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This is to certify that I am personally acquainted with the management, &c., of the St. Mary's and Strathroy Collegiate Institutes under the Principalship of J. E. Wetherell, Esq. As a master in these schools I had ample opportunity to observe the workings of the schools under Mr. Wetherell.

As Principal of a large school I am satisfied Mr. Wetherell has no superior and few equals. His ripe scholarship and intimate acquaintance with the best methods of education win the admiration and esteem of the masters and pupils of his school. He is a man of great energy and tact. The discipline and management of his schools have been the very best. While he never interfered with the rights of the masters he made himself familiar with everything connected with each form, and was always ready and willing to put right anything which required his attention.

Mr. Wetherell is a leader in his school and not simply an overseer of the work assigned to others. His earnestness, sympathy, and love for his work inspire his colleagues and pupils, and create an enthusiasm which ensures success. His willingness to share the work and honors of the school with the masters secures their good-will and hearty support. This I consider a most important qualification for Principal of a large school. I consider Mr. Wetherell in every respect one of the best educators and disciplinarians in our Province. His work and management in St. Mary's and Strathroy warrant me in saying that any school of which he is Principal will rank among the highest.

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