



Dept. of Mining Engineering.

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Mrs. MacMurray,
Secretary to the Principal,
McGill University.

Dear Mrs. MacMurray,

Dean Brown has sent me your memorandum of the 14th inst. together with letter sent by Mr. C. M. Campbell to the Principal.

Mr. C. M. Campbell is a graduate of McGill, Applied Science 1902, and a classmate of Professor McBride. Mr. Campbell is well known to the mining fraternity of Canada, mainly on account of the vehement and caustic criticisms which he has made on matters relating to geology and mining operations in Canada over the past twenty-five years. In part, some of his criticisms were based on fact, but not always. One recent attack was founded on an entirely erroneous interpretation of a paper written by a prominent Government official, and the publicity committee of the society decided not to publish his remarks. Generally his criticisms have been of such a nature that the great majority of his colleagues believe that they serve no useful purpose, and usually his "blasts" are ignored. In the present instance, it is a very well known fact that the original estimates of Canada's coal reserves were too high, but the later estimates by MacKenzie, Evans and Barlow were given wide publicity at the time that they were made.

Under the circumstances, I would advise that you write Mr. Campbell in effect that you are acknowledging receipt of his letter in the Principal's absence, and that you will place the letter before the latter on his return. You could add that you feel the Principal will appreciate having the matter brought to his attention.

Yours sincerely,

O. N. Brown,
Associate Professor of Mining Engineering.

P.S. I am returning all correspondence herewith.