

If you happen to think of
anyone who has some
knowledge of geol, & would

devote himself as well as time to the work, particularly
in country & rural getting parties in Montreal, would

Go Mr D.
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Dear Father, be glad to hear of him. -

Mr Lyell has been
connected with the museum work here
I think for about two months. He is
from Toronto University, & was one
of the men I examined in geology at
there. He is quite a gentleman in
address & well grown & bearded
& not verdant looking. He seems to
like natural history work generally, but
not museum confinement, &
speaks gleefully too if he could get
outdoor employment. He has been
working chiefly at Paleontology in
arranging museum specimens since
here. If he does not get other work
it is possible he might go west with
me as assistant, but if he does
I told him he ought to make up his

would be stuck to it for some time
 & might take up some independent
 field next year when he has learned the
 methods & pronunciation. The only subject
 he has so far as I know been writing
 originally at is that of micro. bird
 parasites. I know nothing about his
 botanical knowledge, but - if he took
 to the subject here he doubt he would
 succeed, having good natural abilities.
 He has some of the timidities of manner
 of Dr Mc'Connell &c. - Thus if his
 botanical knowledge is sufficient & he
 turns out to have the tact to get along well
 with the men he would or doubt be a
 success. -

Enclosure expects you to Montreal
 Monday next, & wishes among other
 things to look over my B. Com. Collections
 which (duplicates) which are I suppose
 accurate.

Yours affectionately
Leaves