

Petit Mutin
Sep. 5th 1879

Dear Dr. Dawson,

When William's telegram arrived yesterday afternoon we were just in the final stages of closing up the house, and had sold the cow and emptied the water-barrels. After a somewhat protracted prosrow, however, we finally decided that on baby's account it would be best to remain a few days longer notwithstanding inconvenience. Old M^cLavin, who bought

The cow, has given no permission
to keep her as long as we
require, while a providential
shower of rain during the
night has renewed our
supply of H_2O .

We are glad to hear
that the garden has not
run away in our absence
and that the plums have
been suffered to ripen.
I hope you will make use
of them as they may not keep
for our return.

Our present intention is to
leave on Monday and I
should be greatly obliged if
Rankine or Williams would
secure for us two sections

on the Pullman for
that day. They might
be secured on Saturday
afternoon unless in the
meantime we telegraph
to the contrary. I am
sorry to give this trouble
but we shall be more
certain of getting the
sections if they are se-
cured by some one at head-
quarters. One section will
suffice from St. Charles to
Point Lewis.

Anna joins in sending
love. Believe me

Yours sincerely
D. J. Harrington.

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