

Gilbert
May 1883

Harpenden
St. Albans
August 7, 1883

Dear Principal Dawson -

I fear you will think
me remiss in not earlier acknow-
ledging your kind letters of June 7
and June 11; the latter accom-
panying Mr. Lowe's reply (on
behalf of Mr. Pope) to yours in
reference to the conditions
of the distribution of our paper
in the Dominion.

I have in fact waited
until I could send a copy
of the English re-print of
the paper to you and to the
Minister of Agriculture,

and then reply to him with more
advantages.

I sent you a copy a
few days ago, and am about
to send one to Mr. Pope and one
to Mr. Lowe by this post. I
shall at the same time
write and inform them
that Mr. J. B. Lawes will
present 100 copies to the De-
partment at Ottawa, and give
them permission either to
print more themselves, or
to have more printed off here
at the cost of paper, printing
and binding, if they let us
know before the type is dis-
tributed.

I trust that this will relieve
you from any further action
in a matter, in which you
have shown so much kind
interest, and which I fear has
involved you in more trouble than
you had reason to expect.

I may mention that we
have not received any commu-
nication whatever from the
Department of Agriculture at
Washington & expecting that they
have sent us two copies of the United
report which included our own
paper, with the following note -
"The following paper, prepared for this
Country, and read before the American
Association for the Advancement of
Science in August 1882 is considered

an important addition to the views
of Professor Atwater contained in
this volume."

I am sorry to say that we shall
not have the pleasure of meeting Mrs
Dawson and yourself at Lambeth. I
have been overwhelmed with work
since my return from America
last November, and feel it quite
essential to get to the Mountains, &
not to involve myself in any work
during my holiday time, which I
should do if I went to the British Associa-
tion Meeting. We hope to leave home
in ten days or a fortnight, and do not
expect to return before the end of September.

Mr. Gilbert begs to join me in kindest
remembrances to Mrs Dawson & yourself,
and in the expression of a hope that if we
are at home when you are in the neigh-
bourhood of Lambeth, you will give us the
pleasure of seeing you there. Please
write a line here as to your movements, &
if you get no answer, you will know
that we have not returned.

I am, my dear Sir

Very sincerely Yours

J. W. Gilbert