



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA

(Museum and Office, 76 S^e Gabriel Street) MONTREAL.May 6th 1871

My Dear Sir.

I have to apologise for not sooner replying to your kind note of the 26th ultimo. I hope my delay in doing so will not be considered indicative of a want of appreciation of your kindness and thoughtfulness. — The day before I received your note, I had instructions to organise an expedition to continue the exploration begun last year by Mr Richardson. We are to ascend ^{one} some of the rivers falling into Lake S^t John, on the Saguenay, and (if we can) come home by the S^t Maurice. The object is to get some additional points on the north-western boundary of the Laurentian, and also to make a survey of Lake Mistashini, near the southern extremity of which Mr R. turned. I shall gladly accept your invitation to call upon you before setting out, and will be very grateful

grateful for any suggestion ^{now I may ~~best~~}
make the best use of so excellent an opening.

With reference, owing to a variety of circum-
stances of a somewhat dispiriting nature, I
have been unable to aim at more than getting
passably through with my regular duties;
and on this account, though I have had many
opportunities to make original observations, which
will yet I hope be useful to me, none of these
have been put into a shape suitable for giving
to the public through the medium, as you sug-
gest, of the Canadian Naturalist. For a similar
reason, I have been obliged to allow the sixth
anniversary of my graduation in McGill to
pass by without going up for my M.A. degree.

I hope before another year to be in a position
to show a better appreciation of the privilege
of being a McGill graduate.

Respectfully Yours,
Walter M. East.

Principal Dawson }
McGill College }

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May 17th
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