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Dear Dr. Adams:

Last year in view of the larger classes both Graduate and Undergraduate, and more particularly in anticipation of a heavy task in designing the equipment of the proposed Mining Building, the staff of the Mining Department was enlarged by the appointment of a Senior Demonstrator in the person of Mr. W. Erlenborn a recent Graduate and Post Graduate.

The decision to delay the work on the new building until this year left Mr. Erlenborn free to give the main part of his time to teaching as a laboratory assistant, and to designing and testing special apparatus, and his work in this capacity has proved so valuable and has so greatly increased the effectiveness of our class work and research that I strongly recommend that he be retained and advanced to the rank of lecturer and be given certain regular teaching duties of a more responsible character.

Mr. Erlenborn is a competent draftsman and designer, and will of course be of great assistance in laying out our new laboratories, but quite aside from this special work which will only last a year or two, he will be very helpful as an instructor and will enable us to handle our still increasing classes much more effectively than will otherwise be possible. He has proved to be an excellent teacher, gets on well with the students, and is generally interested in them and their studies.

Mr. Erlenborn is thirty years of age and unmarried. He was born in Germany but came to Canada as a child with a Scotch family with whom he still lives. He is of course a British subject. As a student his record was exceptionally good and he graduated high in his class and was given the Dawson Fellowship leading to the degree of M.Sc. last year. Personally he is a man of good appearance and address, somewhat retiring in disposition but well liked and respected by both students and staff.

The staff list for 1922-3 which I handed you some weeks ago included Mr. Erlenborn under his present title of Senior Demonstrator. If we are to retain him however it will be necessary to raise his rank, and make him a regular member of the teaching staff and Mr. Bell joins me in strongly recommending that this be done.

Very truly yours,

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