

Lancaster^{U.}
Dec^r. 18.

G^d. Dawson
dear Sir,

I am at a loss
to understand physical causes
affecting the growth of plants
and climate in the North West
Territory — For instance — How is it
the length of the days in Summer
and comparative dryness to do
with the Superior quality of
the grain, more than soil —
Roots & plants grow to a larger
size than here — why should they
do so with conditions of soil the
same — again I do not know
the Geological formations

P.S. I suppose you are aware that I
have been appointed Missionary to
Prince Albert on Saskatchewan.
I am anxious to encourage emi-
gration to that point and
therefore would like to be in a
position that I could give accu-
rate information —

An honest Confession is good for the
Soul - I am in great ignorance of
that country - Please let me have light - Yours &

the Saskatchewan Country —
Could you assist me in under-
standing these matters — that is
have you the time to write me
and also to indicate what
to get in the way of reading
matter to get at a general
& somewhat definite idea of
the geological formations &
the physical relations and af-
fects of climate on the
growth & health of the Country.
I wish to be intelligent on
these points, and find it
exceedingly difficult owing
to the imperfect nature of
the information at my Command.
Hoping to hear from you and that
you will excuse me for obtaining
I remain yours truly
Donald Ross

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