

To Victoria
B.C.

Birkenshaw,
Little Metis.

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Dear Rankine,

I quite expected
the reply you send as
to Eric's case; but it is
something to have even
a little sympathy in
such an affliction. We
are doing all that air
and exercise and other
favorable conditions can
do for the others; and
I am quite prepared
in the autumn to aid
Demond in sending out
my Eric but close

also, though she is apparently
in good health, the more
mild favourable climate
of surroundings than those
of Montreal.

As to the conference
at Ottawa, there have
been no reports except
of speeches at dinner &c,
which tell nothing except
repetition of good will
and which you will ^{have seen} find
in the Weekly Gazette which
I have asked White to send
to you at Victoria. It is
understood in a general
way that the subjects were
communication, defence,

trade relations and Federal
union; and that there
was a fair amount of
agreement; but of course
keeps for reference to
England and to the
Governments represented

Mamma has never
dared to join our friend
Solmes' firm except in wheat
speculation. He is not
alone. Hear that
the losses in Montreal
are to be reckoned by
millions, and many
of our friends, some of
them shrewd and

experienced, except, all
heavy taxes. The
more immediate friends
of the college such as
Smith, Mather & Mr
Danael are fortunately
not in the tumble, though
they may suffer indirectly;
but the effect will
be to draw in their
behalf in public matters.
In addition to this, there
must of course be increased
taxation (which means
of course taxing the English)
in consequence of the deficit
in city finances. All this
does not look well for

College benevolent's next
letter.

I am still sending
your "Medical Review"
of the Victoria Hospital.

Would you not like
to have it yourself.

Mamma happened to
take of the case of
a recent number
and immediately he
came aboard of what
he thought an interesting
paper on Hygiene. Since
you take sufficient
interest in these

Matters to read as
them; and of you
do I shall be
happy to remain the
publication to you.

We all send love
and good wishes, and
hope that your present
seclusion may bear
good fruit in future,
I am getting too old
to do much now, but
there never was greater
scope for usefulness in
every good thing.

Ever yours
M. Dawson