

D. A. Sutherland  
Quebec Grande Allee  
28<sup>th</sup> August 1871.

My Dear Sir,

I received your letter dated Montreal 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. three days ago, but I did not know exactly, where to send the reply, but as you say that you had only gone to Montreal for a day, I venture to address this to you at Capoua, in the supposition that you have returned there by this time.

I did not see any parasites on the whale, but will enquire of Mr Gregory if he observed any. Since I wrote you last I have seen him, and he told me that he had come to the conclusion that the animal was not only old but diseased, a state of things very likely to encourage parasites. I have also learnt that for some cause or other the local people have declined to take the jawbones, so that I have no doubt if you wished to get them or any other part of the skeleton for McGill, they could be procured - I have no doubt that I will be able to get you a few plates of the Paleen, but should you wish I will be happy to divide with you what I have now got.

Sincerely  
Sutherland

I went down to Patrick's Hole, the flensing of the whale has been completed, and I am sorry to say has turned out a bad speculation for Mr. Gordon, who gave \$260 for him at the wharf at Quebec. The blubber has only yielded about 10 Barrels of Oil, and this has led one of the men employed to consider the whale "an old worn out diseased male" - I came to the conclusion that he was old from the striped or piebald appearance of the abdomen, which I have been told by friends who went on whaling voyages, & also read in DuRoi is an indication of old age. I shall be happy to prepare a short account for the Canadian Naturalist if you wish me, or should you prepare it yourself. I will give you any information in my power. See that in 1824 a whale 42 feet long was harpooned at Montreal. Were you aware of that?

Willie is not looking so well as I could wish though he does not complain, which makes me very anxious.

Please let me know if you would wish me to enquire about any part of the skeleton for McGill - I should have liked to have asked to have secured the jaw bones for our Museum, and would have done so had it not been for the Laval people, since then however the Council has devoted our space

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open funds to the purchase of a collection of United States, among  
collections -

Will we have a chance of seeing any of you in  
your return from the Watering place -

With kind regards to Mr. Crocker, and  
the other members of your family

Remain very faithfully

Yours  
Wm. L. Hudson

Dr. Crocker  
Carmen