

On board "La Canadienne"
Gaspé, 15th June 1871

Prin^l Dawson

M^r Gill College

Montreal.

Sir,

Your letter of last month has just come to hand and I am happy to say that it affords me much pleasure in receiving your friends on board "La Canadienne", and that I shall

do my utmost in making
their stay agreeable and giving
them all the facilities in
carrying out their operations
which cannot be but useful
to the country. But with all
my determination to make
Mr. Williams comfortable, it
will be impossible to give him
as much room as in a man of-
war or in one of our
magnificent river steamers,
the smallness of our cabins,
the impossibility for us to get
fresh meat and other delicacies,
the bad weather and continual
dangers of sea do not always

make life on board our small schooner as pleasant as could be wished for: our hardships and pleasures will also be theirs, but if anything goes wrong, they will have to attribute it to circumstances over which we have no control.

After asking the sailing master if we had any rope answering the description of the one spoken of in your letter, he informed me that, apart from what we might require in case of accident or for wear and tear in the ship, there was none that could be used for

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dredging: you will therefore please inform Mr. Williams that he will have to supply all necessaries.

I would have started to day for the Labrador coast but your letter as well as one from the Hon^{ble} Peter Mitchell oblige me to put off this trip for some weeks and change the programme of my cruise. To as not to loose any time and fulfill my different duties, I shall run up the Gulf to Father Point, where Mr. Williams and his assistant will meet me on the 5th of July. If per chance

we had not arrived they would not have to wait very long, for if it can be helped we shall not be a day behind time. The schooner will not remain long at ~~Lake~~ Father Point unless I get orders otherwise, and both these gentlemen will understand how important it is to try and get to the north shore before the foggy season begins.

They will be able to take the Gulf Port Steamer starting from Quebec on the 4th of July, land next morning at Father Point and start again

immediately for the North Shore
in "La Canadienne": while if
we had to go back to Gaspé
it would delay us for a
month and prevent my
visiting the fishing stations
at the right season.

This arrangement meets the
views of the Hon^{ble} Mr. Mitchell
and I hope it will also be found
acceptable by you.

Believe me

My dear Sir
Yours truly,

A. Laroc
Commander "La Canadienne"