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Rotherwood,
Redpath Avenue.

Montreal
29th Jany 1890

My dear Sir William,

Within a few hours after convocation broke up, I was seized with this wretched malady "La Grippe", and am confined still to my room.

My object in writing at present is this:- I notice in one of the papers that as Political Economy has no chair in McGill, Prof. Murray will undertake to give some lectures to the students upon it.- I must confess

there are great objections to this, and I shall present them to the Governors.-
First, it is not desirable that a subject like this should be presented by any amateur. If McGill teaches it at all, it should teach it well.-
But second,- the little I have seen of Prof. Murray's ideas of some points in Political Economy, convinces me that his opinions are radically unsound and false, i.e. on those points. It is a subject, as you know, on which there are a variety of opinions.- I would not presume to criticise any views he might have on his own subject, But Political Economy

is a subject on which a Banker and a man of business may be presumed to know something, and I know enough to be well assured that if Prof. Murray's views are taught to a number of our students, they will enter upon life with most mischievous ideas on some important practical matters.

I shall be much pleased to have an opportunity of conferring with you on the subject when I am better. Meantime, with all respect,

Believe me,

Yours very truly

E. Hague

Sir Wm. Dawson &
Montreal &

Reply copy to
Redpath

McGILL UNIVERSITY MONTREAL
AUCTA LABORE
SUB UMBRA ALARUM TUARUM FIDAT NOSTRA CONVOCATIO

Apl 4, /90

Dear Mr Redpath,

~~I take advantage of the fact that this is a holiday to write a few lines in reference to college matters.~~

As you ~~requested~~ suggested when here, I set about inquiring as to plans & levels with respect to a new block of building, having relative to the East wing in the same way as the Peter Redpath Museum with the Molson Hall. I found that the ground level on the

East side is about 20 feet
lower, giving space for a
good story to correspond
with the basement of
the Museum. I had all
this laid down on a plan
ready to send to you,
when new developments
appeared which caused
me to wait.

Prof. Birney had pre-
pared plans for the new
Workman department of
Mechanical Engineering, and
which on an estimate being
taken proved to be utterly

~~to~~ cost over $80.000. This of course could not be afforded, and the thing seemed at a standstill when Mr W. C. McDonald intervened with an offer to supplement the Wakeman bequest and in effect to erect the building, at least the more expensive part of it. ~~At the same time~~ He also asked a space to be allotted to a future school of Dental Physics and for Lodging Houses and

that a definite plan should be prepared for completion and extension of our buildings

At the same time Mr McDonald proposes to endow two professorships in the Faculty of Law for a sum of $150,000 for this purpose and Sir Donald Smith has purchased for the College the McKinnon house at the corner of Sherbrooke and Mountain streets, with the ultimate design to make it a College for women.

Engel says for Trust of Smith & Ross Dennistoun would cost us as about $10.000 and Drummond's say $25.000 while the foundations of buildings in the Ravine on the east side would cost as much, reckoning nothing for the ground. The gentlemen numerous seem to be more averse to give a cent a foot two rods for land outside the grounds than to spend ten times the amount in building, and I can understand their feeling in the matter ~~There is however the~~

~~bad feeling prevailed on~~
~~the matter.~~

With reference to the very important matter of the education of women Sir D. Smith has purchased the Wakeman property at the corner of Mansfield st, but has not yet disclosed his intentions in regard to it. I hope he will do something before all the available fund is absorbed for other purposes.

Pray very much you come here to adjure about all these matters. With kind love from all here to you & Mrs Redpath,

Yours sincerely

J. W. Dawson

IMPERIAL UNIVERSITY,
TOKYO, JAPAN,

June 5th, 1890.

Sir Wm Dawson, C.M.G., etc. etc.

Sir,

In directing your attention to my Candidature for the newly founded Chair of Experimental Physics in McGill College, Montreal, I desire to make an explanation which may possibly not be out of place.

The information about the new chair came to my knowledge but recently; and I have been quite unable, here in Japan, to discover anything definite in regard to the latest date on which applications of Candidates are to be received. It may be that my present application has been sent in too late; in which case nothing more can be done. On the other hand, it may be that I am presenting the application several months in advance. In such a case, I trust that my early application may not in any way invalidate my claims on your consideration.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Cargill G. Knott
D.Sc. (Edin) F.R.S.E.
Prof. of Physics
Imperial University

Knott
Japan
July 1/90

Forwarded in Mr Hague's absence

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Robins
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McGill Normal ~~School.~~

32 BELMONT STREET,

Montreal, June 23rd 1890

Prin.l Sir Wm. Dawson,

Dear Sir,

I am sorry that I cannot send you the draft of report to the Government to day. I came up to finish it, but I had to see Mr Versault the Govt Architect in the forenoon, and at noon the Hon. Mr Angers called to say that he is compelled to go to Quebec this afternoon and will be absent for a week or more, but he told me to call on

Drewry

Wright and Sons, Architects, in whose hands I had placed the matter. I will go there instead of writing the report, and try to find out how it is that there are two firms engaged in the one business. I fear Mr Garneau has put it in the hands of one man, and Mr Byers in the hands of another.

Yours obedt servt

S. R. Robinson

Red Gates

The Manor House,
Chislehurst

June 27, 1890

Dear Sir William

I had not seen Mr Preston's testimonials before the receipt of your reply to Sir Donald Smith's first cable message. He not only sent them in reply to a telegram but he came over himself so that we have had the advantage of personal interviews with him. His name however had been on the list with those of other applicants and had been submitted with them to those whom Borrey was consulting. The last cable message to you was sent after Sir Donald's interview

interview with Mr Preston, and after an interview between Sir Donald, myself and Bovey with Professor Ayrton. Mr Ayrton named Mr Boys, whom Bovey saw and told that if he would entertain the question the Governors would meet him in the matter of salary, but Mr Boys, of whose qualifications you doubtless know very much more than I do, declined to leave England. And so I suppose would most men who have risen to eminence. Sir Donald said that the question was not one between Cox and Preston, but who is the best man we can get for the position. His duty was not performed in a perfunctory manner. He gave much consideration to the

matter

matter and I am sure he feels that better could not be done under the circumstances -

Aspton would not give a decided opinion when he had the testimonials of Cox and Preston before him at first - He considered them well and discussed them with others - Unwin being one I think and he fully made up his mind in favour of Cox -

Dr Elliott of Edinburgh also sent testimonials which were before Sir Donald Smith -

I am very sorry that I am obliged to be writing very hurriedly as I must leave Chislehurst by train within twenty five minutes - I may have omitted one or two points of detail, but I can only add that I feel

confident

confident that if Cox be chosen the University will get a very good man—

Preston is no doubt indeed beyond question, good too in certain directions—

I must ask you to excuse this hurried letter.

