

Russett

The Manor House,  
Chislehurst.

June 3, 1887

Dear Sir William,

I have received your letter of 12th May - I think I have also a previous one not hitherto acknowledged but it is concealed in a multitude of papers which I have not found time to arrange since our return from the South -

I am now expecting to leave Liverpool on July 7th, but I am not quite sure that

that I shall be able. I do not count  
upon seeing many friends in Montreal  
on my first arrival. Most of them like  
yourself will be absent. There are  
one or two matters of business that I wish  
to attend to promptly and then I will  
make the best of my way to the North  
West and British Columbia, with the  
intention of spending ten days or a fort-  
night in Montreal on my return.

I should have liked to see you at Metis  
but it would not be convenient for me  
to delay there. You must kindly excuse me.

Your wish that I should return and  
stay is flattering. It cost me a great

Dear

great deal pecuniarily and much in  
other ways to leave Montreal - The money  
loss I only regret because of its crippling  
my power to assist the College and other  
Institutions - My wife cannot remain  
there in the summer and what is worse  
the winter, in her present condition of  
health would also be very trying - I  
quite expect to take <sup>her</sup> ~~go~~ to a warm climate  
again next winter.

After spending nearly two months  
at Pau and the neighbourhood we  
went by Marseilles to Algiers where we  
remained three weeks, during which time  
our experience of the climate and surround-  
ings of the city was delightful - Algiers  
has all the appearance of a thriving  
town

town - It is magnificently situated.

We have not had any warm weather yet - though the sun has been kindly on three or four days - We have still a fire in the library.

I shall be very glad to see your new acquisitions in the Museum - I suppose you will make the building hold a good deal <sup>more</sup> yet, but sometimes I feel that it will be found, before long, too small. I am sure that it is doing good services under your cordial direction.

You will have heard from Rankine since his return - He was out here on May 15th - He seems disposed to try another voyage or two, but expected to pay you a visit this summer.

My wife is certainly better than she has been for a good while - Mrs. Nielson as well as I suppose she can overbe - They both send love to Lady Dawson & was as well as to yourself - as do I -

Yours very faithfully

Sir J. M. Dawson's Wanted

Peter Redpath