

BOARD OF ARTS AND MANUFACTURES FOR LOWER CANADA.

Board Rooms, Mechanics' Hall,
Montreal, 9th January 1871

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Sir,

At the meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Board of Arts & Manufactures held on the 7th instant, I gave communication to the Sub-Committee of your letter of the same date, and I was instructed to write to you, before the Committee takes action on your letter, to request an explanation from you respecting the portion of your letter referring to the election of the
officer

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offices of the Board and which reads
as follows:

"..... I cannot enter on the duties
of the office, both on account of want
of time adequately to discharge them duties,
and because I am of opinion that the
practical men who have heretofore man-
aged the affairs of the Board, under the
great disadvantages of a defective consti-
tution and want of adequate means, should
have been continued in office."

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Yours

E. J. McMillen
Secretary

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Della Pennell
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