Yours very sincerely

Peter Redpath

Sir J. William Dawson

Montreal.

Bruce

TELEPHONE No. 3165. TELEGRAMS: "EARNESTNESS, LONDON."

30th June 1890

My dear Sir William,

I was very sorry to hear that the tenders for the workshops had proved so unsatisfactory and I cannot at all understand why the cost should be so great. Of course the use of stone cut-stone dressings must largely increase the original estimates but I fully expected that the total would not exceed $40000.00. It would be a serious matter to postpone the erection, and personally, I should be perfectly satisfied if they were built of brick. If absolutely necessary,

the top story might be omitted, but I can only advise this as a final course.

Sir Donald telegraphed me on receipt of the cable message, and the University is to be heartily congratulated on having secured two such able men as Cox and Carus Wilson. They are both held in high estimation by all classes of scientific men, and will bring with them the best wishes of all with whom they are acquainted. I should say that Sir Donald and Mr. Redpath took a vast amount of trouble to secure the best men. Indeed at the last interview with Ayrton, it was suggested that Boys, F.R.S. (Chief assistant to Rücker) might be persuaded to come. Of course, it would have been simply absurd to have secured one of the most rising physicists in

England, but I expressed a doubt as to whether he would leave his present work. Sir Donald however authorized me to see Boyd, and to say to him that the Governors would be prepared to meet him in the point of salary. I had a long interview with Boyd the same afternoon, but he could be persuaded even at "his own salary" to accept the post. The fact of it is, he can command any position in London, he is here in the centre of everything, and one important reason given by him for his non-acceptance is that his father is now 82 years of age & he does not wish to leave him. I reported as above to Sir Donald who, after consulting with Mr. Redpath, cabled, I believe, their recommendation. I am heartily glad the question is now settled, and hope that it will prove for the best, and this I am convinced will be the case. I shall hope now to take a little rest, as up to the present, I have not had a single day to myself since landing in Liverpool. I have been very pleased to have been able to discuss our proposed programme & buildings with the leading English men, and they have, without exception, given me their utmost assistance & valuable advice.

I still find it difficult to move about, as my foot is generally in a severe state of "ache", increased, I suppose, by being used rather much.

With kindest regards to Lady Dawson & yourself

Yours Sincerely
Henry T. Bovey

July 1/90

Dear Prof Bovey,

Thanks yours of June 21st. You will have learned as to the appointments, and yesterday Dawson has mentioned to me some points in your letter to him. All I hope is going well, but beware of holding out prospects of immediate increase of salary to Carson & Cohen. The Molsons Fund will not afford it

and the balance of
other purposes have
to be considered. As
to a second purpose
that is out of the
question at present. There
are no means, and
Mr McGould limits
his gift of the Technical
building to building and
appearance. The University
must run it and
this will involve a
hard struggle but

to speak of what must be done for the physical building. Evidently much economy and some personal sacrifices will be necessary.

Capt. Dr Ross

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE,

HALIFAX. N.S.

July 1st. 1890

Dear Sir William:

I thank you very much for sending me word so promptly of the result of the deliberations of your Governors with regard to the Inst.e Physics Chair. I would naturally wish that the result had been different. But I hope you will find yourselves to have secured the services of a man who will be able to put to good use the splendid opportunities for work which your new Laboratory will afford.

I can hardly say that I feel glad to see that you have done all that you could in urging my claims to the appointment to the notice of the Board. And I thank you very much for your kind interest in my candidature.

I am Yours very truly

J. G. MacGregor

Sir W. Dawson, LL.D., F.R.S.C.

DALHOUSIE COLLEGE,

HALIFAX, N.S.

July 21. 1890

Mr. Editor:

I thank you very much for sending me your so thoughtfully of the distribution of your Prizes with Report of the Dal. College Class. I was naturally most glad the result has been satisfactory to you and that Princeton & Tom do-serve the Prizes you so wisely bestow. It just shows the advantage of opportunities for work which you are laboring with effect.

I was lonely day before last since that you have gone & the affairs could ill bear my absence & the strain of the hour. But I must be very careful for you know what when on my conscience.

I am yours very truly

J. Liddell Hughes

Sub. Commander H.M.C.G.S.

Redpath

The Manor House,
Chislehurst.

July 1. 1890

Dear Sir William,

I have not a very distinct remembrance of all that I wrote to you last Friday when I was hasting to be ready for a journey to Yorkshire. This morning I have received a telegram dated last Saturday (June 28) from Sir Donald Smith which followed me to Yorkshire and back. It repeats your message to him announcing the appointments of Cox and Carus Wilson at $2500 and $2000 respectively

respectively - There must of course be some good reason for the difference in salary which I will ask Bovey to explain if I see him as I expect tomorrow evening - I fear that it may cause some disappointment at the outset and possibly dissatisfaction - I think Carus Wilson (he should get both names) is an able man.

The feeling that Johnson's duties should be kept quite apart from the new building grows upon me - I dont know what sort of quarters he has at present - I fear not very good - but, if so, they should be improved.

The

The Dean of the Faculty of Arts would not like playing second fiddle in the new building, but it is obvious that if he is put there he must.

Bovey and I saw Preston at his hotel. I have no doubt of his ability, in some direction at any rate - and his character seems to be very good - He is pleasant too - but from a social stand point not at all equal to Cox who I earnestly hope will prove a successful teacher.

We go to Scotland on the 17th and may be away a month.

We were very sorry indeed to see not long ago the announcement of the death of your eldest granddaughter - We deeply sympathize

sympathize with the parents and grand parents in this bereavement. It must cause you all great sorrow. Be good enough to express our sympathy to Dr and Mrs Harrington. My wife sends her love to you all

Yours very sincerely

Peter Redpath

Sir J. William Dawson

Montreal.

Cop

Cambridge
July 2 1890

My dear Sir

I must not let a mail go by without writing to you to thank you and the Governors for the confidence they have shown in me by electing me a Professor in McGill University. I am deeply sensible of the responsibility of the post, and not less of its splendid attractions.

and shall take up the work with enthusiasm.

I feel that your personal good will has had much to do with bringing this great good fortune and opportunity my way, and shall feel a personal obligation to show you my gratitude, beyond all public claims, by leaving nothing wanting on my part to make the work of this department a ~~the~~ source of strength and honour to the University.

I have had several

interviews with Professor Boosey, and have taken over from him, so far as I can, the care of plans, & the duty of collecting information bearing on the new Laboratories.

