

Private

Chestnut Park,
Toronto

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P.S.

It has just occurred
to me that you must
be our old friend ^{from}
with G. L. Smith.

He has more influence
with our Mayor, I think,
than any other man
in Toronto. His interest,
if enlisted in your son's
behalf might be potent.
I suggest your meeting

to him without delay.

He has arrived in New
York & may be here
soon during this week.

D. M.

Mr Phelan

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My dear Sir William

Before writing to you
I have been endeavoring to
learn the real intentions of
our Municipal Masters
touching the appointment
of a City Engineer.

I am told that a con-
siderable number of the
Councilors are opposed
to making any change
at present - some con-
sidering

it too near to election
time. Others favor
an appointment & have
their favorites among
the Candidates. The
Mayor is waiting for the
application of a gentleman
recommended by Col
Bates of Mississippi
Mississippi but it is said
the Mayor does not
care the Council with
him. The matter
altogether is in an un-
certain position

Municipal Council,
an uncertain Road,
It will give me great
pleasure to do what
I can to obtain favo-
rable consideration for
your son's application.
And if I should learn
of any means by which
his chances would be
improved I shall at once
communicate with you.

I am glad to see
that Sir Charles Dupper
has succeeded in
retaining the post.

to make a handsome
jubilee contribution
towards establishing a
permanent Colonial
Exhibition. He has
also enthused many
exhibitors. Hope you
self, Lady & Miss Dawson
are quite well. My
wife & myself are very
glad to be at home
once more. We expect
our daughter to join
us next week. Believe me
Very favorably yours
Edmund Dawson