

Mayor Morris' letter was as follows:

"Ottawa, February 23rd, 1901.

"Andrew Carnegie, Esq :

"Dear Sir:--

"I trust you will pardon me the great liberty I take in approaching you on the following matter. Its nature, however, together with your world-wide generosity, encourage me to hope that you will be disposed to consider favorably my suggestion, which is made entirely on my own suggestion.

"Ottawa is called the "Washington of the North," but unlike Washington, D. C., is not controlled by the Federal Authorities, but has municipal government by Mayor and Aldermen in common with all Canadian cities. Within its limits proper it has a population of 58,000, about one-third of which is of French descent. Within a radius of three miles from its centre, however, there is a population of about 80,000, including the city of Hull, principally French Canadians, and its own suburbs, which latter are practically part of our city.

"Being the seat of Government, Ottawa has many fine public buildings, but as Government property is exempt from taxation, the whole burden of maintaining their approaches and providing adequate police and fire protection, together with water supply, falls upon the ratepayers. Much has also been done by the city out of the civic revenue in the way of improving and adorning the city, but with our limited resources, much still remains undone.

"Within the last two years the Government appointed a Commission and granted the sum of \$80,000 per annum for a period of ten years to be expended in works of a permanent character, which will be of great future benefit to the city, but none of this is available or controlled by the municipal authorities.

"There is a very fine parliamentary library, but its use is confined to a special class and there is none available to the general public, especially the mechanics and laboring classes.

"The city of Hamilton, which is about the same size as Ottawa, has an excellent public library, the site, building and equipment of which cost \$80,000. One on about the same scale would be suitable. I enclose their last two annual reports with passages marked.

"I may also state that our Board of Trade and Labor Unions are actively pushing a scheme to establish a technical training school for the use of the whole Dominion, in aid of which the Provin-