It is a little unfortunate that my recent mode of life made it necessary to reap two harvests, one from lecturing in the autumn, & the other from Examining Schools in the Summer. While uncertain about my candidature, it was impossible for me to forego my engagements for

the next six weeks, so I find myself deeply involved in School examination till Aug. 2. But I have at once taken steps to be relieved of most of this, and fortunately the Cambridge Syndicate have been able to arrange substitutes in most cases. The lectures had been provided for before.

No doubt I shall have an official communication by mail, and meanwhile it is a sincere pleasure to subscribe myself as one of your staff.

Most truly yours

John Cox

Province of Quebec.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Quebec, 4th July 1890.

Sir,

I have the honor, by command of the Honorable the Provincial Secretary, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th of June last, with the statement of the Normal School Committee

and to inform you that the subject referred to by you will receive his best attention.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Assistant Provincial Secretary

Sir J. W. Dawson,
L. L. D.
Principal McGill University,
Montreal.

Sent
Quebec
Aug 1/90

McGill College.—Secretary's Office.

MEMORANDUM.

7th July 1890

From J. H. Drakenridge

To Sir William Dawson
Little Metis

I am sending per this mail an A.A certificate. Will you kindly sign it and return

Yours very truly.

Bratenuge

Therefore I should say that it would be well that you should be in Montreal ~~on or about the~~ not later than 1st of October as possible, unless you should find good reason to believe that your time can be more profitably occupied in England.

Confidential Secretary Grand Trunk Ry

Mr Johnson I may say has remained later than usual in town in order to see that all our apparatus is

in good order and
to arrange with me
as to temporary Rooms
to be occupied until
the Physical building
is ready. These little
matters will I hope be
in train when you
arrive.

Should there be
anything in the mean
time in which either I
or the ~~Dean Com~~ Vice
Principal & Faculty can
aid ~~the Board be at~~
~~your service~~. You may
command our services

Cop to Cox
Aug 8/90

Birkenshaw,

Little Metis. P.Q.,
Canada

July 8/90

Dear Prof Cox,

Before leaving town for a little rest at this place, I had a conference with Dr Johnson in duly capacity of Dean State Bd of Exp Phys as to our arrangements for next Session. You are no doubt aware that the lectures in Experimental Physics have not commenced till Nov 1st, and were arranged so that the principal subjects were

taken in alternate years, and were attended by students both of the 3d and 4th years. I know not why this arrangement should not continue for next session in the absence of our Physical laboratory, though it will no doubt admit of improvement & economy in future. We are also aware that it may be useful that you

should remain as long as possible in England to obtain information that may be of use here.

On the other hand it is essential that the plans of the new physical building should be decided on as early as possible in autumn to give time for its erection for the session of 1891-2 and it is most desirable that you should be here to advise

rose as to questions of
site, form and
arrangement which
are all as yet un-
decided. As the meetings
of the Faculties of Arts &
begin in the middle
of September and questions
may arise relating to
your department it
is also important
that you should be
in your place as soon
~~after that date as~~
possible. On the whole

Como P.L.
10 July '90

Dear Sir William,

I called a meeting of Trustees on Monday last to consider the appointment of Miss Carie whose letter I enclose for your perusal — Probably Miss Fairley has already spoken yet to you —

we had no quorum
but it was agreed
by those present that
the matter should
be remitted to Miss
Fairly and myself —
to this proposal I
wish your assent —

I have an
application from
a Dr. Knott in Japan
for one of the posts
in McGill — he sends
his testimonials — is
it any use to forward

here? He seems to be
a good man.

I trust you are
enjoying a well-
-earned holiday

Yours sincerely
James Barclay

Barclay
Feb 1/98

McGill College
10th July 1890.

Dear Sir William

I am in receipt of your letters of 7th & 9 Inst. I have sent Calendar as requested.

Mr Molson called this morning & I asked him about Mr McKenzie for the Gymnasium, & he advised me to write to him which I have done, & will communicate his answer as soon as received.

Mr Lovell has sent proof to Dr Henshaw, but I told him

he had better send ~~you~~ a duplicate copy to you. which he says he will do at once.

Mr. McDonald has paid the $50.000 for endowment of Chair of Experimental Physics. & I saw Mr. Molson about some investments. which he has accepted, & which will nearly cover the whole amount.

I am glad to hear that you are already feeling the benefit of the change. & trust you may continue to do so.

Judge Church called at

my office this morning to take a little rest. He says he is feeling a great deal better. He was taking a walk & looking at the work that is going on.

Roberts has commenced the repairs on & will be finished with the Centre building by the end of the week.

Deacon cannot say well start the painting & staining until Roberts puts up the Stair ladder.

With kindest regards.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

J. D. Brakenridge

Breckenridge
Aug 1/90

JOHN LOVELL & SON,
PUBLISHERS, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS
AND
BOOKBINDERS.

23 AND 25 ST. NICHOLAS STREET.

MONTREAL, July 17, 1890

Sir Wm Dawson
Little Metis

Dear Sir,

We mailed you a complete proof of the Faculty of Law on the 10th and at same time sent 15 revised proofs to Mr McGoun. We are waiting upon the return of these to complete the Calendar as all the rest is printed.

Yours obediently
John Lovell & Son

Lowell

Aug 1/90

LAW OFFICE OF
ARCH. McGOUN, JR.
Advocate.
TELEPHONE 1019.

Citizens Insurance Chambers,
181 ST. JAMES STREET,

Montreal, 11 July 1880

McGoun

Dear Principal Williams,

It is only this morning that I have the corrected proof of our Faculty announcement. I understand I will send you a copy last night. I send another corrected. On examining the matriculation & entrance curriculum in Arts, I found it could not be inserted without alterations as it required some Greek, & French was facultative. Also there was a division between the Pass Examination & a higher course, which had not been considered at our Faculty meeting. I therefore inserted the

old law Matriculation, and it can be revised next winter.

I have not the date of the Convocation. Perhaps you can insert it.

For commencement of Student I insert dates of Bar Examination and of notices to be given. These I am getting from the Secretary of the Bar.

Yours respectfully,

Archibald Gunn

Hon William Dawson

Little Metis -

Mr Mitt

Montreal
July 14th 1890.

Dear Sir

I think it my duty, for sake of order, to tell you that Dr Cornish did not call in the Library again before he left town, therefore the date for my closing the Library was not fixed.

With your permission, I have put up a notice that I will close on Saturday next for a fortnight – (that is, I will do so unless I hear from you to the contrary, this will be just the same as last year. Those reprints of the "Record" are not ready yet, I will not overlook the 12 copies as you requested.

