

Riverside School,  
W. A. Kneeland, B. C. E.,  
Principal.

Point St. Charles, March 14<sup>th</sup> 1895

Sir William Dawson, etc. etc.

Dear Sir,

During the present winter I have been carrying out an old project genuine but which, up to this year, has been impossible to operate owing to lack of a proper lecture hall viz- A Lecture Series in this school.

This year, however, I have a fine room that will seat about 800 people; and I am receiving great encouragement from the people. The next lecture should be given on the 22<sup>nd</sup> (Friday) inst. but the 15<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> will do failing the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I called at your residence one afternoon to try to see you but you were absent, and I hated to trouble you; but knowing your great interest in all such matters I have <sup>now</sup> even determined to ask you if you could deliver our next lecture? Subject - relating to Future of Canada: - Canada's Resources; or any kindred one - or else perhaps one to show the value of College training and some of the sacrifices which ought to be made to enable the children to get thorough training. Anything along these lines. I shall be glad to send a sleigh for you and friends and see that you get home again. I am

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promise you a good audience of intelligent people; among them two or three hundred boys and girls from 10 to 15 years old.

I may say that this course has the sanction of the Protestant Board of School Commissioners and Mr. Suprit. Arthy was the chairman of the last one. I hope, sir, if at all possible that you will do me, and education generally in this part of the city, the great honor to favor us with your help. The subjects suggested are only suggestions of course, as I would wish you to have the utmost freedom in that respect. As our time for preparation is very short may I venture to hope for a very early reply?

Yours respectfully.

W. A. Kneeland



