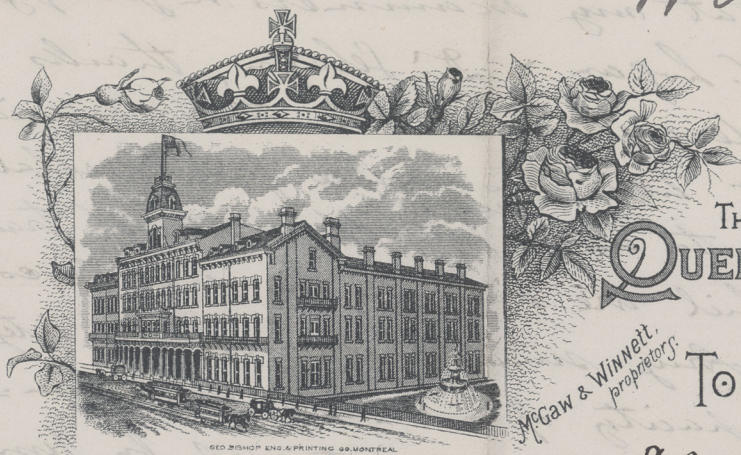


Williams
Dec/86



THE
QUEEN'S HOTEL

TORONTO.

McGaw & Winnett,
proprietors.

20 Dec. 1886.

Dear Father,

Florence has given ^{me your} ~~you your~~ message with respect to taking advantage of the present opportunity of letting my qualifications be known. I think there is every probability of my having ample opportunity to do so, judging by the way that others have been cross-examined on the subject; mostly with the object of showing they know nothing at all & have had no "practical" experience; but of course our own counsel will give me all the opportunity I want, & I have no doubt it will be to my advantage. It is very much in my favor to be

to say that my examiners in Geology
were Sir W. Logan & Dr. Selwyn, thanks
to your discretion at the time; especially
in a suit like this where family relation-
ship seems to have ^{been} at the bottom of trans-
actions which are badly requiring to be ex-
plained. Any similar slur on the integ-
rity or capacity of a witness would un-
doubtedly be taken advantage of by persons
who are in the habit of judging others by
themselves.

I spent Sunday with the Wilsons who
have been very kind to me while I have
been here. Dr. Wilson thinks the present
outcry about the "Ross Bible" a purely pol-
itical one; it is certainly very unfortun-
ate that these questions sh^d be discussed
without any sincere motive & entirely for
political ends. The poor Bible may well
exclaim "Save me from my friends." I
enclose an item wh^{ch} I think expresses Dr. W.'s
views, & also an interesting temperance item.
Both the "Globe" & "Mail" speak favorably of
the temperance cause. By the way, Dr. W.
says that you occasionally address him at
"George St." instead of Saint George St., which
occasions his letters being delivered at another
part of that name at the other end of the
island. His address is 121 St. George St.
I am your affectionate son

William.