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McGill Normal School.

32 BELMONT STREET,

Montreal, Jan 12th 1889

Prin. & Mrs. Wm. Dawson Esqy
S. J. P. R. &

Dear Sir,

Miss Taylor of
the Primary Dep^t is laid up
with pleurisy and will be unable
to attend to her duties here for some
time. As I have just unexpectedly
seen Miss Deick I have torn up
a note asking you what had better
be done, and have requested Miss
Deick to get temporary help from
Miss Goss, who has several times
assisted us before. This I have done
because I must go to Quebec to-
night to attend a meeting of the
Administration

Administrative Commission under
the Pension Act, and may not be
back in time to get the matter
provided for in order to open on
Monday.

Yours very truly,

J. P. Smith

Rotherwood,
Redpath Avenue.

Bayne
Glasgow

My dear Mr. Buchanan

I received your two papers,
and have carefully thought
over their contents.

At some convenient
time I will be glad to
confer with you at length
as to both the subjects referred
to. Dr. Johnson has been
useful, I believe intends
to see other gentlemen.

to convey to them the
views of most of the
Professors with regard to
the correspondence in
the West. My own
memorandum will be
ready for the next meeting
of the Convention unless
unforeseen interruptions
prevent.

Believe me
Very truly yours
L. B. Case

1157 Dorchester Street,
Montreal.

St. John, 1899

Dear Mr. Mann

The copy of a memorial
to the Minister of Marine and
Colonies in your name to me
of this date I shall be glad
to support as far as may be
in my power and hope that
the additional grant of
\$450, for the purposes of your

Observatory will be ^{at the disposal} ~~at the disposal~~
to by the Government

Yours very truly
James Smith

Many thanks for the ^{very} ~~very~~
Report on the Observing
at the four ~~at the~~

John Smith

Secretary of the

to the Government

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32 BELMONT STREET,

Montreal, March 7th 1889

Prinl Sir Wm Dawson C.M.G.,
L.D. etc

Dear Sir,

I take the first opportunity to assure you that I had had no communication before the meeting with any person but yourself respecting the new regulations. I do so because the promptness with which two members of the Committee stated views similar to those which I hold as to the scope of the regulations might perhaps suggest to

you that I had been at-
tempting to inculcate my
own views beforehand.

I am quite at one with
you in respect that there should
be any apparent limitations of
the powers of Corporation by Confer-
ring special powers on a Committee
that is of its own appointment. I
should also deprecate the raising of
any question of the kind, and I
therefore hope that the passing
of the By-laws of the Committee
and their reporting to Corporation
will ~~far~~ not be brought into
any unnecessary prominence. The
By-laws will I think make right,
as far as possible, what was made

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wrong by the omission of the words "on behalf of the Corporation, in the intervals of its meetings" which were in the draft prepared by yourself and by me, copied from the old regulations but which were dropped when the new Regulations were adopted. I know not how.

The whole matter has troubled me greatly especially because it ~~greatly~~^{always} prais one to differ in judgment from you even in small matters, and because

J.S.

Strongly feel that you ought to
have no worries which we, the
younger men, can relieve you of.

At any rate please believe
that I would not, while pro-
fessing to submit ~~the~~ matter
entirely to your judgment, secretly
stick up somebody else to oppose
your views.

Yours truly &c,
A. J. Collins,

Private.



March 28th / 1889.

Dear Mr. Lighthall,

I have your favour of 25th, and sympathise with your views as to Canadian literature. As to Sangster, I merely wished to intimate to Mr. Dougall that if a proposal were made he should be armed with good evidence, since there might be opposition, and a unanimous vote would

be required in the cir-
cumstances.

I think you are
wrong in your impression
that new movements are
obstructed in the Corporation.
Of course there is discussion
and difference of opinion;
but in nearly every meeting
some new step in advance
is decided on; and our
greatest limitation is want
of pecuniary means.

You should also remember

that the present very stringent rules as to honorary degrees were enacted on request of the graduates through their representatives, and that (as is natural) much of the scrutinising of individual honorary degrees has emanated from the same quarters.

In truth I, and the older members of the Corporation, have for some

years abstained as far as possible from moving any honorary degrees, from deference to the understood opinions of the graduates.

Truly yours,

Wm Dawson

McGill Normal School, Dec. 16th, 1889.

Principal Sir William Dawson, C.M.G., LL.D., F.R.S., &c..

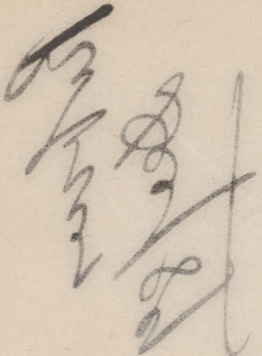
Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you for your kindness in sending to the students of the Normal School copies of your address on educated women. They will be distributed at the first opportunity.

We intend to meet at the Normal School on Friday at nine A.M. to make up the results of the current examinations; but I cannot ask you to spend the whole forenoon with us. We will try to finish the routine and be prepared to report to you what we have done, and to submit to your judgment the difficult cases at about half past eleven, if you can spare a few minutes then.

Your obedient servant,

S. P. Robins.



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FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

Tracy
Dec 28/89

28th December 1889

Dear Sir William,

After the meeting of the Governors to which it was definitely decided to purchase the Emery Testing Machine, I wrote, as you requested, to the Fournier Mfg. Co., and informed them of the decision. They promptly understood that the machine will not be delivered until late next Fall or in 1890, and the terms of their offer are \$3000 on delivery, but not before, and the balance within a certain specified time. Had I been able

to go to Stamps, I believe I could
have made more favourable
terms as to the conditions of
payment, and could do so
now, unless the Committee
intends to require to act upon
the resolution adopted by the
Board of Governors.

I understand that Mr. Molton is
willing to do this, for what
reason it is almost impossible
for any one else to concieve.
He also cannot understand
why such a large machine is
required and imagines that bars
of iron, of great size, may be broken
by so means, and says that even
at the Grand Trunk they have
not a larger machine.
Mr. Molton is certainly most-

ignorant of the purposes and use of
the machine, and it is therefore
useless to endeavor to give him
any further explanation. They have
no machine at all at the
Grand Trunk, but they have
a similar machine at the
Dominion Bridge Works. The
machine now being introduced
into all Technical Institutes
is rarely less than one of 100-
ton capacity.

Possibly Mr. Molson thinks that
the pieces to be tested must
weigh from 75 to 100 tons, whereas
the largest W.I. section is just
a little more than 2 sq. ins.

Mr. Molson by his recent and
present actions seems bent upon

rendering the whole of the proposed
employment of our Faculty ~~entirely~~
abortive, by endeavouring to cause
as much delay in even preparing
for any changes and by proposing
to force upon the new departments
machines & apparatus which
might be considered as nothing
but scientific toys. He evidently
wishes to jogger, too, that by the
time the buildings are ready for
occupation sufficient money
will have been subscribed to
purchase every piece of machinery
without touching the Workman
money, or any money belonging
to the University.

Very truly
Yours
Wm. J. Boyce