I may add that Messrs

Dresholme and MacGowan were here to select the books they would like to get, and at first were very earnest about having them before they went for their holiday – I gave them to understand that it could not be done in such a hurry – as I should perhaps want your authority before I parted with the volumes – At length they found that the selection of them even was a longer job than they had expected, so it stands over for a visit later on. They have selected some books, however, that I never reckoned on their taking, e.g.:

Library:
History of England in 6 vols
Burke's Works 6 vols
Locke's Essay
The British Essayists 6 vols
&c &c

With compliments
I am
Yours respectfully
Henry Mott

Sir J W Dawson
Little Metis
P.Q.

– These are disjointed, it is true, but they are in the Machery

Montreal, Aug 16 2 1890

Dear Sir Wm Dawson.

Your favor reached me this morning, and this afternoon Mr. & Mrs. Hill went to the Museum with me and made selections of what they wished to keep. Aside from the botanical specimens, there are now the following:

Chinese Cash.	1 Prayer Wheel
1 Papyrus	7 Specimens minerals
3 Flexible Sandstone.	7 East Indian weapons.
1 Elephant's tooth.	1 Cane
1 Bronze Vishnu	7 Miscellaneous publications.

Of these, the Cane was particularly selected by Mr. & Mrs. Hill for yourself. They also desire that you select such other articles as you may desire, the balance to go to the Museum. I have left a memorandum with the specimens.

I have the Coal all in at the greenhouse, and the Gardener engaged for the first of September. The foundations of the new building are commencing to appear above ground.

We were gratified to receive a Card from

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins left Monday. It is our intention at present, to leave next Wednesday for the Mountains, returning about the first of September.

Mrs. Penhallow joins in regards to Lynch and Lady Dawson. For the past few days, the weather has been extremely warm here, indeed this is altogether the warmest summer I have known in Montreal.

Yours Cordially
D. P. Penhallow

Penhallow
July 18

MEMORANDUM

From MCGILL NORMAL SCHOOL

32 BELMONT STREET, MONTREAL.

July 16th, 1890.

Principal Sir Wm. Dawson, C.M.G., LL.D., &c.

Dear Sir,--

The architect assures me that the repairs here are to be begun immediately, including a new roof, hard wood floors everywhere replacing pine, and the Smead and Dowd system of heating, ventilation and dry closets. He also says that the government will begin shortly to build the new wing.

As it is necessary to vacate the basement at once, I have taken a small house for the caretaker in the immediate neighbourhood of the school, and have engaged to pay his rent until next May at $16 a month including the current month. The caretaker has just moved in to his new place.

The coal to be used with the new furnaces will be soft coal. I shall have to see how we can get out of our contract with Hartt for hard coal.

We must move our furniture away from the rooms and store it elsewhere. My desk and the type-writer I shall have taken to my own house. Books from the library, apparatus, and small moveables we will pack into the work-shop. (over)

Aug 7th 190

With my experience of the dilatoriness of contractors on government work I fear that we may not be ready for the opening in September. In that case we might possibly hire the Natural History Society's rooms to begin work in; but of course nothing need be done towards such an arrangement until we see how the work progresses.

I shall have to hire help to assist Mr. Brown to move things out of the building.

Dr. Buller is to perform an operation on Miss Robins' eye tomorrow. He is going to sew one of the muscles to the eyeball.

Your obedient servant,

S. P. Robins.

C. McLeod

July 18th 1890

Dear Sir William,

The enclosed is a proof of the diagrams of the new buildings, intended by Prof. Bovey for distribution along with copies of his address to Convocation. The lithographing & drawing has cost $12. The cost of printing 1000 copies is estimated at $11.
" " " 1000 " of the address $6.50
Total cost of 1000 copies = $29.50

Prof. Bovey's intention was to send the pamphlet to the members of the Society of Engineers and to High School teachers throughout Canada. Shall I have the printing done, or allow the matter to rest where it is for the present? You will remember that I gave the order for ~~the diagrams~~ lithographing before learning from you that the expenditure was not authorized by the Governors.

The Committee appointed to report

on the Observatory site was to meet last Friday. Mr. Abbott being unable to attend I had it postponed. They now wish to meet next Wednesday but again Mr. Abbott will not be able to meet them & he has sent me word not to depend on him as he will be out of town for two weeks. I fear the Committee will not wish to postpone this report until your return and that I shall have to assume the responsibility of meeting them.

I have received the copy of Mr Christie's letter to Sir Charles Tupper, which you kindly sent me.

The new buildings are now going ahead rapidly.

Yours very truly

C H W. Leod

Sir William Dawson, C.M.G.

Little Metis

St. Lawrence Hall,
Corona,
July 23rd, 1890.

My dear Mr William:—

The enclosed I send for your perusal, and that you may think or inquire of any one that may be suitable for the position.

Meantime, in reply, I say that we will do our best to carry them.

All the exam. papers are in the printer's hands, & those who were there once used them to be prompt in getting the work done, but I am afraid it will be the old story. If you are waiting to hear, we will

be well to give them a reminder. I have only six Law Papers; — a most meagre exhibition of work. I think it would be well to cancel them: — what do you think?

I am writing to Mr. Moss about his holiday and sending boxes to the Bindery.

I trust this will find Lady Dawson and yourself and all your home well, to whom give my kind regards.

Yesterday I had a "Cablegram" from Mr. Pinkerton accepting the Call to Emmanuel Church. Yours very truly,

Dr. Wm. Dawson. Geo. Cronyn.

To Lawrence Molson

Birkenshaw,

Little Metis, Canada,

July 23/90

My dear Sir,

In the prospect of you being connected with the full University, to which I look forward with much pleasure, I beg to say that it will give Lady Dawson and myself much pleasure to receive you as our guest in the college on your

arrival in Montreal
and until you
have time to secure
suitable quarters.
We hope that the new
Thomas Workman School
of Mechanical Engineering
will prove an honour-
able monument to my
old friend Mr Workman
and an important
addition to the Faculty
of Applied Science

It may in the first instance have to contend with some of the difficulties of a new enterprise, but with the backing which the University is able to give and the support of influential friends which it is sure to have, there

can be no doubt of its success especially with the power and prestige which I am sure your appointment will bring to it.

We expect to be settled again in Montreal about the beginning of Septr.

Truly Yours
Wm Dawson

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MONTREAL, July 23 1890

Sir Wm Dawson
Little Metis

Sir,

By this mail we send you two copies of the McGill Calendar, one trimmed down so as to bring it under 8 ounces in weight and permit of its being mailed for 2 cents, and one copy untrimmed. Unless we should hear from you to the contrary we will trim the copies for mail to the same size as the one sent to you.

