebec Legislature to decide questions concerning Church property in the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

As a deeply interested body of women having had much to do with the preservation of our Church we were present on the personal invitation of the Rev Dr George Ross Moderator of the Presbytery of Montreal & Minister of the Presbyterian Church at Montreal West.

We were not present from any motives of idle curiosity but on invitation. I am personally acquainted with Mr. George Barclay & Mr. George Campbell both of whom I am sure would testify as to the truth of my statement. I hope this explanation will be satisfactory & think it is due the Ladies who were present?

Yours very truly  
Elliot Busteed  
President

4035 Rochester Street - Montreal

May 31st, 1926.

Mrs. E. B. Busteed,  
4035 Dorchester Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Mrs. Busteed:-

Let me acknowledge with thanks your letter with reference to the presence of certain ladies at the meeting of the Church Commission last Wednesday.

I assure you that the Commission were not in the least put out at your presence, knowing that it arose from your keen interest in the matters to be dealt with by the Commission.

I cannot tell you how earnestly I pray that we may be able to make decisions agreeable to the best judgment of all parties concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Howick, Que. Nov. 11th. 1926.

Sir Arthur Currie,

Principal Mc Gill College. Montreal.

Dear Sir,

Was deeply interested in reading in yesterday's issue of the "Daily Star", the recommendations of the Church property Commission in several cases, but was more particularly interested in our own case at Howick. It amazed me to read your recommendation that we accept the offer of the continuing Presbyterians, of the use of Knox Church, Howick, for a period of two years, for the morning service only, by paying a pro rata share of the running expenses. As you must know, Knox Church is a branch of Riverfield, and serves a few families and adherents who live in this Village, and who don't want to go the 3 Miles to Riverfield. We are only 1 Mile from Georgetown, and if these families wished to remain Presbyterian, they could sever their connection with Riverfield, and go there, over a first class Macadam road. Of course they would think it a great sacrifice, but not to be compared with the sacrifice

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we Unionists are making, as we have no Church of any kind, and have to hold our services in the Temperance Hall. According to my judgement, we had every right to get Knox Church outright, as we have a membership of about 150 or 60. The Board could have recommended Drs. Ballantyne & Whillans to resume the evening service in their respective Churches, which was discontinued long ago. I don't like to criticise a man of your standing, (especially on Armistice day), who has done so much for Canada & the Empire, but I feel confident that justice has not been meted out to the minority here. If you were living here, and knew the whole situation as we know it, you would have thought differently. Today, the comment of the man on the street, who has been quietly watching this affair for a long time, is that it has ended in a complete farce, and roundly condemns the action of the Settlement Board as being wholly unworthy of consideration. Respectfully yours,

D. C. Mac Donald.

Box 107 - Howick, I. M.

P.S. I may describe myself as a private soldier, in the rear rank of the United Church in Canada.

D. C. Mac D.

November 13th, 1926.

D. C. MacDonald, Esq.,  
P. O. Box 107,  
Howick, Que.

Dear Sir:-

This will acknowledge receipt  
of your letter of the 11th of November.

You will, I know, not expect  
me to offer an explanation of the decision of the  
Commission. The reasons inducing them to come to  
the conclusions they did are all set forth in the  
judgment.

Let me tell you that I am  
heartily sorry that I ever consented to have  
anything to do with the Church Property Commission.  
If they favour one side they are received with much  
acclaim by that side, while the opposition resorts  
to many methods of showing their disagreement.

Yours faithfully,



Howick, Que. Nov. 22nd, 1926.

To Sir Arthur Currie,

Principal Mc Gill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

Your reply to my letter of the 11th. received a few days ago. Although in that letter I criticized the Church Property Commission for their decision regarding Howick, after hearing the inside story, told by our Minister, Mr. D. McLeod, I think I can say that our people are satisfied with your decision. It seems you laid <sup>down</sup> general principles upon which you based your decisions, and to give us a Church, would have meant a sacrifice of principle.

We ought to be broad minded enough, and big enough to look at it from your viewpoint, and never to forget the stupendous task laid upon you. I don't think you will hear any more complaints from Howick.

