

September 1st.

Sir John William Dawson.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram and your kind letter of the 29th are both received.

I applied to you, not through any mistake in regard to names, or under the impression that you were accustomed to take an active part in public affairs, but because, first, I knew that you would take a wider and more scholarly view than any man in political life, and secondly, because I felt sure that your words would command unusual attention. My only doubt was as to whether you were interested in the subject, but your reply shows how strongly you feel, and I regret the more that you cannot consent to write the article. I think that the

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Canadian point of view ought to be frank-
ly and plainly stated in an American
periodical.

With great respect, yours very truly,

L. P. Metcalf,

John
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