

Quebec

Quebec 4th May 1881-

My dear Dr. Dawson

I was not able to reply to your letter
received yesterday in time for the mail -

Referring again to the honors spoken of, there
is only one universal opinion here, among those
capable of judging, and Mr. Kinnicker arriving here this
morning added his testimony, that it was time that
science and literature should be distinguished, and
it could not be conferred on one better entitled to the
honour of knighthood than yourself - the Witness
and Globe concur, Globe says "The roll all
too short, alas! of distinguished Canadian scholars
contains no name worthy of distinction than
that of Dr. Dawson - I sincerely trust
Lord Sorn will distinguish himself by this
act of justice to yourself and McGill University -
I wish I had a telephone to tell ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~paper~~ ^{in his ear} -
When the Companionships were conferred on ~~these~~
Galt and George Cartier, they refused to accept ^{because}
they believed they were entitled to the higher honours

and they obtained them, but your modesty
I fear, would interfere with your doing what they
did. — but it might not be wise to refuse the lesser as no doubt it
would lead to the higher. —

Will you kindly hand the enclosed
Cheque to Mr. Baynes. I have not time
to write him.