Yours respectfully,

D. C. Mac Donald.

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*Montreal, November 23rd., 1926.*

General Sir Arthur Currie, C.G.M.G.,  
Principal,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

I stepped outside the office where I was talking to you this afternoon when you started to speak on the 'phone, and before your conversation was over, Colonel Bovey came along and as he had asked me to step in and sign a paper I went with him. When I returned, you were no longer where I had seen you.

You spoke of the disfavour your judgments as Chairman of the Church Property Commission were getting you into and expressed the belief that they would do harm to both the College and your reputation. May I be permitted, Sir, to disagree with you on this point. The feeling of all persons with whom I have spoken, without exception, is that your attitude as Chairman has been fair and impartial, and evinced a desire on your part to do what was right. Your rulings were based upon broad principles, enunciated in the early judgments of the Commission, which being unanimous must be held to be sound, and the later cases, in so far as the principles laid down could be applied, followed along these lines.

After all, the man who wins out in the esteem of the public is the man who performs his duty as he sees it no matter how unpleasant that duty may be. He who strives to please everybody pleases nobody, and I feel quite sure that the best elements in the country will recognize that you were impelled by a high sense of duty in accepting the Chairmanship of the Commission in the first place and in rendering

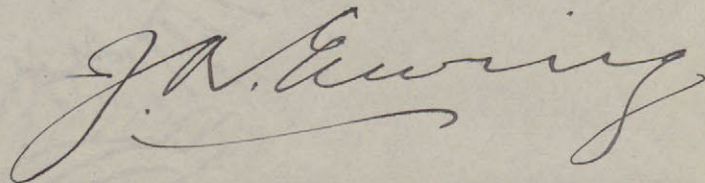
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the judgments which you have given.

To show you that all letters written concerning you are not like the one you read to me, I enclose one I received a few days ago from Lachute. The writer is a daughter of the Rev. Dr. MacLeod, late Moderator of the Quebec Presbytery, who was examined a couple of times before the Commission, and is the wife of T. H. Christie, late Federal member for the County of Argenteuil. I have underlined the portion of the letter that you will be interested in. When read will you please put it in the enclosed stamped envelope and mail it.

I hope you will excuse my presumption in thus writing you, but as you opened the subject I thought it not out of place that I should express what I would have told you had our conversation not been interrupted.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. N. A. A. A. A. A.", written in dark ink.

November 24th, 1926.

J. A. Ewing, Esq., K.C.,  
205 St. James Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Ewing:-

Thank you very much for your letter of yesterday received this morning. The letter which was enclosed in it is returned to you by this mail.

My only fear was that the University might suffer from criticisms which people would direct at me because of the findings of the Commission. The replenishment of our exchequer depends entirely on the good will of benefactors, the great majority of whom live in Montreal.

For myself, I do not much care, but I am human enough to like to feel that I have, at least, the respect of people. For popularity as such I do not care. The main thing is always to feel that you have done nothing with which you can reproach yourself.

I assure you I appreciate very much your writing this letter and also what you said last evening.

Yours faithfully,

In addition Currie  
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or the Lunatic hospitals  
concerning

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not put me in the  
eyes of a great many  
people - people who  
count too.

you did not hesitate  
to state publicly  
that your sympathies  
were with the

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case of the South  
you took the opportunity  
in the Commission

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you to declare yourself  
against so many

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were Democrats, or per-  
haps pressure was  
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Montreal,.....Novemb 30th.....1926.....

Quebec Church Property Commission.

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To His Honour  
The Lieutenant Governor  
of the Province of Quebec,  
Quebec City, P.Q.

Sir:-

We have the honour to report that the Quebec Church Property Commission, appointed by the Act 16 George V. (Quebec) Chapter 97, has now completed its sessions.

The following cases were heard:-

No. 01.- Application from the non-concurring Minority of Montreal West.

Respondents made an offer, the acceptance of which was recommended by the Commission.

No. 02.- Application from the non-concurring Minority of Cote St. George.

Respondents filed an offer. Order that the Church at Cote St. George and half the Glebe land be handed over to the Minority.

No. 03. Application from the non-concurring Minority of St. Cuthbert's Church, St. Lambert, asking for a money compensation or for the Methodist Church.

