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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA

(Museum and Office, 76 S^e Gabriel Street) MONTREAL.

23rd March 1876

My dear Dawson

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 23rd Feb^y and the 4th March. The Report and the samples of grain, advised in the former, have also arrived. The Report is excellent but I fear I shall not be able to have it published before next autumn. The reports and maps relating to the work of 1874-75 are not yet all printed and the funds available for publishing are pretty well used up. We have this week shipped, or trailed, 107 large boxes and barrels for Philadelphia

the gross weight being rather more than
50,000 lbs. - There are a few more to
follow next week. - Your gold statistics
(Paparulo) have arrived but I fear the
Column or pyramid will not be made
unless the local B.C. Government will
sanction my incurring the cost. or you
still have sufficient funds in hand
to meet it - which however there is no
chance of, if the freight charges we have
paid here are debited to it. - The pyramid
can not be made for less than \$200.00.
but I see I wrote you about this in my
last letter 1st Jan. - Mr. Richardson goes
to Philadelphia next week and I shall
probably follow early in April. - We
will do our best for the B.C. exhibits.



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of the Survey and do not therefore wish to hamper you with definite instructions. Even should opportunity arise of visiting any part of the mainland coast which you think it would be desirable to take advantage of, do so. Do you think an expenditure of say \$2500 will enable you to get through the seasons work.

Very sincerely Yours
Alfred R. Selwyn

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Victoria B. C.

P.S. And you have not yet drawn for the amount which I authorized you to expend last season, and you have paid some items on my account wh. will be credited to you

I have only two days since received authority to prepare and print a descriptive Catalogue but with the admission to make it as "inexpensive as possible".

Respecting Geological work for the season you say "in the absence of instructions &c." but if you recollect we discussed the subject before I left Victoria and it was understood that you should devote the coming summer to investigations around and on the Island and as regards the particular localities to be examined you were to be guided by circumstances: opportunities afforded by vessels going round the Coast &c. &c. - I have perfect confidence in your judgment in doing what will be for the best interests