

(S. P. C.) W. B. Dawn Saturday Feb. 12 '76.

Re 1/76

I have received yours of the 21st

My dear Father,

I have been obtaining a few further items of information about the subject of "missions". Lemaire knows something of them so he has met some of the Engineers during their mission, & has also other means of knowing. He says that a person can go to his "mission" at any time he chooses during the holidays. It seems also that the ticket for half-fare applies to the whole set of lines under one Company, & enables one at any any time to get a ticket at half-price over their roads. Also in regard to changing ones locality, one is not required to stay in connection with the "mission" any longer than he chooses, & if wishing to change can either avail himself of the general recommendation

from the School which can be presented to the Engineer in chief & at the locality in question; or can get a recommendation from the one he has been under.

There does not seem to be anything very special contemplated for next summer. All that I can hear of, is that some railways are in progress in the south, and also that at Marseilles there are always harbour improvements which are being executed.

If one were to get a recommendation (or whatever they call it) to the Chemin de fer du Midi this ~~it~~ would give one the whole range of the south coast, & would probably be the best field at present.

Lemaire's father has several factories in Algeria, & he intends to go there on a mission & make it a visit at the same time. He can get there from Marseilles for nothing as the line of steamers belongs to the government.

If anything special were going on there it would not be a bad place. I believe too there are some railways contemplated

I saw in the "Picole" the other day

that the Government of Holland had voted a sum toward the drying & reclamation of the Zuider Zee. I have not been able to obtain any further information on the subject, however. It would be a fine enterprise to obtain connection with, if it is really contemplated. — I have not heard anything lately in regard to the Channel Tunnel, but I would not be particularly anxious to connect myself with that, as there is nothing of the kind possible in Canada. If I wanted to study that subject I ~~think~~ think the St. Gotthard tunnel would be much better. — I would prefer to get some work in Canada for next summer on present, the whole, as it would probably prove more useful to me on the whole as practice.

~~When the question is largely one of seeing what is going on, one can~~

Mother wrote to me in her last about the possibility of coming out before the last exams: were over. I have made further enquiries from the librarian about this, & am told by him that the last is on the 21st or 22nd May, & that they are placed at intervals of 5 days

apart. If I were to miss any of them
I would have to return here on the 1st
October to pass them as supplementals.
I might however be able to arrange to
be examined before the others although it
would put me ~~at~~ somewhat at a direct
disadvantage in giving me less time to
prepare; still this would only give me
a difference of 5 days, but might be
worth while. The results are declared on
the 24th May.

I learn from the Secretary that the
Council have not yet decided on the date
of the exam^s & will not do so for some
weeks yet.

I enclose the list of work for the second &
third years of the School. There are no exemptions
or alternatives, unless I were to become an
auditeur libre & merely attend the lectures
in which case I would lose all the drawing
or travaux intérieurs. I will also send
the list of lectures. We do not have Droit
administrative.

I have received the letter you forwarded
from Hill.

Believe me your affectionate son

William

I^{er} Classe

Noms des
Professeurs

Cours de Chemins de fer	Sevène
—— Construction: Fravause maritimes	Voisin
—— (Droit administratif)	Griole
—— Chimie appliquée	Durand-Claye
—— Fortification	Alsquin
Leçons: Croquis (sketching)	Pillet
—— Anglais et Allemand	

II^e Classe.

Acad.	
Cours de Mécanique appliquée	Collignon
—— Construction: Ponts	Croizette-Demoyet
—— Construction Navigation intérieure	Maléziens
—— Machines à vapeur	Gérardin
Leçons Croquis	Pillet.
—— Anglais et allemande	