

Ottawa March 27<sup>th</sup> 1882.

My dear Sir,

You are probably aware of our having had a public meeting to take into consideration the steps necessary to be taken to give a fitting reception to the members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science who may visit Ottawa in August - A large and representative Committee was appointed to take the matter in hand, of which His Worship the Mayor is Convener and I Secretary. I think it well that we should set to work at once, I have, therefore, written to His Worship asking to have a meeting of the Committee called for Friday afternoon. Have you any information that would be appreciable to guide us as to the probable number whom we may expect -

the time and hour when we may  
expect them &c &c?

I am sorry that His Excellency the  
Governor General will probably be  
absent from the city - during their visit.  
Dr. Selwyn will also be away.

I see from the Newspapers that you  
have sent invitations to a number  
of distinguished men in England  
to be present and take part in the  
proceedings - I trust the Montreal  
Meeting will prove a great success.

Specime arrangements will be  
made with the different Railways  
to give reduced rates to visitors to  
Montreal. Hoping to hear from  
you at your earliest convenience

I remain,  
Very sincerely Yours  
J. Horburn



