

July 26th., 1911.

Dear Mr. Ross,-

With further reference to the proposed improvements at the Mt. Elgin Institute I have to inform you that it has been thought advisable not to proceed with the erection of the Boys' play-room this summer but to postpone that until next year.

It is thought to be a matter of great importance to remodel the heating apparatus before next winter. At present the main building and the annex are heated by separate hot water furnaces, but the one in the main building is inadequate and does not heat the building properly. What we propose to do is to change the hot water system into a low pressure steam system and heat the group of building from a central boiler station, including the proposed new building for the boys' play-room, which I have just mentioned, when it is erected. The cubic contents of this building would be about 43,000 cubic feet, and from this the Steam-Fitters can tell what the strength of the boiler should be. It is highly desirable, therefore, to have a proper heating plan, with an estimate of the cost, in order that the work may be undertaken at as early a date as possible - with a guarantee that it will be completed before it is necessary to use it.

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House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Yours very truly,

Lawrence

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