

October 9, 1924.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor,
General Manager, Bank of Montreal.
Montreal.

Dear Sir Frederick:-

I am glad to note your interest in the teaching of History in our schools, and I have carefully observed the paragraphs to which you draw attention.

I am sure that you will be interested in reading the enclosed copy of a report of this book made by the History Association, of which the President is the Professor of History at McGill.

My position in the matter is, as I am sure you will understand, rather a difficult one. The book was approved by the Text-book Committee of the Protestant School Committee, and their report was duly accepted. I know that you will realize that it would be improper for me to make a statement reflecting on decisions of the Protestant School Committee, and you will also agree with me that the Provincial Department of Education would resent any attempt on the part of the University to usurp a right of supervision possessed by the Province alone.

I might say for your information that I have been asked by the publishers of the book to defend it in some measure against the report of the History Association, but I have told them that I can do nothing. I am sure that you will realize that in view of what is a united opinion of West's "World Progress," some steps might have to be taken to reconsider the decision of the Text-book Committee.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.