Respondents filed an offer, acceptance of which was recommended by the Commission.

No. 04.- Application from the non-concurring Minority of Melville, Westmount.

Dr. Pidgeon did not consider the Commission to have jurisdiction. Mr. Barclay recommended turning over Melville Church to the Minority. The Chairman considered the Commission had jurisdiction, but did not consider that any remedy was possible.

No. 05.- Application from the non-concurring Minority of CHALMERS Church, Verdun, for part of property

An offer was filed by the Respondents, acceptance of which was recommended by the Commission.

No. 06.- Application by the non-concurring Minority of St. Andrew's Church, Lachine, for an Equity.

Application was refused.



- No. 06.- St. Andrew's, Lachine. An application by the Minority for an Equity. Refused.
- No. 07.- Rosemount. An application by the Minority for an Equity. Refused.
- No. 08.- Livingstone. An application by the Minority for an Equity. Refused.
- No. 09.- Lachute. An application by the Minority of Lachute, Brownsburg and East Settlement. The Chairman recommended the handing over of the Methodist Church at Lachute, but if this should prove impossible, recommended that the offer of the Majority to hand over said church under certain conditions be accepted. Mr. Barclay recommended handing over the Methodist Church at Lachute. Both recommended acceptance of the offer regarding Upper Lachute and Brownsburg. Dr. Pidgeon recommended acceptance of the offer.
- No. 10.- Brownsburg. Included with No. 09.
- No. 11.- Montreal East. Application from the non-concurring Minority for financial assistance. Refused.
- No. 12.- St. Paul's, Ormstown. Application from the non-concurring Minority, asking for part of the property. Majority filed an offer, acceptance of which was recommended by the Commission.
- No. 13.- Valleyfield. Application from the non-concurring Minority of Valleyfield. Mr. Barclay recommends a new vote. Dr. Pidgeon does not consider the Commission has jurisdiction. The Chairman considers that the roll was not properly made up and that there should be a new vote. He does not, however, consider that the Commission has jurisdiction to pass on the roll and recommends to the parties that steps be taken to determine what was the legal roll of the Church on July 19th, 1924, and if such determination should result in the necessity for a new vote that such vote be taken.
- No. 14.- Dundee. An application from the non-concurring Minority. The Majority filed an offer, acceptance of which was recommended by the Commission.
- No. 15.- St. Andrew's, Scotstown. An application from the non-concurring Minority. The Commission recommended that the Minority be allowed the use of the church at certain times to be agreed upon.
- No. 16.- Chalmers Church, Lingwick. An application from the non-concurring Minority. The Commission recommended that the Minority be allowed the use of the church at certain times to be agreed upon.
- No. 17.- Kinnear's Mills. An application for facilities for worship. Settled.
- No. 18.- Lake Megantic. An application by the non-concurring portion of the congregation who claim that they are a Majority. Refused.



- No.19- New Carlisle. Application from the non-concurring portion of the congregation of New Carlisle, claiming that a vote had been illegally refused. Recommendation that the matter be referred to the Hon. John Hall Kelly, or other person chosen, and if it be shewn that the vote was illegally refused that a new vote be arranged limited to the New Carlisle congregation.
- No.20.-St. Andrew's, Hemmingford. Application from the non-concurring Minority. Respondents filed an offer, acceptance of which was recommended by the Commission. Mr. Barclay dissented and filed another judgment.
- No.21- Knox Church, Hemmingford. Heard with No.20 and covered by the same judgment.
- No.22- Chalmers Church, Richmond. An application from the non-concurring Minority. The Commission recommended that facilities be allowed in Richmond.
- No.23- Calvin-Westminster, Westmount. An application from the non-concurring Minority. The Commission recommended that \$5,041. be allowed to the Minority. Dr. Pidgeon dissented on the ground that he did not consider there was any hardship.
- No.24- Application from the congregation of Flodden for an Equity in the Manse at Kingsbury. The Commission ordered that they be granted \$400. Mr. Barclay dissented and recommended that they be granted \$666.67.
- No.25- Application from the congregation of Reid's Church for an Equity in the Manse at Kinnear's Mills. Order that they be granted \$850.00.
- No.25a-Application from the Unionist Minority of Reid's Church for facilities for worship. Settled.
- No.26- Application from the congregation of Grande Fresniere for an Equity in the Manse at Ste Therese. Order that they be granted \$666.66.
- No.27- Application from the Minority at Buckingham for facilities for worship. Recommendation accordingly.
- No.28- Application from the non-concurring Minority of Kingsbury. Withdrawn.
- No.29- Application from the congregation of Cote St. Gabriel, claiming that vote was illegally withheld. Application refused, recommendation for facilities for worship.
- No.30- Application from the Unionist Minority at Athelstan. Recommendation that Minority be given certain facilities.
- No.31- Application from the Unionist congregation at Dundee, heard with No. 14.
- No.32- Application from congregation of Gore for Equity in the Manse at Rockburn. Order that they should be granted \$700.00.
- No.33- Application from Unionist Minority at Howick and Riverfield for possession of Howick Church. Application refused. Majority filed an offer, acceptance of which was recommended by the Commission.



