

City of McDonald
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Little metres
Aug 31, 1895

Dear Mr McDonald,

I am told that
my success, Dr Peterson, is now
on his way from England,
and will probably be in Montreal
at the end of next week,
I hope he will be received
Cordially and in a man-
ner to encourage him for
the work before him.

Above all, I hope he
will find that he will have
a free hand in his work,

The Principal of a University
like the General of an army,
should not be too much
controlled by the Government
he seems,

else he will have small
chance of being victorious
Even small things may
determine the loss of great
battles, and only the man
who is actually superintending
the fight can know what
their effect will be. My
own defence was quite
broken down in 1892 by
so small a matter as the
sudden and unexpected
withdrawal of our benefactors'
free tickets, and there was
nothing left but retreat
from ground we might
very well have retained
with advantage to the moment

and to the English population
of the Province of Quebec.

I think also that ad-
vantage should be taken of
the advent of the new
Principal to press on the
friends of education the
needs of the College proper
which relatively to the pre-
sential faculties is now
somewhat in the rear.
Quite a large sum might
now be profitably employed
in augmentation of staff
introducing advanced courses
of study and other im-
provements that would
give a new impetus to

the faculty of arts, not to
speak of enlargement of
to clap-rooms and other
accommodations.

I have been busy in
my small way in collecting
and writing. I have sent
up seven boxes of specimens
from Nova Scotia and four
this vicinity to the Museum,
have prepared some geological
notes for printing, and have
been following up my old studies
on the relations of Science and
Religion. I shall send you
three numbers of the "Expounder"
with papers on a subject on
which much nonsense has been
written both by naturalists and
theologians.

Lady Dawson desires me to send
her very kind regards.
Yours sincerely
J. M. Dawson