

80. St. Gabriel St.

Jan. 25/12

Dear Sir

I shall not have to trouble you any further with regard to St. Francis Coll. Richmond. After writing to the Secretary, to ask whether the Trustees would allow any modification of their terms, I received a note from him saying that if I would go out to Richmond and talk the matter over with some of the Trustees, they might alter their terms. Accordingly, yesterday, (24th) I called upon Rev. Mr. Roe chairman, saying that I had come to see the trustees. He said "The matter is all settled, the new Principal was appointed last Friday. (19th). I said "Then why could not your Secretary write

write and tell me." He said "Because
you did not answer his letter". I replied
"But I did answer his letter", saying that
I would come". Then said Mr. Roe, he did
not receive it, or at least he reported
at the meeting on Friday that he had
heard nothing from you, so we concluded
that you had let the matter drop.

By the fault of the Post
Office, or the stupidity of the Secretary,
I had a trip to Richmond for nothing.
— I was in fault myself possibly,
but it was in not forming a just
conception of the means of communication
at my disposal, and of the people that
I had to deal with. I do not
regret the loss of the chance of
the St. Francis coll. so much as the
\$8 which the trip cost me. This
was

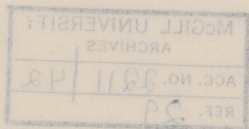
was money thrown away indeed. — I have to thank you for your kind offer to write in my behalf, if required.

There were only two competitors for the post, a Mr. Lee, a teacher in the Townships, and a Mr. Parkin, native of Canada, educated in England, who was appointed to the office. I suspect that he is Episcopalian, but I do not know, as I did not like to ask Mr. Roe.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir
your most sincerely
R. S. Knight

D. Dawson.

President
McGill Coll.,
Montreal



Wm. Knight
July 1872

These were only two complaints
for the first, a teacher, a teacher in
the township, and a Mr. Gordon, native
of Canada, educated in England, who
was appointed to the office. I suspect
that he is Episcopalian, but do not
know as I did not like to ask Mr. K.
I am sure that
you will not mind
Wm. Knight

Wm. Knight
1872
July 1872

MCGILL UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES	
ACC. NO.	2211/42
REF.	29