- No. 34- Application from the Unionist Minority of Cote des Neiges. Withdrawn.
- No. 35- Application from the Unionist Minority of MacVicar Memorial Church for financial assistance. Refused.
- No. 36- Application from the Unionist Minority of St. Andrew's East for financial assistance. Refused.
- No. 37- Application from the Unionist Minority of Asbestos and Danville. Left to the parties for settlement.
- No. 38- Application from the Presbyterians of Beech Grove, claiming to be a subsisting congregation and asking to be granted the Presbyterian Church. The Commission by a Majority refused the application, it being considered that there was no jurisdiction. Mr. Barclay dissented and recommended a new vote.
- No. 39- Application from the Presbytery of non-concurring Presbyterians in Montreal for an Equity in the fund of the Finance Committee. The Commission held that it had no jurisdiction.
- No. 40- Application from the congregation of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's asking to be confirmed in the ownership of Victoria Church, Point St. Charles. The Commission held that it had no jurisdiction.
- No. 41a- Application from the United Church of Canada, Stark's Corners, for an Equity in the Presbyterian Manse at Shawville. Ordered that they should be granted \$600.
- No. 41b- Application from the Unionist congregation of Lochaber Bay and Gore for an Equity in the Presbyterian Manse at Thurso. Order fixing their interest at \$900. and that of the Presbyterian congregation at Thurso at \$600., the Presbyterian congregation to have the option whether it would buy or sell.

Forty-three applications thus came before the Commission for disposal, and all except the two withdrawn were heard and adjudicated upon.

The Commission held the following sessions:-

Public	19
For Counsel only	3
Private	<u>2</u>
Total	24

The parties were represented as follows:

The Church formed of the non-concurring congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada - MR. G.A. CAMPBELL, K.C.

The United Church of Canada - MR. J.A. EWING, K.C.  
MR. E. G. PLACE  
MR. R.B. WHITEHEAD

The last named of the Ontario Bar.



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A large number of witnesses were heard and an endeavour was made to give an opportunity to speak to all who desired to do so. Although no witnesses were sworn, the Commission feels assured that the facts in all cases were elicited as fully as possible.

We enclose herewith the following documents:

- (1) A docket containing the names of cases, dates of hearings and judgments and an index.
- (2) Minutes of proceedings of the Commission.
- (3) A series of files numbered 01 to 41, containing all documents and exhibits filed by the parties.

Section 4, Sub-section 6 of the Act under which the Commission was constituted, provides that its jurisdiction ceases in the matter of orders on November 23rd, 1926, but no other provision is made for the termination of the Commission, and we have the honour therefore to ask that it be now dissolved.

We have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

A. W. CURRIE

E. Leslie Pidgeon

Gregor Barclay

8/12/12.



DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE PROVINCE  
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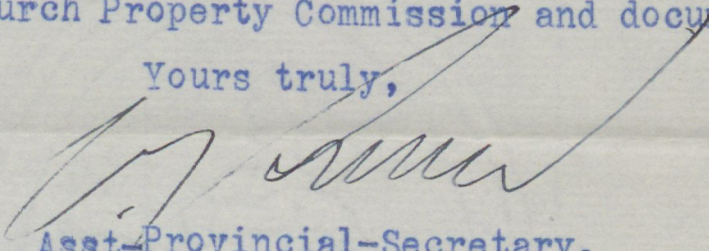
Quebec, 29th December, 1926.

