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My dear Dean MacKay,

With further reference to the Confederation essays, I have decided that it is best to offer the medals for competition once more. The members of the History Department feel that there will be an interest on the part of their students if the subjects are something as follows:-

The Development of federal and provincial powers between
1867 and 1900.
The Influence of the United States on Confederation.
How far has contemporaneous criticism of the British
North America Act been proved valid since?
The evolution of political parties since Confederation.
Reciprocity between 1867 and 1911.
The building of the West between the British North
America Act and Sir Clifford Sifton.

The Department of English suggested:-

Sir John Macdonald and Confederation.
Joseph Howe and Confederation.
George Brown and Confederation.
Quebec's Part in Confederation.

The suggestions in 1928 were:-

Canada's Contribution to Political Progress.
Canada's Contribution to Scientific Progress.
Canada's Contribution to Economic Progress.

Will you kindly confer with these two Departments and boil the subjects down to, say, six in all, and let me have the list?

I am limiting the essays to five thousand words and suggesting that they should be submitted to the Registrar on or