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My dear Mr. Saxe,

I am grateful for your letter of the 16th. Our Museum collections have so outgrown the quarters where they are now housed that I think there is nothing we can do except provide a new building - a building of sufficient size and capacity to enable all our exhibits to be put on view. The Redpath Museum is really so choked with material that it is almost impossible to walk through it - certainly impossible with any degree of comfort. That is the case even now, after we have taken a great portion of the collection and put it on view in the new medical building, where we have established what we call the Strathcona Museum.

You will recall the old Joseph house at the corner of McTavish and Sherbrooke, which Sir William Dawson purchased for university uses. That is where the McCord collection is at present housed. The collection is a very valuable one, and its loss would be great: yet the building is not fireproof, and you can understand our constant anxiety.

I think it was wise to publish Dr. Fox's Report as submitted. I did so in order that the public in Montreal might appreciate the condition of the Museums and what is necessary in order to put the exhibits in view in a manner that would best serve educational purposes. We think that there is nothing to be done to remove the inconveniences of the present situation, and that we must erect a new museum building altogether. It is estimated that the cost of such a