Art. Currie, Esq., Chairman,  
"The University McGill", Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honour, by command of the Honourable the Provincial-Secretary, to acknowledge the receipt of a Report of the Québec Church Property Commission and documents.

Yours truly,

  
Asst. Provincial-Secretary.

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December 8th, 1926.

G. A. Campbell, Esq., K. C.,  
189 St. James Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose you herewith account  
for expenses and honorariums in connection with  
the Quebec Church Property Commission. The total,  
you will observe, amounts to \$3,100.53.

Will you be good enough to  
forward your cheque for one-half this amount,  
namely \$1,550.26, to Wilfrid Bovey, Secretary of  
the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Chairman  
QUEBEC CHURCH PROPERTY COMMISSION.

Also to:  
Robert Laird, Esq., B.D.,  
Wesley Bldg.,  
Queen Street,  
Toronto, Ont.



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Quebec Church Property Commission.

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DEPUTY TREASURER

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December 9th, 1926.

Sir Arthur W. Currie,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

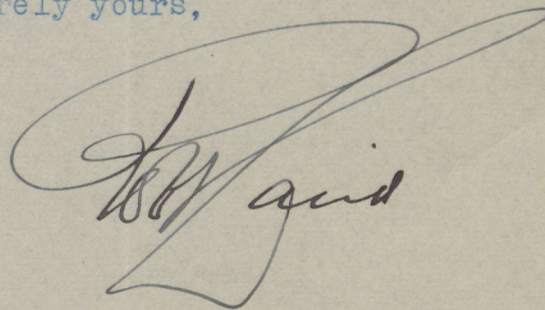
Dear Sir Arthur:-

I acknowledge with thanks yours of December 8th, enclosing accounts in connection with the Quebec Church Property Commission, duly approved by yourself, as Chairman.

The Committee on Law and Legislation of the United Church is called to meet on Monday, December 13th, and these accounts will be then submitted for action. You will hear from me promptly thereafter.

Very sincerely yours,

RL/M.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Laird', written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

December 6th, 1926.

Rev. E. Leslie Pidgeon;  
5 Ontario Avenue,  
Montreal.

Dear Dr. Pidgeon:-

RE QUEBEC CHURCH PROPERTY COMMISSION.

I am enclosing herewith  
Judgment of the Chairman in the Valleyfield  
Application.

Will you be good enough  
to communicate this to Mr. Ewing.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

December 6th, 1926.

Gregor Barclay, Esc., K.C.,  
107 St. James Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Barclay:-

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Secretary.

JAE/EAR.

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LEGAL ADVISER

MONTREAL December 9th., 1926.

Wilfred Bovey, Esq., K. C.,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Bovey:-

Re. Valleyfield.

Will you please send me the following documents which were filed with you as Secretary of the Church Property Commission in this case:-

1. The book containing the Church Roll
2. The old Methodist Roll.
3. List of voters.
4. Treasurer's figures.
5. Any other original documents which we filed, *including*

*the annual reports*  
I suppose it is not desired to keep such documents among your Archives now that the cases are disposed of.

Yours very truly,

*J. Armitage Ewing*

December 15th, 1926.

J. A. Ewing, Esq., K.C.,  
205 St. James Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Mr. Ewing:-

I forward you herewith Exhibits  
filed by you in the Valleyfield case, as per attached  
list.

Will you please sign and return  
one copy.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary  
QUEBEC CHURCH PROPERTY COMMISSION.



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MONTREAL Dec. 9th, 1926.

Sir Arthur W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.  
Chairman, Quebec Church Property Commission,  
Principal's Office,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir Arthur:

Re: Quebec Church  
Property Commission.

I have your favor of December 8th  
with enclosed accounts herein which I have initialled  
for approval and sent on to my clients for their im-  
mediate attention.

Yours faithfully,

*G. A. Campbell*

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December 16th, 1926.

Lieut-Colonel Wilfred Bovey,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Que.

