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Lower Canada School dressed in an ordinary business suit. All of Lower Canada's friends had turned out in their best evening clothes. I expect some A.D.C. got a wiggling for not telling Bungo just what sort of a function it was to be.

I hope that you will have time soon to come down. I see His Ex. is to be here on the 12th of April, when the 100th Anniversary of the founding of our Board of Trade is to be celebrated.

Byng disappointed me in two things while he was here. I had written to him before he came asking him to go with me some morning to the Montreal Curling Club. He answered that he would do so, but after he got here persistently refused to go. The Montreal Curling Club is the oldest sporting organization in America and every Governor General has always visited them. After I had received Byng's promise to go I told the Club of his acceptance of the invitation and the members were very disappointed when he refused to keep the engagement. Incidentally, I may say that I heard a good deal of criticism amongst the curlers that when the Governor General's match was competed for on his own rink at Ottawa he was absent. Apparently, in the past this has always been a great function. They compete for the Governor General's cup on his own ice and they felt that he should have been there.

The other thing in which he disappointed me was that I asked him to speak to the McGill Canadian Club. This he refused because, according to Balfour, he felt that if his other speeches in Montreal were not to suffer he ought not to make an extra one. This, I think, was a great tactical blunder. I have always advised the Governor General to devote the most of his attention to the young people - those whose minds are plastic and impressionable and to whom he is somewhat of a hero. To such people he can say something which