

Robins

High School

May 23rd 1882

Gen. Dawson L.D. & P.S.

^{to}
Dear Sir,

The matter of your
Symington shall be attended
to. When I saw you in
the cab for a few minutes last
Wednesday there were two mat-
ters respecting which I wished
to speak to you, the care of
Symington, respecting whom I
had made inquiry, being
one. However, I forgot it while
speaking of the proposed visit
to Quebec.

The result of Col.
Stevenson's visit to Quebec
with me was the introduction
of a bill giving the school

Commissioners $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent
for ten years. The bill was
drawn by, Warble who had
received your Commencement and
was introduced by Lynch. Later
the supporters of the government,
or at least many of them, objected
that the passage of the act
would imperil the party at
the forthcoming Dominion election
at Montreal, and when I
left Quebec on Saturday night
it was a foregone conclusion
that the operation of the bill
would be limited to one
year. Accordingly the first
bill has been abandoned,
and the bill that was read
for the first time last night
was introduced, giving the
increase for one year only.

Messrs Chaplain and Lynch were heartily desirous to give the relief asked. Mr Wentz would have opposed but for his evident fear of the premier, and Mr Loranper was openly antagonistic as I learned from Mr Murphy.

Mr Lynch said that the French party who opposed the bill would jump at an offer to separate the Roman Catholics from the Protestants - and give the latter the privileges asked. To this I replied, that if a separation of that kind were made, the separation must run from the top of the system to the bottom and that the introduction of any such severance would be the signal for a universal

agitation looking towards the
establishment of two entirely
distinct systems.

Mr Lynch admitted the
justice of such a movement in
the case supposed, but deprecated
it as injurious to both Roman
Catholic and Protestant Edu-
cation.

Yours obed^t serv^t
G. P. Lewis.