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Col. Wilfrid Bovey,
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My dear Bovey,

I have just finished reading with some care Mr. Jack R. Bogante's essay offered in competition for one of the Confederation medals and I now wish to report as follows. Mr. Bogante has apparently done some conscientious work upon the subject of his essay. It is really, however, in my opinion, only a lengthy brief or factum setting out the principal events and dates in the growth of Canadian autonomy and not an essay. There is not, I think, a single line of new knowledge in the manuscript and the construction is very awkward and often ungrammatical. I am sure that there are a large number of ordinary term essays written by students every year in McGill much more worthy of a medal than Mr. Bogante's effort. His manuscript might possibly be of some use to any one writing a real essay or treatise on the subject, but that is, I think, the only value which it really possesses. I should not like to see it filed in any public office as an example of the type of work for which McGill would grant a medal. I must, therefore, leave it to you to decide finally whether you think Mr. Bogante should be allowed a silver medal or not. Personally I cannot see my way clear