

January
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Dr. J. C. Fields,
198 College Street,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Professor Fields:-

Let me acknowledge receipt of
your letter of January 6th with Memorandum attached.

After ascertaining that the Hon. Mr. Taschereau would not be in Montreal on Monday last (Monday is the day he sets aside for business in Montreal) I talked with Monseigneur Gauthier re the Mathematical Congress being held in Montreal next year. I found that the Bishop would not lend his support to the proposal in any way. He also told me that in conversation with the Hon. Mr. David the latter had conveyed to the Bishop the intimation that the Government of the Province of Quebec would not look upon the proposal favourably.

I know that this news will be very disappointing to you, but I feel that without the support of the University of Montreal there is absolutely no hope of getting anything from the Government of the Province of Quebec. I do not know whether there is any use entertaining further hopes that something may yet be done. Possibly definite action in the way of a grant by the Dominion Government would help considerably. I have always gathered that you were not very sure just what would be the extent of their support.

Bishop Gauthier also told me that he understood that the Universities of Montreal and McGill were expected to donate \$12,500. each towards the expenses of the Congress. I had not heard of that before.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.