

and Skating Rinks for the Dominion of Canada, at a salary of £1,000 per annum, with travelling expenses paid, and several perquisites besides. Now, as I will have no official duties to perform during the next six months, except to draw my salary and invest the surplus, it will be seen that I can devote those months wholly to the prosecution of my mission free of expense; and I will also be in a position to collect facts about individuals, both public and private, as well as about interesting events in the history of the colony, that will be of the utmost importance as long as the world lasts. And that consideration proves the wisdom of my decision. I may say in this connection that the office has been vacant for the last few months, because no one was found competent or worthy to fill it, although hundreds of the leading colonists had applied for it.

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