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To Dr. Macmillan  
and Dr. Fryer.

Dear Dr.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from the Principal dated the 10th instant, and I suggest that you give me five or six of the subjects referred to in the Principal's letter at your earliest convenience.

I may also add the following notes:-

1. This is a legal subject and would require a careful reading of all the principal decisions on Sections 91 and 92 of the B.N.A. Act since 1867. I am familiar with this field and I do not think that a student essay at the present time would make any contribution to legal opinion on this subject.
2. This subject is a little ambiguous. It may mean (a) a comparison of the B.N.A. Act and the American Constitution - quite an old-fashioned subject - or (b) the influence of life in the United States on Canadian life both before and after 1867 - a much larger subject.
3. I do not understand the significance of this subject. Most criticism of the B.N.A. Act has been of a legal character and the subject therefore only really lends itself to legal students. There has, no doubt, been some lay criticism, but most of it is distinctly superficial unless the writer is fully acquainted with the decisions of the courts.
4. This subject does not seem to me to lead very far. I do not think there really has been any very fundamental evolution of the two parties since 1867. It is very difficult to discover now where the two parties have really wholly differed on any political principle.
5. This a very important subject but the writer would have to be familiar with Hansard and the Canadian Press during the elections of '86, '90, '96 and 1911, and this means a lot of reading. The history of this subject, too, is pretty well known by every Canadian interested in affairs not under fifty years of age.
6. I think this subject should read "The Building of the West