

Halifax,

8 April 1879.

My dear Sir,

I regret that a prolonged meeting of our College Senate prevented me attending the meeting of Council of the N.S. Inst. of Nat. Sc. called for the purpose of considering the matter of your paper. I had previously seen Mr Jones & other members, however, & explained your wishes. But it appears there is a rule providing against the republication of matter in the Inst. Transactions, & I understand the Council decided to adhere to it in the case of your paper,

as they have on former occasions.  
I may mention that it is not  
Dr. Honeyman who objects  
to publication, but other  
members of the Council, par-  
ticularly of the Publication  
Committee, who think such  
matters sh<sup>d</sup>. be left to them.

I have no doubt your paper  
will find its way into  
the hands of all who are  
qualified to form an  
intelligent opinion on the  
merits of the question. I  
regret very much that the  
Council of the Institute did not  
make a more generous effort  
to get over their cast iron

rule. It would have been  
unseemly in me, personally, to  
have done more than I did  
in the matter, as for years  
my interest in the Institute  
has been of the feeblest kind,  
in consequence of the unsatis-  
factory way in which  
some of its business is  
managed.

With kind regards

I am my dear Sir

Yours truly

George Lawton

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