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My dear Mr. Justice,—

I had only one minute yesterday to scribble you a hurried note, and to say I would like to give you a few words in further explanation of what I said about Mills. In some unaccountable way, Mr. Justice Strong has succeeded in getting Sir Oliver committed to Mills, but I am under the impression that the furor which the suggestion has caused has shaken my leader, and if Hardy and Ross were to press the matter, we should succeed in carrying our point. Yesterday, before leaving, we had a long and friendly chat, and I believe that I made some impression on him. I have other influences at work, of which I do not care to speak.

His Grace the Archbishop is all-powerful at present, as I have satisfied my colleagues that upon his prudence, sagacity and foresight we must rely to prevent an unfortunate and disastrous agitation arising out of the school question.

I do not believe that Gwynne will retire before next session, when there may be legislation which will affect him.

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I will probably leave for England January 2nd, coming. Will you be in Ottawa in the interval?

Yours, very truly,
C. FITZPATRICK.

MR. JUSTICE MACMAHON.