

217. Rideau St

Ottawa

May. 3. 80

My dear Sir,

I hope you will  
pardon the liberty I am  
taking in writing to you for  
some information. I  
may introduce myself by  
saying I graduated in  
medicine in McGill in  
1876 so that you are known  
to me though I may have

been forgotten long ago by  
me as one only connection  
was in the Botany class  
room.

I am interested in a  
measure in some property  
across the rim here among  
the Laurentian Hills  
which contains Asbestos  
& the point I wish to know  
is whether that mineral  
is likely to be found in  
fair quantities in one  
place or whether it has  
a tendency to be

spread as it covers a  
large area - and secondly  
what the best means to be  
adopted to separate it  
from the rock in which it  
is imbedded in order that  
it may be marketable -

I can find very  
little information about  
it - in the works I have  
consulted & hence this  
letter - Hoping you will  
pardon me I remain

J. H. Dewar. Esq.

Mobile Ala.  
March 1882

Yrs Sincerely

P. W. Powell,  
M.D.

*at Brussels*  
*May/80*

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