Yours obediently,
John Lovell & Son

Lowell
Aug 1/90

Cap à l'Aigle
P.Q.
July 25th 1890

My dear Sir William

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter just sent to Prof. McLeod – The origin of this this. I got a telegram some days ago from him, stating that a list of the apparatus was wanted by Prof. Cox. and asking if such a list existed – I wrote a very "No", and being surprised that the application had not been made to me direct, I made inquiries, in respect to which Prof McLeod saw that Mr MacDonald had applied to him, after failing at the Office. He said moreover

that the "best list possible
"under the circumstances
"had been prepared and
"forwarded to Professor
"Cox"

It does not appear yet to
whom Mr Cox wrote;
whether to Mr McDonald
or some one else

Yours very truly
Alexander Johnson

Sir Wm Dawson LL.D
F.R.S.

Little Metis

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Jul 1/90

Copy

Cap à l'Aigle.
P. 2.
July 24th 1890

My dear Sir

I gather from your letter that an unfortunate mistake has been made in the matter of the apparatus. The Principal and I had consulted carefully before we left Montreal concerning the question of new apparatus, and had come to the conclusion that, as far as the interests of the College were concerned, there was no occasion whatever for any haste

1° In the first place, new apparatus cannot be found ready-made — It must be ordered, and any large order will take months for its completion.

2°. As what is required in Mr Cox's department is mainly for <u>laboratory</u> work, and as we have no room in our present buildings for this work, the apparatus, as a whole, will not be needed until the new buildings are put up.

If therefore Mr. Cox were to order apparatus immediately on receipt of the list you speak of, a large part of it would probably not be ready before he sailed for Canada, supposing him to be here a little before the beginning of his lectures in November, — and if he had the whole of it he would have no place to set it up in.

A small selection, if he could get it, would no doubt be useful to him, and I would have written to him at once on his appointment, telling him what was most needed, but

I learned from the Principal ~~that~~ Mr. Coy had no authority to order apparatus — However there will be ample time for him to order whatever is wanted after he has come out here and seen our collection.

For more lecturing purposes in his department of Physics, we have a very good collection. I have almost invariably devoted whatever money was at my command more to that part than to the part which still remains to me. This latter is the most in need now as far as lectures are concerned.

I understand, however, that Mr. Cox has apparatus of his own which he used in his lectures and that he would like to arrange with the College for the sale of whatever might be useful to it. This no doubt, might be done with advantage both to the College and to Mr. Cox. — But there cannot be much in his collection that we have not got: for on looking over the programme of his lectures, I find they are almost identical with a part of what I have been giving for the last 20 years (allowing for the facts incident to the nature of the audiences addressed that they do not cover so much ground,

and are necessarily of a more "popular" character)

Hence similar apparatus must have been used in illustrating them.

Still there would probably be some apparatus that we have not got, and that it would be advantageous for the College to purchase; and I was expecting to hear from Mr. Cox on this subject. If his letter (you don't say to whom he wrote) had been forwarded to me I might have been able to give him useful information more quickly than is now possible.

As he will be obliged to

dispose of the greater part of his apparatus in England, he will necessarily make a list of it for the sale.

If a copy of that list were sent to me, I could at once have marked off whatever would be useful to the College. As his list will certainly be much shorter than the College list, this would be the simpler method. It is also the more usual method.

As things are, the list sent him must be misleading. I know no one in Montreal competent to make anything like a complete list of what we have got, and it was impossible to draw it up in the short time that elapsed between

the receipt of your telegram and the despatch of the letter you refer to.

The omissions must be serious, and may cause him to hold over, for disposal to the College, apparatus which we have already got.

A better plan, if there were urgent cause for haste, would have been to send the series of photographs of the collection, which are kept in the first glass-case to the left, as you enter the apparatus-room. They are on the lowest shelf, I think. Some of these were taken (Henderson photo) by simply throwing open the glass-cases and photo-graphing the pieces as they stood. Of course the in-

voices of all the apparatus are in the Secretary's department.

In writing all this, I am, of course, only guessing at the object of Mr. Coy's letter.

I am uncertain as to what had best be done now. I was expecting, as I have said, to hear from him about this week or next.

I purpose to write to him, but I may be moving about when his answer arrives and may therefore not receive it till late—

Will you kindly forward this letter, when you have read it, to Mr. MacDonald for his information

Yours very truly.

Prof. McLeod M. E.

McGill Coll. Montreal—

High School Montreal
July 26th 1890

My dear Sir William

As I cannot answer the enclosed I must give you the trouble of it.

Mr Phillips acted as local Examiner at Chicago for McGill Med. Matric. Exam. last year & is

Very truly yrs

H Aylmer Howe

Anne
Eg/90

Capt Dr
Thurm

Birkenshaw,
Little Metis.

July 29/90

Dear Dr Thurm,

I received your letter of the 25th and enclosure only last evening and immediately telegraphed Dr McLeod and have written to him fully this morning stating my concurrence in your view of the matter.

I cannot think however that after what I wrote to Pop after our conference in Montreal he could

fail to understand your
position in the matter as
the Custodian of the
matter, unless indeed my
letters have failed to
reach him.

I infer therefore that
the inquiry referred to Dr
Cates to some suggestions
about may have been made
as to new apparatus to be
purchased for Mr McDonald
for the Laboratories in the
future physical building and
that matter has not been
decided before currently to
ascertain what we have
and not finding you in
town had applied to me
for. I have written on
this matter also respecting
the same news with yourself

No news about Rector

Besides, as I expressly informed Prof Cox that I had conferred with Dr Johnson on these subjects and referred him to Dr J as specialists for details I cannot think that Prof C would write to anyone else unless he failed to receive my letters.

I presume therefore that the letter of Prof. Cox must refer to another matter viz the apparatus wanted for the laboratories in

the new physical building.
This rests at present
entirely with Mr Mac-
Donald and I should
not presume to make
any suggestion to him
unless requested to do so.
I may say however
that I concur in what
Dr Johnson says on the
subject. No list of our
present apparatus is
required since it is
mostly lecture-room app-
aratus and different
from what laboratories
require. No can any-

thing be done now except to make preliminary inquiries, since the building will not be ready for it till next year or years after, and no good end could be attained by having apparatus existing here in the meantime. Besides it is important that before ordering it Prof Cox should be here and should be aware of the room provided for him, the number

and quality of the students
that he may be due for the benefit of his colleagues
desiring to use it, and
the assistance he can
have to care for
and make it available.
It would be much better
for Prof C. to return to
England next summer of
necessity than to commit
Mr McDonald to anything
new.

I regret very much that
you have been troubled with
this affair, and would gladly
write direct to Cox, but can-
not of course do so without
having communication of his
letter. You are at liberty
however to communicate this
to Mr McDonald ~~who will be glad~~
~~to avoid of his footprint.~~

Yours
Truly Yours
J Wm Dawson

May also send
extracts
Otherwise
as suggested

Letter to Mr Leod

Birkenshaw,

Little Metis.

