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My dear Sir,

I am unfortunately not
in a position at present to form
positive engagements for the autumn
or winter.

I hope to be at liberty
during the weeks Nov 1 - Dec. 20.
The question will be decided by
September; and if I then find
that I shall be at liberty I
will most gladly place myself
at the disposal of the Association,

in case its programme should
not be abundantly filled up.

At Christmas I go to
Toronto, and remain there till
my duties recommence here in the
spring.

I hope the Ladies will
kindly permit me to come, if
I do come, simply as a friend
to their most useful undertaking,
and say nothing about
remuneration. I have quite given

up my profession as a teacher,
but I have great pleasure in
devoting my leisure time to
the assistance of those who are
labouring ~~the~~ in the cause of
Education.

Your offer of a room in
your house is most hospitable;
but I shrink from quartering
myself upon you & Mr. Dison
for so long a time. Bachelors
quarters are easily found; and

Prunus Smith
Humpy

a bookworm, especially one whose
health is rather uncertain, is apt
to be a troublesome guest even under
the most indulgent roof. Pray
present my best thanks to Mrs.
Dawson for her kindness in
accepting your invitation.

Believe me

Very truly yours

John Smith.

Principal Dawson

Ht. Hill College

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Montreal.

Samuel C. Dunkin

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My dear Sir,

As President of
the Natural History Society
of Montreal, I desire to
prefer a report of some
importance to the progress
of Natural Science.

The Society has
for several years, at its
own cost and that of
individual members,
promoted researches by
studying in the field
and time to time
and has published
many interesting papers
on the results; but it

has not had the
means & entered these
investigations to those
deeper parts of the
subject from which very
interesting results might
be anticipated.

The Society would
furnish a competent
watercraft provided
with the necessary
sails and deck gear,
if the Government would
purchase a ^{copy} ~~the use~~ of
one of ~~the~~ its Schooners
or Steamers for ~~any~~

with the help of gun ^{apparently as} ~~after~~
and I hope
The vessel will be
a fortnight in the month
of July or August

The particular points
which we desire ac-
cept are, (1) Between
Anticosti and Gulf,
(2) Between the East
end of Anticosti and
the Maystake Islands,
(3) The North Channel
from Anticosti to Bellefleur,
If any one of
these points could be
explored in the coming
summer, we would

be well satisfied. My
results showed of a
practically useful char-
acter we should be
most happy to com-
municate to the govern-
ment, and would
publish the succinct
results in full in the
"Canadian Naturalist"

I may add that,
as is well known to
you, ~~that~~ the governments
both of Great Britain
and the United States

have expended large
sums in researches
of this kind, with
very interesting results,
and further that
the British Admiralty
has provided apparatus
for registering temperatures
of the deeper parts of
the sea, for obtaining
specimens of water from
great depths, and
for measuring the force
of the deeper currents.
Sets of this apparatus

Copy of the
of the
could no doubt be
obtained on application
of the British Government;
and if so obtained
the National History Society
would be glad to
include such observations
as there in the work
of its agent.

Yours
J. D. Dawson

As the annual
meeting of the Society
will be held in May
18th a reply before that
time would be very acceptable
Yours
J. D.