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Mr Dawson F.R.S. &c
Principal McGill College.

Sir.

I thought you would like to hear the results so far of the paper you communicated to our Institute relative to Dr Honeyman.

The paper was very nicely read by Mr Mellish the assistant secretary. Dr Honeyman was not present but an animated discussion took place over the publication of your paper in the transactions.

There seemed to be a general opinion in the Institute that it should be, but the Council are divided on the subject, several of them being personal friends of Dr Honeyman.

There is a law of the Institute that they publish no ~~Transactions~~ papers which appear elsewhere in print. From the appearance or facis of your paper it was assumed that it was being prepared for the Canadian Naturalist. I do not know if you desire its publication in the Transactions - If you do I will do anything I can to secure its insertion as I think it desirable in every sense of justice & for its own value that it should be -

28 Spring Garden Road,
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March 11 1879

John Elliot, Esq.,

Mining Engineer,

and

Chemical Analyst.

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Paper*

*Mr. Elliot
Halifax N.S.*

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Dr Gilpin is not now the President but Mr
Gossip, the Stationer, who has taken Dr Stmeymans
part very strongly -

I was delighted to see your paper - I have felt
very strongly myself about Dr H style of writing
Geology - but have never said anything about it
tho I was on the point of writing to you about this
Victoria paper - but was afraid you would consider
me impertinent.

I presume but am not certain that Dr H
will have an answer at the next monthly meeting.
Thro the action of the President the opinion of the Council
was divulged at the meeting, tho~~s~~ supposed not to be
made public -

Should you desire the publication of your paper here
I would venture to suggest your making an application to
that effect through a friend, but you are yourself the
best judge in the matter -

I have headed this letter private, but as every thing
mentioned took place at a General Meeting the information
is of a public nature -

I trust you will not feel that I am ^{inter-}fering
with you impertinently, but am afraid that there
is a strong feeling in the Council in favour of Dr H.

I remain yours truly
Edwin Gilpin

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I may add that no discussion took place on the paper itself, there are hardly any who are versed enough in Palaeontology to attempt it here - I did propose venturing a few remarks but thought it best not as Dr. Huxley was not present.

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