

Hôtel de la Couronne  
Rue Dauphin  
Paris 7<sup>th</sup> April 78.



Top heavy... The top  
will be about 18 feet  
from the floor -  
Yours very sincerely  
Wm. Abbots

My dear Harrington -  
I have duly rec<sup>d</sup> the three (3)  
instalments of the Catalogue & am  
now trying to find some one to  
translate it. There is a Mr. Gage  
here attached to the Com<sup>n</sup> in some  
way, & he wants to do this, but after making  
a beginning he found he could not  
do it as there were so many technical  
words and expressions. Gave him several  
of our French reports to assist him  
but he says they are very bad French  
& do not help him much. I believe he

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he has now found some one at the  
School of Mines - who will help him over  
the difficulty - Do you know where then  
Frotyth sees a sketch of his monumental  
Francis had one but can not find  
it anywhere - The people here make a  
great fuss about putting it up & have  
had tender for doing it from 375 to 750  
francs - I fear the New Bruns with me will  
not reach here in time to get into the  
building. The arrangements for moving  
heavy weights are very poor indeed  
We have only just commenced to open  
boxes. More than half our cases are not yet  
glazed


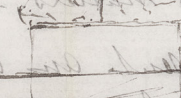


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and generally the preparations are very  
backward. Canada is however quite as  
much advanced as any other country. But  
there can I think be no doubt that there  
will be quite as many unfinished courts  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May as there were at  
Philadelphia. I am afraid I shall have  
a good deal of trouble in putting up my  
coal trophy & I expect to find many of the  
Cape Breton blocks in a dilapidated condition.  
I suppose I shall have to make wooden  
ones to replace any that are too much broken.  
The painting for the gallery has not arrived  
yet. I hope it won't stick at Liverpool.  
I don't find young Swirett as good a worker  
as I hoped to do, he is too much of a talker  
and the punch workmen having a similar  
ailing does not help matters. Mr. Dougall of  
Montreal has I find sent an awful lot of  
car wheels. Six pairs I think & some broken pairs

A. R. C. Selwyn  
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Supposing they are all his. I think I shall have to make a pile of them with an aisle down the centre as I have not floor space to exhibit them each pair on the walls.

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 We have more glass cases than are required and not enough of wall and floor space and we shall be obliged to put some things in glass cases that would really be much better outside on platforms or shelves. I am generally at the section from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. & not much disposed for writing, or ~~any~~ doing any thing but looking when I come home - I am going to try a large cabinet drawn for the gold trophy. It will have 8 feet sides & I propose making it some thing like fashion that is on a slant for rising from the centre of a platform on which will be placed the big blocks of opals -  & magnets etc. The only trouble is that ~~my~~ ~~the~~ several feet square case is not large enough to ~~it~~ may look a little