

Quebec 17th March, 1887.

To Sir William Dawson,
Montreal.

Dear Sir,

In reference to the apprehended Spring flood in Montreal, an article from a Quebec Pilot appears in the Cronicle, being communicated to that paper by Mr. J. K. Sneyd of the Marine Department. The principal point insisted on is: that the ice will form in the narrows of the River to very great depths - and so, keep back the water; - I believe the elementary principle

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friends seem to have a rather unproductive
long of viewing such questions - The
whole business is a substitute for a sick
city like Amsterdam - but the purchase
attention has always been directed to
the great amount of 'substitution' about
the vic-is journeying & specie matters.
and so, the old Dutch account has been
considered nothing - & the fine old names
Spartan names & substitutes of. My former
name - & I think I had no report made in
I have left of writing from my former name (Hollander)
my substitutes name, being strawberry.

be correct, so far as my
imperfect knowledge extends,
but still it might have
no effect on the River
above such a current
as that of St. Mary's - As
a general principle, with
a moderately level stream,
the narrows would be the
first things to be attended
to. As I have already
said in the Journal, the
first & most essential duty
is to keep the Dykes sufficient
in strength & height - &
the pumps & flood gates in
working order. - One month

H. Bennett

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