

Dear Mr A.

I should have written to you long ago to
thank you for sending me the 2 lots of guides.
The first lot which you mailed on April 26
only arrived here in early June - but the 2nd
lot was a little more speedy only taking
about a week to ^{come} arrive here - I do thank
you ^{very much} greatly for them both - ^{and} I have ^{quite} a deal
pleasure ⁱⁿ looking through them & I ^{before} ^{more}
and more amazed ^{at} what a wonderful job
you have done with all this Dawson material.
6 cubic feet of it - ^{material} ^{and} every item ^{is} so carefully
^{you say there is} ^{clearly} documented so that ^{any} researchers can find ^{it} easily
what they are in ^{searching for} [→] This is ^{hard to believe} ^{certainly} a great ^{achievement}
I had no idea that my Grandfather had ^{any}
thing to do with Trafalgar Institute - that was
my school - & I find the notes in the guide
about his connection with it most interesting -
I was also interested to see that you had
letters or papers to do with Sir Wm's father
James Dawson. Did you know that he had
written ^{an auto} biography of himself - & ^{did} do you
^{happen} to know if he died in Montreal or Pictou ^{etc}
I only heard recently from a friend in N.S. of this
biography which I believe is in Pictou. My friend Mrs J
Barkhouse who

I think I spoke to you about ^{to get me of} before ^{she} she has been writing
a fictional Biography of Gen. M.D. for young people, this
will be coming out fairly soon & I think it will be ^{a really} good.
being published by Clarke & Co. Toronto got up letter book

I tried to get you by telephone several times ^{at your office & perhaps intended to order} ^{people as well as the young.} ^{to order}
before I left Montreal for Almonte - but I
could get no answer - & I wondered if perhaps
your Secretary had left for ^{the} summer season.

~~A little about my life in Almonte~~ ^{it has been}
I have been very busy since I came ^{up here} ^{at} ^{alms}
impossible to get any help & my son garden that I take so
much pride in has suffered ^{greatly} however I have been well enough
^{to} go to work ^{with} and have done quite a lot of planting &
weeding - Today I have a young student of 16 who has come to
~~hope that he is having a good rest & is well~~
helps me - praise be! I have also found time to do
a little work with my clay - & have made several
sketches - so life as a whole has been fairly
pleasant.

I wonder if you are planning to go away on
any special trip this summer or if you will
spend the summer weeks at your home in
St. Eustache - In any case I do hope that you
will have a ^{very} ^{time} good rest and should you be in
this vicinity I ~~do~~ hope that you will stop off
say hello - ^{at} ^{have} a little visit with me
With every good wish & my sincere kind
wishes regards to you & your wife
Sincerely, P. W. S.