

Rae

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4 Adolison Gardens

Keensington 26th June 1883

My Dear Principal Dawson

I received a letter from
Mr. Selwin yesterday on the
subject of a communication
of mine published in the
Canadian Gazette of the 3rd May
on the subject of the Hudsons
Bay route "in which among
other matters, he tells me that
"I mention statements made
by Dr. Dawson," and goes on to

ask me if I mean or allude
to Dr. G. M. Dawson one of the
Assistant Directors on my (Belwin's)
Staff or Mr S. J. Dawson M. P.

I am writing to Mr. Selwin
today saying that my young friend
Dr. G. M. Dawson is incapable of
making such erroneous assertions
as have been made about Hudson's
Bay, and ~~that~~ the first paragraph
in my letter to the (Canadian Gazette
of which I sent a copy) clearly shows
that Mr Dawson M. P. is meant -
besides Mr Selwin is inaccurate
for I nowhere mention a "Dr Dawson".

Of course it is of little consequence

to me, of how in fact, what
form of chart the gentleman
employed by the Geological Survey
may make of Heasours Bay and
its rivers, but when gentlemen
interested a railway scheme
on which they contemplate investing
large sums of money, and I find
on the chart handed to them by
the surveyor, a railway placed
on a river through and deep, a mile
or two wide, as being upon dry
land, it would not be fair to the
persons consulting me not to point
out the mistake -

I could point out many more
misstatements and exaggerations

connected with this Hudsons
Bay route, which show carelessness
or something worse -

No person could desire
to see this route work satisfactory
with greater pleasure than I
should, because I believe it
would be a great benefit
to the great N.W. but I do not
see my way clearly -

With kindest regards to
Mrs Dawson and other members
of your family

believe me

very sincerely yours

John Hay

P.S. I fear I may have the whole
Geological staff down upon me, but that
I cannot help. Hay