

Cork  
Feb 10/9

Dear Sir

Before the opening of this session  
it was a serious question with us whether  
we began it at all. Our means had not  
increased so as to warrant the appointment  
of Professors, and it seemed better not to  
attempt doing at all what we could not  
do well. Finally however we resolved to  
keep Mr. M. Colley alive for one session  
more, Dr. Miles teaching Mathematics, and  
I taking the class of Morals & Metaphysics.  
We came to this resolution partly  
out of regard to the case of three students,  
who took this year to take a degree,  
and partly in hope that something might  
be done by the Gov<sup>t</sup>. But we resolved  
at the same time, to borne under the  
obligation to three students, - and in the  
want of no improvement in our finances,

to stop operations a time or two  
from in would be very in their circum-  
stances, to a manifestation of weakness  
which we would rather avoid, and cannot  
be of much use.

I think our shutting up for a  
time may rather help than hinder us.  
I have but an expectation from the  
Gov<sup>t</sup> but there are some here with  
sufficient means, who will not be willing  
that we should shut up conclusively, &  
who may thus be induced to come forward.

I enclose a letter from Russell, the  
Lemireville student of whom I wrote  
to you before. I would ask as a special  
favor, that he be received as a candidate.  
I suppose there may be some irregularity,  
but as we are "in extremis," and not  
likely to claim more favors of the King  
I hope he may be overlooked.

With James Douglas' Class of  
Chemistry, we only number eighteen.

I believe from all I hear,

That nothing of any consequence will be done  
this session in regard of education. Such was  
the impression left on me by a long conver-  
sation with Dunblay and which was intended  
to have a contrary effect. How will anything  
can be done, I am persuaded under  
Crawshaw, either a Premier, or Superintendent  
He wants all change - and all intermeddling  
into his own power.

Protestant money to be under  
Protestant management - and divided  
in free proportion between Common  
Schools, Grammar Schools, and Colleges -  
that should be on demand. I think there  
should be meetings in Montreal & Quebec  
to make etc. I entirely agree with you  
now, that we should talk to be rid of  
The French education altogether, and be  
at liberty to make the best we can of  
whatsoever may be given as our share. If  
that were too small for the necessary  
number to support of Grammar Schools,  
and Colleges, may might be raised by  
subscriptions. It is remarkable to think  
that one sixth of The Education Fund

\$64000, you to the new machinery &  
the office. Dr. Wilson & others that the  
whole might be well done for \$25, or 26000.

Believe me

Dear Sir

Very Truly Yours

John Cook

Quebec 1<sup>st</sup> Febr. 1869.

Dr. Dawes

H. K.