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My Dear Dr Dawson

An unusual pressure of
lecture, examination, & Committee
work, has compelled me to put
off from day to day writing
you. I have failed as yet
to get hold of extra copies of
the Ontario Commissioner's
Report on Schools of
Technology. Mr Carling,
and others from whom I
counted on getting it, have
been off on their electioneering
campaign. For we are, as
you probably know, in all
the excitement of a general
election;

election; in which, unhappily,
we professors are not uninterested
spectators. You have your
own cares and trials with
Inchicore College; but I doubt
if you fully appreciate
the enormous advantage of
a board of Trustees wholly
independent of all political
intrigue. I have seen
our university-senate a
perfect bear-garden, with
one half of its members
assembled on purpose to
do the institution all the
injury they could. Our
present premier regards education

altogether as a thing of
little practical value, beyond
the Common School: he
having got on so well
without it.

Many thanks for the
paper you sent me. Once
we have calmed down,
after the election fever,
I shall try and get portions
at least of your letters
published here.

I see Prof. Goldwin Smith
has reached Montreal
sooner than he anticipated.
I trust you will be able
to secure all the cooperation

You deserve from him.

Give my kindest greetings
to my friend Miss Anna,
and tell her that Janice
has got a new photo of
herself, and is only
waiting for her promised
letter, to enclose one in
the reply.

Yours faithfully
Dan. Wilton

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