July 29/90

Dear Mr McLeod,

I received yesterday evening a letter from Dr Johnson, enclosing a copy of one he had sent to you. I at once telegraphed to you, being much concerned lest ~~[illegible]~~ you should be troubled with ~~[illegible]~~ on a matter to which I had devoted much time and attention before leaving town.

I may say in the first place that I agree

with the opinions expressed by Dr I also of course is the official custodian of the apparatus till Prof Cox is installed and ready to take delivery of his portion of it and upon should have been applied to in the first instance of any information wd desired.

I presume however that Prof Cox's inquiry does not refer to the apparatus needed for his lectures next winter before I left town

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with Prof Johnson and
ascertained that there
is sufficient and that
no application for and
was immediately ma-
de in connection
with the installation
of Prof Cox. Dr J. also
kindly undertook to have
the apparatus in good
order and for this purpose
remained two weeks
longer in town than
he had intended. All
this I communicated
directly to Prof Cox &
also incidentally to Prof Barry

Nor do I suppose that the enquiry relates to any pieces of apparatus that Mr Cox may have to bring with him or to dispose of. On that subject I did not communicate with him directly but through a mutual friend who spoke of it & I intimated to him that if he would give me the necessary information I would confer with Dr Thomson and ascertain what the governors would do

McLeod

UNIVERSITY MONTREAL
IN DOMINO CONFIDO

July 30/90

Dear Sir William,

I do not think there is any occasion for uneasiness at the request of sending a list of the physical apparatus to Professor Cox, and Mr. McDonald whom I have seen since receipt of Dr. Johnsons last letter is of the same opinion.

I believe the request came through Professor Bovey and at Mr. McDonald's request the list which I made out was forwarded under cover to Professor Bovey. I think I am safe in saying that there has not been any direct communication between Professor Cox and Mr. McDonald, on this subject.

Mr. McDonald has told me that Mr. Cox is not going to purchase any apparatus at present.

Mr. McDonald left town for P.E. Island yesterday, so that I shall not be able to show him your letter.

I shall not meddle further in this matter as I am not requested to do so.

The meeting of the Committee on the Observatory site has not yet taken place and will probably be postponed to September.

Yours very truly

C. H. W. Leod

Sir Wm Dawson
Lette Metro
P.Q.

Leeds
July 31 1890

Dear Sir William Dawson

I am today finishing the last of the Examination work to which I have been a slave for a month past, and much regret that I could not get rid of more of it than I was able to pass on to others.

It leaves me but a short time for arranging many things, but after carefully considering all the points I could think of, with the aid of your most kind letters for which I am most grateful, I have decided to sail in the Vancouver on Aug. 21. Professors Bovey and Carus-Wilson will be on

the same vessel, and we shall be out in good time to take up the Session from the beginning.

The proof of the Calendar came on to me here yesterday, and I have looked it through. There is nothing in the work as at present arranged, which I could not prepare for as well in Montreal as here; and indeed better, for it will be possible to consult, & to see the arrangements & the means with which the work will be done at present. But the important point is to obtain all possible information about building the Laboratory so as to make the best use of this opportunity. For this I could have wished to have a little more spare time; and possibly to have seen what has recently been done at Strasburg. Perhaps

I may manage this after all. And there is much to be seen on the other side as well. At any rate I think it best to come out early as arranged.

I have not troubled Professor Johnson about lists of books or instruments. No doubt there will be all that is necessary to carry the session through efficiently, and I feel very strongly that the new equipment should be the result of personal knowledge & study on the spot.

It will be a great luxury to us to have a fixed lecture room and appliances at hand, instead of carrying my instruments about the country, as on the Extension Scheme; but I think the latter has been good training towards appreciation and making the

best of more perfect means.

I have not seen Mrs Cox, nor my children for a fortnight, as I have been travelling about to different schools. But she asks me to send her sincerest acknowledgments to yourself and Lady Dawson, and to say how much she is looking forward to our new life in Montreal.

Believe me

Very truly yours

John Cox

I go tonight to my brother-in-law, (T. R. Bulley Esq J.P
Brack Hey
Liscard
Birkenhead)

Should you need to send me a message, their cable address is Marshpool, Liverpool. But I think you have done all that is possible before we meet.

Mining Engineers

In the Gazette of Saturday last I see a reference to Schools of Mining, and as the subject is one in which State a deep interest I may be pardoned for adding a few words as to my experience in the matter. In McGill College our School of Mining and Assaying is one of the Departments of our Faculty of Applied Science and though like other parts of our practical work, unfurnished and with only an attic for its home, it has been manned and equipped as it has on the whole been successful and has sent out a number of good men who have not only enjoyed in their four years course the benefit of the special instruction of Dr Harrington but that of the other Professors in Applied Science and have taken the human studies in Geology under my own supervision. The least satisfactory part of the work is that the greater number of our graduates find their employment in the United

States where they seem to be highly appreciated and good positions and large salaries. Thus Canada is at present capitally adapted for Engineers and Students should study here in mining school and other better instructed than they are. I feel that the education most required would be that which tends to enlighten the public as to the value of trained mining engineers. In so far as the Commission of the Outer Ministry and Government tend in this direction they should have the support of all who want well to mining industry in Canada where the absence of experience of 365 years has caused one that the most serious losses of capital have been sustained through want of skill and ~~proper advice~~ experience and judgment.

J.W.D.

Hand my notes as used for speaking on my paper is away in Canada and the Secretary of the Society of Public Analysts has the good sense to send themselves to the science of trained and experienced men

Capt D Smith
Eng 190

Torquay

1st August, 1890

2 Clifton Grove, Torquay

My dear Sir William,

Your letter from Metis reached me this morning. Mr. Redfearn had not the least intention of advocating such an arrangement for the Physics Dept. as you suggest. Of course it would be altogether out of the question as well as impossible. The views which he wished to express were, I think, founded upon the interviews he had had with Professors Adams and Ayrton and in which Sir Donald also concurred. They were to the effect that, if really good work in Physics is to be done, absolute freedom from all unnecessary vibration is essential. Hence, the Building, if possible, should be devoted exclusively to the lectures and laboratory

practice in the different branches of Physics. They, certainly, expressed themselves very strongly on this point, and said that the passage to and fro of students attending other lectures might greatly mar the experimental work. The rough plans for the Building have been submitted to all the Physics Professors in England, and they are now in Cox's hands.

Private With reference to Preston, I may say that Sir Donald was not preposessed with him. Mr. Robertson liked him, and he is doubtless a good mathematician, but I think that the University might secure a better man.

I am sorry to say that I have had a good deal of trouble with my foot lately, and have been obliged to give it a complete rest.

It is now much better, and I hope to return to London towards the end of next week.

