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Dear Professor Coupland,

Thank you for your recent letter, in which you say that you could come to McGill on the 18th of April, or perhaps on the 10th on your way to Toronto. The 18th, I regret, is not convenient, because we have booked Sir Arthur Salter for that date, to give the Massey Lecture here.

In your letter you say, "If the 18th is unsuitable, I could probably come up from Boston on the 10th and go to Toronto on the 11th. This would mean retracing my steps and is less convenient in other ways." I cannot quite understand your reference to retracing your steps, because Montreal is in the direct line between Boston and Toronto.

While not wishing to inconvenience you too much, we would be glad to have you on either the 10th or the 11th. Trains go to Toronto from Montreal three times a day - at ten o'clock in the morning, at 3.30 in the afternoon and some time late in the evening, eleven I think it is. Trains come from Boston, leaving there in the morning and arriving here in the evening, or leaving there at night and arriving here in the morning, making good connection with Toronto trains.

We should like you to speak on the new British Empire, but it hardly seems fair to ask you to break into that field here on your way to deliver a lecture on the subject at Toronto.

I do not think the abolition of slavery would interest us nearly as much as the Irish Controversy. There has not been a really good lecture on this subject in Montreal, and on the whole I think we should prefer that.

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