

80 AVENUE ROAD,  
TORONTO,  
*17th September, 1894.*

TO THE HONOURABLE G. W. ROSS, LL.D.,  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION,  
TORONTO.

SIR,

I beg to apply for the post of Professor of History in the University of Toronto.

During the eleven years since I graduated at the University of Toronto in 1883 with first-class honours in Mental and Moral Science and Civil Polity, I have been engaged continuously in collegiate work. For the nine years from 1883 to 1892 I was a member of the staff of Wycliffe College, and was engaged chiefly, though not entirely, in historical studies. Having become anxious to devote myself more exclusively to History, I applied for the Chair of History in the University of Toronto upon the death of the late Sir Daniel Wilson in 1892. Upon learning that a delay of not more than two years in filling the Chair was contemplated, and that meanwhile temporary provision was to be made for continuing Sir Daniel Wilson's work, I accepted for the time the charge of the Department of History at considerable financial sacrifice, in the hope that my work would prove such as to strengthen my candidature for the Professorship when this post was filled. I now have been for two years the responsible head of the Departments of History