

C. F. Powell

Hirkenshaw,

Little Metis. P. Q.

Aug. 28, 1885.

My dear Sir,

I have just learned from Sir Leonard Selby that he has been so kind as to write to you respecting the candidature of my son Mr W. B. Dawson for the Inspectorship of <sup>Insurance</sup> ~~Customs~~, and take the liberty of writing to you a few lines on his behalf. I may say that he is at present on the North shore of Lake Superior attending the measurements and calculations of railway work in dispute between the C. P. R. and the Contractors. We hope he may

be able to return about  
Sept 1st and I shall ex-  
pect him to communicate  
with him in time to ask  
him to ~~come~~ wait a few  
on his way through Ottawa  
or as soon as possible after  
his return to town of  
you think this would be useful

I may say that he  
is a graduate and Gold medalist  
of McGill, a thorough mathematician  
having an ~~admission~~ ~~to an~~ ~~course~~  
and ~~passed~~ <sup>spent</sup> three years at  
the highest engineering school in  
Paris and passed at the  
head of his class in the

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General Beaumonts, he is an  
M. A. & B. A. of the Coll. of Arts,  
Ecole des Beaux Arts et Sciences  
Paris and Associate of the In-  
stitute of Civil Engineers London  
Seine & Maritime he has  
authored valuable papers,  
He has had an association with  
especially with the Engineers performs  
considerable experience in these  
things in this country, is as much  
at home in French as in English  
and a general scholar also,  
His age is 31.

May add that he  
is a young man of fervent  
Christian character, a member  
of the Presb. Church and  
a member in the Y. M. Church.

Associate and a total  
abstainer and that he  
can be trusted to make  
any detail of any  
work he may undertake.

Of course I do not know  
who may be candidates or  
what may be the views of  
the Court on the subject but  
feel that there can be  
nothing out of place in  
announcing to you an  
first man.