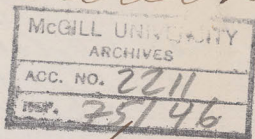


Leclercville ^{July} J. L.



5 May 80.

My dear Mr Dawson
My late colleague in the Cab-
inet the Hon. J. Langevin
writes that an attempt
is being made to prejudice
leading Protestants against
us, by making them believe
that we are answerable
for the decrease in the
amounts received by
Protestants, for their supe-
rior Education.

It would be idle to
breat you to my opinion of
those who use religion
as a tool, for the basest
purposes; I am so ac-
customed to be charged by
my Opponents with being
a Protestant and leaning

towards Protestants, that
it is a positive relief from
the monotony of their denuncia-
tions to hear that Protestants
are denouncing me for
having dealt unjustly
towards them. The same
spirit can be traced
in both cases.

I would not lift a finger
to defend myself either with
Protestants or Roman Catholics
as I don't acknowledge any
body's right to expect expla-
nations from me in any
matter where religion is
concerned, but as this charge
of unfair dealing towards
Protestants is supposed to
have originated in some of
~~the~~ ^{Mr. Sanger's} ~~acts~~, as Treasurer, I will
send you such explanations
as I can find in his letter,

not having had any
verbal communications
with him on the subject
as I am absent from town
for more than a fortnight.

Under the Act of 1871 out
of the \$8.- paid for a
Marriage License, two remain
in the hands of the Comr
who issues it for his fee
and the remaining \$6.00
are paid by him to the
Treasury and by the Treasury
to the Superintendent of Edu-
cation, for Prot. Super
Education.

Mr Langelier is credibly
informed that, this year,
Mr Quimet has told the
Protestant Board that
they could not get the
amount accruing from
that source, as the Treasurer

had applied it to
general purposes.

May I ask you if to
your knowledge, such a
statement has been made
or any other to the purpose of
creating the impression that
there was any intention or at-
tempt on the part of our
Government to deprive the
Protestants of those funds, to
which they are entitled
by law.

The position you occupy and
my confidence in your sense of justice
have induced me to address you
in this matter; they are my apology.

Allow me before closing
to congratulate you on the
tribute of respect and gratitude
lovely paid you by the University for
which you have done so much.
I remain my dear Sir yours truly
H. G. Joly