Dear Colonel Bovey:-

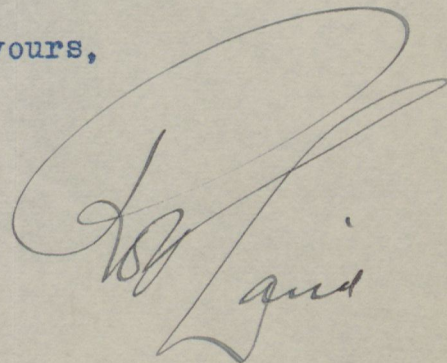
At the request of Sir Arthur Currie, and on the authorization of the Law and Legislation Committee of the United Church of Canada, I have pleasure in enclosing our cheque for \$1,550.27, the amount of the Honorariums and expenses in connection with the Quebec Church Property Commission which is payable by the United Church of Canada. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

May I, at the same time, express our warm appreciation for the great services rendered by this Commission in delicate and perplexing situations.

Very sincerely yours,

RL/M.

ENCL.



December 21, 1926.

Rev. Robert Laird, D.D.,  
United Church of Canada,  
407 Wesley Buildings, Toronto 2.

Dear Dr. Laird:-

Thank you for your letter of December 16th  
and for the enclosed cheque. I am notifying the commissioners  
of your kind remarks.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.

December 21, 1926.

Dr. Leslie Pidgeon,  
Erskine Church,  
Ontario Avenue.

Dear Dr. Pidgeon:-

I have pleasure in transmitting you  
the following expression from Dr. Robert Laird of the  
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MONTREAL Jan. 4th. 1927.

Lieutenant Colonel Wilfrid Bovey,  
Secretary,  
Quebec Church Property Commission,  
Principal's Office,  
McGill University,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

On my return to the office after an  
absence of some days I find the enclosed cheques  
which I now beg to send you:-

Sir Arthur Currie . . . . .	\$ 750.00
Lieutenant Colonel W. Bovey . . . . .	625.00
McGill University . . . . .	175.26

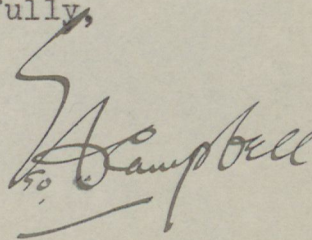
Attached to each cheque you will find vouchers  
which my clients would like to get back for the purposes  
of their audit. Will you kindly have these signed and  
returned to me.

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

ENCLS



January 6, 1927.

George A. Campbell, Esq., K.C.,  
189 St. James Street,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir:-

At Colonel Bovey's request I acknowledge receipt  
of your letter of January 4th together with the cheques  
enclosed therewith. Please find signed vouchers enclosed.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

February 21, 1927.

Honourable L.A. Taschoreau,  
Prime Minister of the Province of Quebec,  
Quebec.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:-

Confirming my conversation in Quebec, may I direct your attention to the mistakes in copying in the schedules to the Quebec Church Property Commission Bill. I enclose a statement of these and also a copy of the Act in which the corrections are marked.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.



AN ACT RESPECTING THE QUABEC CHURCH PROPERTY COMMISSION.

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June 7, 1928.

The Honourable Athanase David,  
1496 Crescent Street, Montreal.

Dear Mr. David:-

You will remember that I was Secretary for the Quebec Church Property Commission during the winter of 1926-1927.

I have been asked about the return of some exhibits in the case of Atholstan. These consist of some original documents. I suggest that the owners be allowed to replace these by copies.

If you will be good enough to have the file returned to me, I shall see that this is done.

Yours faithfully,

Director.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
QUEBEC.

June 23rd, 1931.

Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., LL.D., D.C.L.,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I enclose herewith letters addressed  
me by Mr. Henry Wilson of Athelstan, Quebec, in  
connection with documents which he filed with the  
Church Property Commission of 1926.

I have been unable to trace anything  
here, and as I understand you were Chairman of that  
Commission, I would ask your kindly offices in the  
matter.

If you can give me the name of the  
gentleman who was Secretary of the Commission at that  
time, I shall be pleased to communicate with him  
myself and save you any trouble in the matter.

Yours very truly,

BW.

