

Ottawa

26th June '69.

Dear Dr. Dawson

Your letter of yesterday is just received, & Mr. Durkin asks me to write to you. He would gladly be with you on Wednesday if it were possible, but it is so hard for him to take the time to go home at all, that nothing but the feeling that his life almost depends on his getting a few day's rest prevents his going direct to Quebec. If he

waited two days in Montreal
he must give up going home.
But in fact he could not
bear any more work. I have
been afraid that he would
break down before he could
get away from here, & we
have been delayed by his
being too tired to work rapidly
as well as by the difficulty
of seeing the overworked
Ministers here. For they are
very weary, & beset with
people who could not get
hold of them till the affair
was over.

We intend going by
boat on Monday morning

& home on Tuesday afternoon.
We had hoped to have
reached home tonight, & the
detention is a great disap-
pointment to us, as I am
afraid our stay at home
will now be too short to
do Mr. Durkin much good.

Please remember me
affectionately to Mr. Dawson
if this reaches you before
she leaves, & believe me

Yours very truly
Mary Durkin.

Dear Sir
June 16/69

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