

4 Addison Gardens

Kensington W. 24th March '88

My Dear Dr. Dawson

I have just completed reading over with much pleasure your Notes & on the Kwakwaka'wakw people of Vancouver Island, for which I have most sincerely to thank you -

What a very curious people they seem to be, but from what you say, likely to pass away like the other "Red Men" of America, more or less rapidly - We hear a good deal about "Potlatches" from the Rev. Mr. ...

Roberts Missionary of the New
England Co., settled on Kuke's Island,
but I never could understand much
about these feasts (?) until I read your
very clear and full description of them.

How ruinously injurious they
must be to these poor creatures,
together with their most immoral
life, of which I heard a good deal
when at Victoria in 1864.

Some good people here are
busy getting up a great State
Exhibition ~~here~~, on the site where the
American one was held last year, and
where "Buffalo Bill" with his Indians,
cowboys, and buffaloes, made a big spot

of Money. I doubt if the Italian one
will be so successful - nearly all the
buildings after "old show" have been
kept ^{up}, even to the club rooms, and are
to be again utilized -

About a week ago, a wonderfully
fine and grand panorama of
Niagara Falls was opened in London
and is deservedly a great attraction -

There is a fine hall, very good
music and several good looking Indian
or half-breed men and women, with no
end of "so-called" Indian work for sale -

Thousands of people visit the place
in the day time, and also in the evening
when the whole thing is brilliantly lit up.
The charge is one shilling -

We have had ten lectures this session
from George J. Romanes L.L.D. F.R.S. (one of
the most rising scientific men of the day)
Fullevian Lecturer of Physiology of the
Royal Institution, on "Before and after
Darwin", which have attracted much
attention - and which must have
cost the lecturer an immense amount
of research - Romanes is Fullevian
Lecturer for 3 years, so he is to give us
ten lectures in 1889, and ten in 1890 on
the same subject - which promise to
be both interesting and instructive.
I enclose a syllabus -

All join in kindest regards
to Mr Will^{mt} Dawson, your sister and
yourself - Believe me ;

My wife & sister send their love } my truly yours
to Lady L. Mrs Dawson. }
D^r G. M. Dawson D.S. F.R.S.

John Rae