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Birkenshaw,  
Little Metis.

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Dear Rankine,

I have not  
written to you for some  
time, trusting to Mother  
and not having any-  
thing special to com-  
municate. Little Metis is  
very full this summer,  
there are said to be  
500 people here, and  
as a number are invalids  
and there is some chicken  
pox among children, some  
Montreal young medical men  
come down in hope of making  
connections that may be

were full of them in town,  
I hear nothing new re-  
specting the A. Victoria, but  
many great pups as to  
the immense and fine  
additions to the General.  
Clark has succeeded in  
getting two English cur-  
doodles, well recommended,  
for the new Sutureship in  
Putholops (Dr Sarrill of Paddough  
Esq may recommend & see  
James Christian Browne and  
other influential people, and  
a Barrie of Manchester  
Esq may.) He may have  
other candidates, but I  
have seen the testimonials  
of these and received private  
letters about them. Thus

is a new departure for our  
Medical Faculty to write Eng<sup>2</sup>  
Lark candidates; but it comes  
of their new endowments

We are all well, but  
the summer has been  
warmer than usual,  
and I think not  
so bracing; but their mamma  
and I are getting older  
and cannot expect so  
much benefit as in former  
years.

We are looking with some  
interest to the new develop-  
ments in English politics.  
Whatever the result in other  
respects, it is certain that  
the outcome of the elections  
will stir up every energy that  
England has to take ad<sup>2</sup>

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vantage of her apparent  
weakness to wrest some  
thing from her. The com-  
mune have already worked  
up to the chance, and  
Hallim & his friends in their  
agitated effort to secure  
the Irish and New York  
vote, have had a bill  
passed to shut us out  
of the Sault St Marie  
Canal. Fortunately the CPR  
exists, and the canal  
on one side will be  
ready next year. All  
this is in violation of a  
treaty with England, and  
on the pretence, apparently  
unfounded, that Canada  
is refusing the Americans

Trade fair ~~been~~ in her  
 Councils. If the "Soo" will  
 not ~~serve~~ the purpose, the  
 Am. Senate proposes to give  
 the president power to  
 shut off all passage of  
 goods in bond through the  
 United States & to place  
 burdens on it which will  
 kill it. In fear of this,  
 the C. P. R. people have  
 been looking at the  
 question (which they should  
 have considered long ago)  
 of running wholly through  
 Canada and making  
 their winter terminus at  
 Halifax. If the Am.  
 exerts carry out their  
 threat, our Government  
 will have to make

True Suezpines to help our  
Railroads, and perhaps  
it would in the end be  
better for us. The thing  
would be insane on the  
part of the U.S., but Hanson  
and his friends are very  
desperate in view of the situation,  
and they trust to Gladstone  
allowing them to trample  
on Canada, or to his being  
obliged to do so by his Irish  
allies. "The times seem much  
out of joint," but God reigns,  
and will "avenge his own elect  
and that speedily".

Serge seems again to have  
been detained, and I hope  
may be able to go to the West  
at once in October. It would be to  
his interest in several ways.

I have heard nothing as  
to your chances or movements  
in regard to your own interests;  
but trust you will let us good  
opportunities slip. My position is be-  
coming very critical, and I may be  
unable to give much help if there is  
any delay.

Truly Yours  
J. M. Dawson