



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA

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My dear Warrington ~

Your welcome & very interesting letter of the 8th inst reached me last evening - & strange to say for the last two or three days I also, had been thinking of writing to you - & on the same subject - As I have only a few moments to spare just now before leaving the office I will come to the point at once -

For some months Dr Hunt has had for assistant in the Laboratory, a Mr Jordan Brooke from London Eng - to whom he entrusted the greater part of Laboratory work - & who for some time got through said work to with satisfaction - a few days ago however, he was seized with some strange brain symptoms, which grew more & more until he was pronounced by Dr Campbell quite crazy - The poor fellow was sent off to the Toronto asylum last night & I fear will remain there, until he is removed to England again - This morning I spoke to Dr Hunt, & read to him the latter part of your letter - He at once spoke to Mr Delroyne - about you, & the result of all is that I am authorized, to write asking you, whether you feel disposed to accept the post - The remuneration offered, I fear will not be what you might expect - but when I tell you that Dr Hunt is thinking of leaving us in the Spring or during next June, & July, & is desirous of preparing me to fill his place - I think you will at once see, that it is a splendid opportunity, for you -

Besides the Dr is very much inclined towards you, & he seemed quite pleased to secure so valuable an assistant - I am sure that after a few months work with him, you will feel quite assured, & able to undertake anything that may come under your hand -

If you think of coming at all, it would be better to come on as soon as possible & see the Dr - before the Spring - I suppose it is not absolutely necessary that you should wait until the term ends in April -

I am delighted old fellow, myself, at this opportunity of your settling down again in old Montreal for a time - & glad you thought of writing when you did - When you write, write to me, & let me know what you think of the proposal -

As to the salary I have not been told anything, but am sure you will not object to it, for the present -

There is little prospect of Mr Brome ever returning to his post -

Minnie, sends kind regards, & hopes to see you soon in Montreal - Many a time while enjoying my after dinner jubb, I think of you & of our past wanderings in the wilds - also of that never-to-be-forgotten race from Madoc village to Dog Lake -

Excuse this poor return for your charming letter, ~~but~~ I am in a hurry this evening - but hope to write at greater length shortly -

Enfin old fellow - come on if you possibly can, & the sooner the better - & I am

fully persuaded you will never regret the step -
I now believe me

Yours very sincerely
W. G. Bennett

WB - The assistant's salary is something between
\$600 - & \$1000