



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA

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Dear Bernard,

Your note of May 7th
 enclosing copy of petition as
 to Surreys of Mineral lands
 etc of B. Columbia, arrived
 yesterday. If the Govt. think of
 doing anything in the matter
 the coming autumn would
 probably be a good time to
 concert measures. So much
 unfounded speculation has been
 going on in "Quarts" that even

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Should the mines prove rich
there will be much disappointment
in regard to dividends, while
in the event of the practical
working tests which will here
be made during the summer
turning out unfavorable there
must be a collapse. At Cariboo
at present one would have the
ungrateful task of endeavoring
to bring down the expectations
of the people to the level of common
sense, while definite statements
of the value of leads could only
be given on the result of assays
not satisfactorily made on
the spot. By the autumn whatever

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the issue I think they will be ready to be grateful for any assistance.

I am sorry to date still from Victoria, but have been delayed here by circumstances beyond control. Capt. Douglas was not here on my arrival. After waiting till the date fixed I engaged another Schooner, "the Wanderer" & have since heard from Douglas that his Craft has been ashore up near Crook & has been considerably damaged. The Wanderer was

the only suitable Craft here, & will I think do very well. I have had to wait however till a new suit of Sails could be got ready, besides having to make various little alterations & arrangements on board. We are about ready at last, & tomorrow morning I hope we shall get away.

Yours very truly

George W. Dawson

P.S. Mr. A. C. Anderson of this place would be glad to have one or two additional copies of his notes on N.W. America, reprinted from the Naturalist. I do not know whether there are yet any spare copies. If there are plenty one might also be sent to H. H. Bancroft San Francisco