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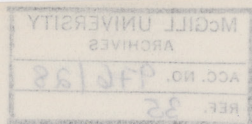
To
London

293. University St.
Montreal.

July 25, 1906

Dear Rankine,

I have not
written to congratulate you
on your engagement, partly
because Mother was writing,
and could do it much
better, and partly because
I wished to see the promised
photograph. This has now
arrived and I am pleased
with it, not only as a picture,
and good-looking, but
as showing features which



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indicate a good and true &
hearted woman.

I think I may well
congratulate you, because
the love of a good woman
is the best treasure any
man can have in this
world, and I hope you
may show yourself in every
way worthy of it.

It is too early I fancy
to speak of prospects or
intentions, but you must
bear in mind that it is
the Scripture order that

a man shall leave his
father and mother and
shall cleave to his wife;
so that they be flesh and
interests have in this the
first claim. She has very
kindly written that she
will be quite content to
settle in this country of
that seems best, and
if in you shall both
have a warm welcome
here, and we shall all
of course thank twice as
much of you as ever before,
and shall do everything

possible to promote your
interests. If otherwise, we
shall be content and helpful
if we can. In any case
with God's blessing we
shall hope to see you
both somewhere, this next
autumn; for if you do
not come here in the
summer, we shall hope,
if health & strength permit,
to go over in the summer
or autumn. In the mean-
time we shall hold our plans
in suspense till we learn more
of you.

I have profitable work,
primarily as well as other
wise, for the spring and

early summer, which can
 be well done up here
 & at Metis; but it would
 suit my purpose very well
 to take a man to England
 any time after Mid-Summer,
 and to remain till after
 the British Association Meeting,
 Sept 16 to 23d; but my
 little affairs can easily give
 place to other considerations.

I send you a number
 of the Glette, which will
 show you that I have
 been meddling with the
 Manitoba School question;
 but this is quite voluntary,
 and I have retired from

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The Council of Public Instruction
and all other official connections
with Education and are
now working, in so far as I
do work, altogether at
Fossils and at biblical
Subjects.

George and William
and Florence & their boys
and the Harringtons are
all well at the moment,
and we have drifted out
of a severe below-zero time
into sunny weather and
pleasant temperature - now
beginning of Spring.

We both send sincere
love and good wishes

Ever yours

J. M. Dawson