

Dulhousie

July 27/81

My dear George,

Yours from Ft.

The boat reached us  
day before yesterday - the  
second letter sketching your  
plans of operations. We  
are very glad to know  
this, as it enables us  
to follow you comparatively  
at least on the map.

We all hope and pray  
that your plans may  
be successfully and safely  
carried out. Mamma  
and I cause down  
here the hope of a

little holiday, and that  
I might collect Decuman  
plants, but we have  
fallen in a week  
of execrable weather —  
east wind and  
rain, and I fear  
my plans will be  
quite defeated —  
a great disappointment  
when I can take  
my a week or so  
for field work in  
the whole year;  
and I had hoped  
to make some good  
discoveries here.  
You have an excess  
of field work after in

an unpromising country,  
I can scarcely get a few  
days at the expense  
of extra work before  
and after. So unequal  
are things divided,  
even in this wet  
weather I can see  
must that is new  
and has been mis-  
understood in the feelings  
of this complex region,  
when there are happen-  
ings of at least three  
different ages.

On my return to  
Metz I must settle &  
abstain of writing for  
a few weeks, and  
then back to Montreal

In the old kind of  
red-tape and bureaucracy,  
after Mamma left,  
in the early part of this  
month, I had a few  
days to look over and  
arrange my plants &  
reptiles — preparatory  
to work which I may  
not find time to do.

I wish very much,  
dear George, that you  
were in a position to  
allow me to hand  
over a quantity of my  
material to you, it is  
beginning to appear  
almost too much for