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Dear Dawson,

I am much
obliged for your letters.

Malcolm desired me to
thank you for the information
you sent him apropos of a
man for his kyd job. I
think he is likely to give it
to the Seelchman Surgeon

himself.

as to the boundary
things are no doubt in a
quiescent state, but we are now
taking it up actively, and
may be able to make progress
soon.

Nothing but an arbitration
can settle it, and I cannot
understand why that was not
provided for in 1892 when

the Survey Convention was signed.

I expect that the Comm^{rs} appointed under that instrument will soon find themselves hopelessly at variance, and will report that they must have an arbitrator, as the question bristles with difficulties.

Perhaps if the Yankees go to war with Spain over Cuba they will be more reasonable in matters affecting Canada, but at present they are stiff enough, and positively

unpracticable.

If we can get a modus vivendi meant in regard to the gateway to the interior, the difficulties will be solved quickly in time, but, the Yankees always play diplomacy like poker, a fact which is not generally comprehended in this country.

Yours very truly
John Anderson