



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA

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Dr. Dawson - Sir - I am afraid that I shall find it impossible to carry out any of your three possible plans - Arrived by the North shore it is impossible to procure a guide. The boats will not carry animals, & no track leads to the landing from the southern route. The only thing that remains to be done is to shore on to Edmonton and come back along the wagon road in this way unfortunately very little new ground will be covered but it is the only way out of the fact that we are in. I might certainly go down the Lake in Canoe but steering objects to this, as he does not want to go down by himself - The only possible way to get to the landing other than that mentioned is to go along the north side of the Lake and then to the Landing by way of Abasco Lake - But unfortunately for this plan all the Indians who know the Country are out hunting with the exception of one who is at present on his way up from the Landing and for whom we have now worked two days. It will be impossible for us to coast more than one mile if we leave here on Monday as we anticipate and every thing goes well we will

probably be at the Landing by about 2nd of October
He had a good trip from Sunningan to this
place getting here in six days so beating Mr Canters
time by two days - He found Mr Gordon here
waiting for boat to the Landing one starts today
(Saturday) and we are sending down to the Landing
part of our supplies so as to go around
as light as possible. I have been to
almost as far as Fort Lake & also along
the South shore for about 20 miles so have
along with the young's description of the country
a good idea of its character both of the Lake
but in regard to its Topography the Indians
who I know it are absent - Mr Gordon has
promised to leave this at the place you
indicated along with a description of
Slave River. And as he is about to start
I must finish.

Yours &c
P. G. Gordon

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
GEORGIA

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Mr. Alex. Callaghan



Wm. M. Alexander

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