I expect to have the pleasure of calling upon Mr & Mrs Atkins at Rockferry, before leaving for Canada.

With kind regards to Lady Dawson and yourself,

I am, sincerely yours

Henry T. Bovey.

Aug 1/90

Dear Prof Cox

I did not I believe acknowledge receipt of your kind letter of July 2, which seemed to require no immediate answer, and I thought that possibly some matters might turn up in course of the month. I am now informed by Dr Schurman, who of my summer readers Capt a Cough may be, that of course remains an special curiosity of the ~~Physical~~ apparatus in Chem Physics, until you arrange to take it over ~~the portion which belongs to your department~~. Meanwhile who has been away since June but in the vacation that he guarantees our collection fully adequate to the work of next session and ~~that~~ it is all in good order. He also informs me that in his absence a lot of the apparatus has been ~~made~~ ordered for, & forwarded to England. Who is responsible for this I know

Your opinion of the present apparatus when for ~~some~~ have years unprecedented in the number and quality of students prepared to take laboratory work, and on the assumption that conditions, and what is now being done for the men by your colleagues in the departments of Matt. Phys. Chemistry – Retrography & ~~Chemistry~~ Biology on all of which there is apparatus from a cap allied to that in Prof. Physics and Laboratory work. All this there will be abundance of time to consider as the Guilds cannot be ready for ~~more than a year~~ the opening of the next session. In the meantime of course ~~all~~ preliminary arrangements will be made.

Another matter which I wish to speak of is an inaugural lecture. We usually have an Annual Lecture, or so called at the opening of the Session. Although I & the Principal or some one honorably

Perhaps well meant

what impulse & proceeding, I do not know but would caution you against placing reliance on a list ~~to be obtained~~ as it must necessarily be imperfect. If you have any uncertainty as to the suitableness of the apparatus or as to the expediency of carrying with you pictures of your own apparatus it would be well to correspond directly with Dr I who can give accurate and official information on which you could safely act. There is Dr Gunsaulus me ~~I presume~~ little in the collection that will be available for the new physical laboratories, but the furnishing of those are all things best left till you are here — so much will depend on the plan of the building on

the ~~other~~ instrument by mail or lecture = room use

x and who as Dean & Professor is entitled to be consulted

them. In the present case I ~~should~~ shall be glad to recommend to Corporation that you should be invited to deliver the lecture by an Oxonian on a branch of science bearing on its recent developments in England. There no doubt you have matter available for such a lecture and it would be extremely useful and appropriate in present circumstances.

Lady Dawson and I would be glad to have you and Mrs Long take up your quarters with us whilst you are here but perhaps ~~the Rectory~~ we ~~you~~ to give attention to that matter.

Letter to Ley
Chy 1/90

Rough copy of
Guarantee

Central Cottage
Peaks Island
Portland Maine

2nd August 1890

My dear Dr Willian

You will see by the above address that I am away on my holidays. Having arranged everything with Mr Robson before leaving, I left full instructions with Mr Burrell as to the sending out of the Calendars and other papers.

Mr Roberts had finished the repairs & Mr Deacon had

started the painting, tinting &c., having mixed the colours & showed them to me. I hope you will like them when you see the work completed.

The contractors are pushing every thing forward, the foundations of the Workshops were all ready for the walls, & those of the Technical School fairly under way. Mr Lyall hopes to have the Shops finished & Mr McDonald's Building up as far as the first or second Story by the fall.

We have had lovely weather here with the exception of

Thursday, when a very severe storm passed over the Island, resembling a cyclone, but doing very little damage;

With kindest regards.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

J. W. Breckenridge

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D. A. Smith

Hudson's Bay House,
1, Lime Street, London, E.C.

1st August 1890

Dear Sir W. Nixon,

Your Cable Message
having referred to your
Mr Pherkins Proceedings in con-
nection with the Donald & Clery
case, I have as did also
your favour of the 2nd ultimo.
That I should at once acknow-
ledge receipt of your letters
was owing as well to the in-
different state of my health

the time as to the fact that we were
since my arrival in England
I have been much occupied with
business. I mentioned to
our friend Mr Rutherfurd of your
suggestion about Mr Burton
and I think he agreed with me
in opinion that as he had not
been selected for the position for
which he applied, it would be best
at least to defer consideration
of appointing him to other duties
until Mr Gill. Our great advan-
ment to Mr Burton in getting the
work which is to be taken up by
Professor Cox. indeed it was that

he

would have the Control of a
more than usually perfect
Laboratory and altho' I think
we do well not to commit our-
selves to him just now.

I regret not having been able
to arrange for having the Portman
Hound thoroughly inspected
and reported on by Mr Peterson
as originally Mr Van Horne
before I left Canada but
hope to have this attended to
immediately after my return
to Montreal.

I trust that in the forces
of Brown & Co. the unanimity for Mr Thomson

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will have got gentlemen in
every way admirably fitted for the
duties his intended they should
discharge. What I have heard
of them here in enquiries made
in conjunction with Mr Redpath
and Professor Bovey was certainly
most favourable.

This I add to Montreal
but presume you are now away
in the country gaining health &
strength for future work which
cannot but you may have in
the full measure and

I remain my
dear sir yours
David Betts

Wm Dawson Esq

MEMORANDUM

From McGILL NORMAL SCHOOL

32 BELMONT STREET, MONTREAL.

August 5th, 1890.

Principal Sir Wm.Dawson, C.M.G., LL.D., &c.

Dear Sir,

As I intend to leave town to-day, I make a short report of the aspect of things at the Normal School.

At present all things are in the utmost confusion. Bricks, lime and tobacco juice cover the floors, and dust and dirt are evey where . But the hope of the architect is that the work above the basement will be completedby the first of September, at least so far as to permit the school to open.

The architect wished to have a meeting of the Normal School Committee called to have his plans for the extension approved; but on consulting with Mr. Dougall and finding that from the absence of MR. Hague, who will not return to the city for some weeks,it would be impossible to get a quorum together, even if you were so good as to come up from Metis to attend the meeting, I told the Architect that the Normal School Committee could not be called together during the holidays. So the question of buying the McLouchlin property or building on the play-ground remains in abeyance.

Trusting that you are well,I remain

Yours very truly, J P Robins.

Answer
Aug 11/90

Redpath
My/90 Crieff, Perthshire,

August 8 1890

Dear Sir William,

I am sorry that my last two notes seem to have caused you some annoyance, perhaps because they were both, as I remember, written hurriedly and may not have been sufficiently explicit – I have not been conspiring with any one against the peace of the University – I had not one word of conversation with either Mr Cox or Mr Caras – Mlen about their salaries or their status in the University immediate or prospective

ive. I did not meddle in any way with the negociations with either of them or with any other applicant. I have no doubt that both Mr. Cox and Mr. Carus-Wilson go out cordially intending to accept the positions assigned to them.

