

33 Shuter St. Montreal  
10<sup>th</sup> November 1885 -

Principal Dawson,

Dear Sir,

Received your note of enquery this afternoon. There are three Wilson on my list - Two are Irish Protestants - One belongs or did belong to St Andrew's Society.

In all likelihood the man calling on you is the Scotchman. He came to the St Andrew's Home for relief last winter - describing himself as William Wilson, recently from Halifax five years from Glasgow, with one child living. His case as told by himself, aroused a good deal of sympathy. One kindhearted member of the Committee gave him a stove (No. John Allen I think of Stanley St. Ch.) Before long however the truth began to come out. It became known that his real name was Motherwell - who

a good many years ago left the 98<sup>th</sup> High  
Landers and married a flungary girl a ser-  
vant in town. In the interval between the  
marriage and last winter they may have  
been in Halifax, gone home to Glasgow and come  
back again. but what is certain is that they  
went to live at Point St Charles, when  
Motherwell deserted his wife and went to  
live with a woman who was a nurse &  
boarded with them at the Point -  
It is since this escapade that the name  
of Wilson has taken the place of Mother-  
well. When he found that the truth  
was known he gave up coming to the  
Board of Relief.

Of course it may not be the same  
man. perhaps the better way would be to  
give him my address and ask him to  
call and see me. Some of the  
Ministers in the City take this means of getting  
information about doubtful cases.

I am yours, Bro. truly,  
James Patterson

John Adams  
Mrs Adams

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