

Toronto 29 March 1856

Sir

Having brought with me from Paris the various medals that were awarded to the Contributors of Canadian products at the French Industrial Exhibition, to which with Mr J. C. Taché I was appointed one of the Special Commissioners, I have the honor to transmit them to you for safe keeping until it shall please His Excellency the Governor General to distribute them among those for whom they are destined.

Should His Excellency determine upon a public distribution I deem it proper to remark that until the reports of the various juries which awarded them are published in France and transmitted to this Country, it would be difficult to state, without liability to error, the precise grounds on which the awards were made or in cases where a contributor has sent forward more materials than one in the same class, for



whole of them the distinction was intended.

In the list of awards published when the medals were distributed in France, nothing more is registered than the name of the contributor, the class to which his contribution belongs, and the country from which it comes; and at the time of my departure from Paris on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, it appeared to be the opinion of several of those gentlemen engaged in framing the final reports that they would not issue from the press before the lapse of about three months.

The number of medals awarded to Canada is as follows.

- 1 ~~Grand medal of honor~~
- 1 ~~Grande médaille d'honneur~~
- 1 ~~medal of honor~~
- 1 ~~médaille d'honneur~~
- 13 first class medals
- 30 second class medals.

All these I now place in your possession, with the exception of the first, which is one personal to myself, & presented to me by the hand of the Emperor. <sup>in person</sup> In case of a public distributing however I am desirous that this one should not be separated







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A. Chapman to Dr. Carter  
Jan 29 March 1856

Prudely

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All these I now place in your possession  
with the exception of the first, which is one parcel  
to myself & is sent to me by the hand of the  
Carrier. In case of a public distribution however  
I am desirous that this one should not be separate