



May 25th 1862,

Dr. J. M. Dawson
Chc., F. R. S. &c

Dear & respected Sir! The news

has just reached me that it
had pleased Her Majesty
the Queen to bestow upon
you a distinction & an honor
to which you were and
its results for years past
have justly entitled you.

We are most happy to
hear of this recognition of
your

services to our Country - of
your onerous duties to the
Empire.

May this distinction
only be the forerunner
of a title which your
illustrious & distinguished
father himself at present
holds and which I trust
you may long live to

enjoy. I have just heard
through a telegram to the
"Empire" of Toronto that
the Steamer on which
James Macdonald was sailing
to the Islands has been
unfortunately wrecked &
the crew &c washed ashore.

The news is just being wired
across to the "Times" this
Evening - so you will know
of it long before you receive
my letter.

I hope you will have
an enjoyable time at this
Season of the Year in
London.

I should much prefer
to keep working at Palae-
ontology in Eastern Canada,
or Palaeozoic Palaeontology
(in general) - rather than the
prospective work of return-
ing in the Selkirk.

I shall collect & examine
as much of that region as
I can, if sent away
as it

appears now.

Perhaps I might as well go there this summer and later on, when we hope for a re-organization to some extent of our Department, paleontological work done or in hand would be very interesting.

Wishing you all possible

Success I am yours
very respectfully

Henry M. Reed,