

Aunt

Literary and Historical Society of Quebec,

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Principal Dawson  
Montreal

Dear Sir

Your favor of 27 ult  
has been duly received as  
also Dr G. M. Dawson's Paper  
on the "Past & Present condition  
of the Indians of Canada",  
for which our Society is  
much obliged. We shall  
be glad to receive the other  
papers you mention when  
published.

Yrs

The mail to your address  
today, for yourself & Dr Dawson,  
two copies of our last publica-  
-tion, being the 5<sup>th</sup> Series of  
Historical Documents, which  
we trust you may find inter-  
-esting.

Be good enough to convey  
to Dr Dawson the Society's  
thanks for his paper, and  
with thanks for the attention

I remain

Yours truly

W. H. S. P.

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The parcel p parcel-post went  
forward yesterday.

Quebec.

P.S.

Thinking it might possibly interest you I enclose herewith two photographs of a portrait of Zacharie Thé-lar-i-olin, hereditary chief of the Huron Indians at Lorette. This man, though entirely uneducated, has considerable natural ability as an artist and worker in all manner of Indian curiosities. The picture was painted by himself, although in order to make it a better likeness, and to correct some defects in the shading &c it

it was touched up afterwards by an artist, still the alterations were so slight that it can quite truthfully be called his own picture. The face is not a perfect resemblance, still the expression is more his than that of the photograph from life which I also enclose & which bears a fierce look not usual with the old man.

By the latter photo you will perceive that he is only a forlorn old man, much given to his national vice, intemperance, which keeps him in tatters & poverty. For much of this the misconduct of his wife some years ago (who I believe ran away with another man) may be the cause. His authority as chief is not now recognised. The man who is recognised  
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as chief now is Paul Tahourbencho  
alias Francois Xavier Picard,  
who was elected to that position,  
and being a man of some edu-  
-cation has generally looked  
after the business of the tribe.  
He is not full blood.

Zacharie is a quiet harm-  
-less, obliging man, with a  
very dejected air, always very  
glad to get any little job to  
do in the way of Indian work,  
and generally through his  
improvidence in debt to the  
storekeepers, from whom he  
gets advances, and who make  
him work very cheaply for  
them.

Interest attaches to him  
firstly I think through  
the natural ability with  
which he is endowed, but  
chiefly

chiefly owing to the fact that  
he is the last full-blood Indian  
belonging to this band at Lorette.  
He is known about Quebec  
as "the last of the Hurons".  
His father was a Huron,  
and his mother an Iroquois.  
All the rest of the band are  
more or less hybrid, and  
with him will die out the  
last link connecting this tribe  
with their former greatness.

Hamel, an artist of this  
city has sent a painting  
of him to the Canadian Academy  
of Arts. I thought you  
might probably like to have  
these photos.

Yours very truly  
J. H. H. H.