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W. Dawson
dear Sir.

Many thanks
for your kind reply and directions
I have written to the Minister of
Agriculture for the Reports and
maps you referred to. Please
convey my gratitude to you
and Mr. G. W. D. for his kindness
in sending pamphlets - This
morning I rec^d. Report of pro-
gress for 1873-4 - Geological
Survey of Canada, in which
I find a great deal of valu-
able information, together
with the pamphlets - I am in
possession of a great deal
of information which country

people would like to have -
The only remaining point
on which I would like to see
intelligence upon is the climate.
Character - causes - probable
modifications ~~by~~ under the
forces of civilization such
as cultivation - drainage -
growth of trees - population -
- Why should the climate
in the Saskatchewan be
more severe than in the
same latitude in Asia?
Of course in Europe the
causes are evident -

Hence the brevity of my
Epistle I am thoroughly under
the weather by a severe cold.
Wishing you all the comforts
of the season and many returns
I remain yours truly
Donald Ross.

Rev Pop
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