

74 Mc Tavish St
Montreal June 13th 88

Dear Sir William

Until I received your letter of 11th enclosing that of Mr Pearce I was unaware of any visitation of caterpillars in this neighbourhood, but upon its receipt I went up to the locality indicated to investigate.

I found that the caterpillars referred to were ~~those~~ of the American Tent Caterpillars, Disi-
ocampa americana, which occur more or less commonly every year. The caterpillars are now about full grown and the only damage done so far as I could observe was

that a number of old apple
trees, wild cherry trees and
a few other shrubs & small
trees have been stripped
of their foliage, but I could
not see that any of the
larger forest trees had been
at all affected.

I will have much pleasure
in answering Mr Pearce's
letter.

Yours sincerely
H. H. Lyman

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