But a building is to be erected for the Experimental Physics department and a Professor of Experimental Physics has been appointed. Very special care appears to be necessary in the construction and arrangement of the building. It seemed to me that it ought not to be used for any other purpose; but no one could imagine that it could be independent of the Principal or of the

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I thought too that Natural Philosophy and Experimental Physics might to some extent overlap - I have no one here to enlighten me on that subject now; but it was here that I thought some friction might arise. I am glad to know that you think there is no danger from the older professor - I do not think there is any from the new so I trust that all will go well.

I had an attack of rheumatism in my right leg four weeks ago. It did not prevent me coming to Scotland as I had intended, but it has materially altered my programme of route. I have been advised to remain

remain here for some time and I shall probably be here a fortnight yet - perhaps more. At first I suffered a good deal of pain during the night, but never much in the day time - I have from the first been able to move about with only a slight appearance of lameness, but that has almost entirely passed away - I am now recovering and hope to be as well as ever before I leave Crieff.

My wife joins me in kindest regards to Lady Dawson and yourself

Yours ever faithfully

Peter Redpath

Sir J. William Dawson

Montreal

McGill College

Montreal 19th Aug 1890

Sir William Dawson C.M.G.
Little Metis

Dear Sir —

I have been making inquiries in reference to the use of the grounds by the various college clubs. Mr H.B. Holden the only officer of the Athletic Assn in town did not answer the two notes I sent and I have not been able to catch him in. It seems that earlier in the season a base ball club not named in calendar, claimed priveleges and gave a good deal of trouble by inviting outside persons to

Rathemuhe
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join them and play matches, but the men composing it are not now in town.

I have not heard of any difficulty existing at present.

The buildings are progressing favorable the foundations are, with a slight exception, all in and they have laid on those of the Workman Building 7 & 8 course of stone on the side & corner next Mr Ives' house.

Yours respectfully

J. H. Brakenridge
per A. R. Durell

Bordeauxe
Aug 1890

McGill College
August 20th 1890.

Dear Sir William

I have received both your letters since my return to town. I am glad to say the change has done me good.

I found everything in good order. & I am glad to report that all repairs in centre building are finished with the exception of the capping hall near Prof Penhallow's rooms. & hard wood steps leading down to Hamilton's rooms. then

tous not in contract, but Mr
Molson that this should be
done.

The new furnace will I
hope be completed next week.
& I think it ought to give
satisfaction.

The buildings are progressing
favourably, but I scarcely think
they will be ready for the
Machinery until June.

I received a tender from
Mess. for repairing & painting
fence on Sherbrooke St. which
I showed to Mr Molson

but he told me. he would have nothing ~~to~~ do with Ives. & would make inquiries about it elsewhere.

The Normal School building is all upside down. & from what I hear cannot possibly be finished till the end of September. Dr Robins is in the country. I will note postponement of meeting of Committee till 10th & notify Dr Robins of the change of date.

Since my return the weather has been very cool & pleasant

With kind regards.

Yours respectfully

W. Breckenridge

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MEMORANDUM

From McGILL NORMAL SCHOOL

32 BELMONT STREET, MONTREAL.

August 25th, 1890.

Prin. Sir Wm. Dawson, C.M.G., LL.D., &c.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter on returning from the west, where I have been so continually on the move that it has not been possible to forward letters to me. I saw Mr. Wright for a minute in Toronto: he told me that all the repairs were progressing in a satisfactory manner, so that we should not be delayed in opening the school; but I have not seen for myself, as I have been confined to the house since my return. All other matters must remain

in abeyance until your return.

Trusting that the holidays have ministered to you rest, much needed and well deserved, and recuperation to the advantage of us all through your renewed capacity for work in the universal interest,

I have the honour to be

Your faithful servant,

S. W. Robins.

Arthur Cleveland Wright

MEMORANDUM

From MCGILL NORMAL SCHOOL

32 BELMONT STREET, MONTREAL.

August 27th, 1890.

Principal Sir Wm. Dawson, C.M.G. &c.

Dear Sir,

Yesterday I was able to go up to the Normal School and immediately saw that it would be absolutely impossible to open the Normal School on Monday next. Accordingly I wrote to Mr. Brakenridge asking him to advertise a postponement until Wednesday Sept. 17th. To-day I have sent to all applicants whose addresses I have, advising them of the change.

I do not indeed think that the school can be made ready for occupation before the first of October, but I would not assume the

responsibility of saying so without the authority of the Committee. By the postponement that I have made it will be possible for the Committee to meet, decide, and publish its decision in the matter in time to prevent any persons wasting their time unnecessarily in Montreal.

Yours very truly,

S. P. Robins.

Rec'd Nov 1/90

The Manor House,
Chislehurst.
Nov. 20. 1890

Dear Sir William,

I am sorry that your letter of October 15 has been so long without acknowledgment. Although I am not idle I have not a fraction of the excuse that you would have for a similar delay. I am glad to learn that the number of Students in Arts is increasing. The friends of the University will have to give that Faculty their next attention.

I had heard of Dr Cornish's illness but also

also subsequently, that he expected to resume work in a few days - I wrote to him and to Moyse about some books which I sent out and which I trust are now in the Library - They consisted chiefly of some books from my own Library and continuations of series already commenced in that of the College.

It is very satisfactory to know that the two new Professors are well liked - I shall be grievously disappointed if their professional ~~duties are~~ services be not found to be above the average in quality.

It pains me to think of your retirement. I should like you to remain Principal during

during your life - I know that your own desire was to devote your latter years to scientific research, or to writing researches already made; but the office of Principal, now that it has, though only a moderate endowment is one of dignity of which I should be sorry that you should deprive yourself - It has involved much labour, but a great deal of that labour I believe is merely clerical and such as an efficient Secretary should relieve you from entirely - The University has now acquired such proportions that the Governors must find the means of propelling the machine - They have got the Engine and the engineers. They must not find

find the steam; and every one knows that steam costs money.

Your complaint of want of straw has too much truth in it, but look at the piles of bricks you have made with the little straw at your disposal. I remember saying at the meeting of Convocation in October last year that only those much younger than I was could hope to see all the faculties of McGill fully equipped. Already the remark appears that of a pessimist. The stride taken since is remarkable, and both you and I may yet live to see the faculty of Arts in as good a position as is that of Applied Science.

I saw Rankine at a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute last Tuesday and hope to see him here soon. My wife is out for a long drive but were she here she would express the kindest feelings she cherishes to you and your. Yours ever

Sir W. Dawson Montreal

P. Redpath