To Colonel Bovey: Please answer

June 24, 1931

June 24, 1931.

Honourable Gordon Scott,  
Executive Council,  
Quebec, P. Q.

Dear Mr. Scott,

I have your letter of yesterday,  
with enclosures re Henry Wilson of Athelstan, Que.  
Colonel Bovey of my staff acted as Secretary  
of the Church Commission, and I have referred  
the correspondence to him. He will be away  
until after the first of July, but I have no  
doubt he will answer it immediately he returns.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal

July 16th, 1931.

Hon. Gordon Scott,  
Executive Council,  
QUEBEC, P.Q.

Dear Mr. Scott:-

Referring to your inquiry addressed to Sir Arthur Currie as to one of the files of the Quebec Church Property Commission, may I inform you that I was secretary of that Commission and that all these papers were duly deposited in the office of the Provincial Secretary under whose charge they now are.

For your guidance I say that the papers concerning each case submitted to the Commission were placed in a file labelled with the name of the case. These files were then placed in transfer cases which were then deposited as above mentioned. There should be no difficulty whatever in finding the required document if it was actually in the possession of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey,  
Director.

● Dalhousie Sta Que

June 25<sup>th</sup> 1929

Gen. Sir Arthur Currie Montreal  
Dear Sir Arthur Currie -

I have no doubt but you will be surprised to hear from me, I would have written you some time ago but I knew you were kept-busy ever since you got-back to Montreal and therefore I did not wish to give you any extra work or trouble,

Now Sir Arthur Currie we are in trouble with the Cole St George Church Property that is getting the Glebe Property divided and getting our share of the rent, so far the people of the United Church collected the rent of the man that has had the Glebe rented for some years back,

Now last January my Brother Guillet and my self got our Sec. Treas. to write to the Sec of the United Church and his reply I am enclosing you that you may see for your self what those people think of the work of the doing of the Church Property Commission, I am not at all alarmed, But this notice I am sending you signed John Mc Kay was not composed or written by him, But as I think the same was done by their Lawyer Mr. Curing

Now Sir Arthur Currie, I should like to hear from you and if you should like to see me, I could go to the city any day next week, and I should be pleased to

met you at any part of the City that you  
might wish, I could not get to Montreal  
before Twelve O Clock, and then I should like  
to have dinner & could meet you about Two  
O Clock, I may be asking you too great a  
favour, But do you work the Chairman of  
the commission, and that you were the only man  
that signed the order paper or should I call it  
a deed, I must therefore come to you for an  
advice, We were very grateful to you for giving  
us our church, and if we must give it up to the  
United Church, It will be a sad day for me.

Trusting that you will see your way clear  
to write me in the near future,

With kind regards  
yours faithfully

H. J. McQuain  
Dalhousie St. Que  
P. O. # 2. Box 167



June 27, 1929

K.J. McCuaig, Esq.,  
Dalhousie Station,  
P.Q.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 25th concerning the church property at Cote St. George, Dalhousie Mills.

I must inform you that the Commission, having completed its work and made its report to the Provincial Government, has now no further duty or authority in the matter.

If it is impossible for you to come to an amicable arrangement with the other party, it will be necessary for you to consult your lawyers and take such action as they may advise.

Yours faithfully,

**DOCKET ENDS:**

QUÉBEC CHURCH PROPERTY COMMISSION

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Letter to J.A.Ewing, K.C. Nov. 24th, 1926

re Quebec Church Property Commission headed  
by Sir Arthur Currie on the division  
of property between Presbyterians continuing  
and those joining the union.

"My only fear was that the University might suffer from criticisms which people would direct at me because of the findings of the Commission. The replenishment of our exchequer depends entirely on the good will of benefactors, the great majority of whom live in Montreal.

"For myself, I do not much care, but I am human enough to like to feel that I have, at least the respect of people. For popularity as such I do not care. The main thing is always to feel that you have done nothing with which you can reproach yourself.

"I assure you I appreciate very much your writing this letter and also what you said this evening."

How much more then, would he care for the good name and goodwill of the University suffering by the Cobourg trial if it went against him. This was the real worry of that trial.

His motto was, he said, "Thine own reproach alone do fear."