

and utilizing his services as
heretofore. Would the Board
desire that their Superintendent
should have similar official recog-
nition? There are advantages &
disadvantages. Judging so far
as I can independently, of personal
considerations, if you can retain
the power of appointment and dis-
missal in your own hands, the
arrangement would be useful.

If you cannot, undesirable.

I should have liked
to see you to talk of the Normal
School *inter alia*, but I must
await some favourable opportu-
nity.

Yours obediently
W. H. Allen's

Yours

P.S. To the best of my recol-
lection it was understood that if
Dr Norman presided at the last
Teachers' Conference you would
endeavour to do so at the coming
Conference. It is to be held
here at four o'clock on Tuesday
next. It will afford the greatest
pleasure to the teachers if I
am permitted to announce that
you can spare the time to preside
on that occasion.

S. J. D.

High School

Sally M.

May 28th 1881 -

Dear Dr. Danson,

I regret very much that I should seem to be absent whenever you call. This morning I was obliged to preside at the meeting of the Teachers' Association for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

If at any time you could drop me a line indicating when you would like to see me, I should be only too glad to call on you. Knowing how important your labors and how valuable your time it would be a pleasure to me to help on the good work you are doing, with very inadequate acknowledgment, by saving you the journey down here.

So far as present need is concerned I have already advanced on my own responsibility, the Board's salary to Mr. Ahern whose case I strongly commiserate. The matter will be submitted at the next meeting of the Board.

I cannot imagine how no notice of the High School Examⁿ was sent you by the Head Master. I sent out no notices, but would have sent at least to every Commissioner had I supposed it possible that they would have been neglected.

You are entirely right about the increase of taxation. I hate & despise together the sneaking sly legislation of this Province of Quebec. But the City Council deserve no consideration or consultation in the matter. They are the very worst

offended in his respect. All their efforts to secure legislation are of the hole-and-corner kind. Had it been in their power they would have confiscated, as they tried to do, one half of your revenue available for the maintenance of schools, and not have permitted you to know anything whatever about it. They have tried in successive parliaments to tinker up a health bill, interfering most seriously with the operation of your schools, and it has been impossible to get any information as to what they propose. The City Council as a whole is incompetent intellectually, morally, religiously, and in the eye of the law, to manage school affairs. And any attempt to interest them favourably by consulting them will only result

in giving them the power to hinder
pro tanto all that is requisite to
do. The appeal should be made
to the public in some other, more
wisely chosen, more effectual
and to the public itself more satis-
factory way, than thro' the Coun-
cil, who ~~is~~ no more than do the
wire pulling politicians at Quebec
represent the wealth and the in-
telligence of the City of Montreal.

Mr Murphy seeks your
Co-operation in another respect. Rev^d
D'Norman proposes talking with
you about it. The Roman Catholic
School Commission wish to have
their Superintendent, Mr Archambault,
recognized as the governmentally
appointed Inspector of the City of
Montreal for Catholic Schools,
the R.C. Commission paying his salary