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The John Price Jones Corporation,
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Dear Sirs,

I have received your letter of the 8th instant. I fear, however, that I can give you no exact facts or data of any kind upon which to base a really scientific survey of Dalhousie. All that I know about this University is gathered from its reputation throughout Canada, and this knowledge is obviously only in the nature of hearsay evidence.

The value of a University to its community in the past may, I think, be fairly measured by the number and eminence of its graduates, but this standard of measurement does not apply to the present generation. A University is essentially a group of students and professors and nothing else, and it is very difficult, therefore, for any outsider, no matter how great his erudition or powers of criticism, to estimate the work that is being done in the institution. Only future generations can provide the data upon which an estimate of that work may be fairly made. I cannot, therefore, give you any details of Dalhousie at the present time. It is impossible to appraise a University from external appearances. To appraise a University fairly one must be intimate with its students and with its Professors and with the work they are doing, and also possess sufficient sound judgment and good taste to appreciate their work at its real value. I suggest, however, that what Dalhousie needs most is what we all need, viz., more remuneration and recognition for its Professors and better taught, better trained and better paid