

William, Tuesday, July 11, 1822

My Pa

Dear Father,

Events have taken a further turn and are now much more definite, although perhaps no more satisfactory in some ways.

Mr. Chas. Tupper was here on Saturday and it is understood he considers the Govt. defeated; but what he advised did not then appear. There have been rumors of a dissolution of the Govt. what reason a Govt. could give for dissolving an elected house before it had even the opportunity of meeting

it was difficult to imagine.
The editorial enclosed from the
first paper gives a clue to this.
There is no doubt they are stretching
a point in making the Syndicate
~~scheme~~ scheme depend so entirely
on themselves; but in this they
are using it as a handle for
political purposes. It is now
believed that they will dissolve
the house and go before the
country on the Syndicate question
as the direct issue; and to give
them a pretext for this, they only
want word from High and that
the B.C. will not proceed under
an Opposition Government. The ed-
itorial is bold enough to assert

that they already have information to that effect; and it is possible that it may be so. In any case the whole thing has now become quite uncertain & dependent upon a chain of contingencies that can only mean protracted delay. My own way is therefore very much clearer, as it would be useless to wait longer now. Before Friday I may see developments that may be still more decided in their character. I am thankful that my way is likely to be made plain, as this is all I have been asking; and it is a relief to be in less uncertainty.

I called on Sir W^m Young this afternoon, and mentioned among other things Dalhousie College. I took advantage of a turn in the conversation to remark that ~~unexpected things~~ most things that happen in these days are unexpected; and this coming after a reference to Mr. Peter Redpath's liberality in presenting a Museum building to McGill was as much of a hint as I thought it within my province to give. He turned it off by referring to Mr. Munro. I would hardly like him to suspect that I know of his intention to do something for Dalhousie; but it is matters too that he has remembered it in his will. Whether he will change his mind & follow the example of men who prefer to be their own executors, remains to be

be seen. Mr. Mauleau promises
to speak to him of it if he
has the opportunity. Sir, you
spoke of the possibility of his
going up to Montreal for the
Assⁿ Meeting. I assured him you
would be glad to see him, and
to make his trip pleasant for
him. His only difficulty is that
Lady Young is not well at present
or he will have to wait & see
whether he will be able to leave
her.

I have drawn my travel-
ling expenses to Montreal from
the balance of credits made for
the Topographical Survey. To this
I am entitled. And I have
paid the remainder back to the

Provincial Treasury.

Mr. Madam leaves tomorrow
for C. Breton for a week; &
sends kind remembrances.

A Mr. Selden desires to be
remembered & also Mr. Eldwright.

A Mr. Mac — from Melbourne
Australia has an introduction
to you & expects to be in Mont.
real shortly. He is a theol.
student & has been studying
at Edinburgh I think. He preached
for Dr. Burns Sunday evening.

Your affec. son

William,