

Rooms of the Literary and Historical Society,

Quebec, 2nd September 1871.

Dr Dawson
Cacouna

My Dear Doctor.

I have just received yours of 31st Uto. and as I had yesterday received the inclosed Crad from Mr Gregory, I at once went down to the Queen's Wharf and found that he has brought up from "Patrick's Hole" & placed there the greater portion of the skeleton of the whale, there may be some portions missing and some a very little injured but I think it is as complete as could be expected under the circumstances - The bones are well cleaned and not in the least discoloured and I have no doubt that a few days bleaching will make them still whiter.

I took the opportunity of verifying my former measurements and am glad to say that I had in no degree exaggerated as the jaw bones when measured by the tape to day were exactly 14 ft. 6. inches - I made them fifteen feet - If they are not sold to the Americans, which I would very much regret, you will have an opportunity of seeing them when you come up next week - On looking over your letter
Again

again I find that I had not read it correctly, I thought
that you said that you would be up by boat next
week and would likely see me - However after
studying the paragraph with great care, I have
come to the conclusion, that the signs were
intended to convey the idea, that you were
coming up by rail, and shall not likely see me,
which I certainly regret -

I agree with you as to the
desirability of keeping so interesting a specimen
of Natural History if possible in Canada, but unless
Special Comms for that, I am afraid it must go -

With kind regards to your family

I remain very faithfully

Wm East
Anderson

W. J. Hudson
Sept 21

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