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Hon. W.C. Mitchell, K.C.,  
c/o Mitchell, Kearney, Ralston & Duquette,  
360 St. James Street, West,  
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Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I notice that there is a proposal towards further consolidation of the affairs of Protestant Education on the Island of Montreal.

As you know, I had the honour of serving on the Montreal Protestant Central School Board for the first year of its operation. This gave me a considerable insight into the affairs of the various Boards under its jurisdiction and I reached the conclusion that in time further steps towards consolidation would be advisable.

Although the formation of the Central School Board went a long way in improving the situation, its powers were limited and in particular did not enable it to plan and properly provide for the building problems of the Island. While I have nothing but commendation for the able manner in which most of the Boards have been administered and I want to pay a particular tribute to the work done by the members of those Boards who have given their services gratuitously, I cannot but recognize that there are considerable differences in standards among different Boards and I believe that considerable savings and many improvements can be effected by consolidation.

In a consolidation such as is proposed, the whole success will depend on the appointments that are made being the right ones. In this connection, the method of appointment and tenure of office of the members of the Board will be extremely important. Granted that a satisfactory method of appointment is devised that results in getting the best men for the consolidated Board, I am convinced that there need be no lessening of the high standards presently in existence under some jurisdictions, and that there can