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My Dear Dr Dawson

Our new Science School buildings will not be ready for work this term; and the final designs of the Minister of Education are very obscure. We have, moreover, a Young Canada party, wiser in their own estimation than every body else, who have so far resisted every effort to establish the Degree of Bachelor of Science,

and no determination  
has thus far been indicated  
as to a Lectureship or  
Chair of Engineering.

But I shall keep  
a sharp look out,  
and endeavour to let  
you have the earliest  
notice. We have got  
a Minister of Education  
now; and under the  
influence of Ministerial  
responsibility and party  
tactics combined, he is

obscure as an Oracle.

I hate to be in a position as though I were attempting to worm out secrets purposely withheld from me.

— though the obscurity of the Oracle is most frequently a mere veil for its ignorance, or want of any definite policy; — and so I go near him as little as possible.

All best wishes of  
this New Year for Mrs  
Dawson, Yourself, and  
all the home circle.

Faithfully Yours  
Dan. Wilson

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