

Ottawa
Ottawa, ~~for~~

23 Sept. 1884.

Dear Sir,

As President
of the Literary and Sci-
entific Society of Ottawa
I write to ask whether
you could, consistently
with your other engage-
ments, do the Society
the great kindness of
delivering a lecture
in their course during
the ensuing season.

I am sure you must
have very many in-
vitations of this nature
- many more than

you can by any possibility, comply with; but perhaps there are reasons why you might take a favorable view of the invitation of our Society. Ottawa and Montreal are yearly drawing closer together, as communications between them are improved, and Montreal as an elder sister, with vastly greater resources, might naturally be supposed to feel some interest in the literary institutions of Ottawa. Now the

Society on behalf of
which I write is really
a deserving one. For
many years without in-
termission it has pro-
vided lecture-courses
of a superior kind,
making the most of
"local talent", but await-
ing itself as much as
possible - also of help
from outside. I can
assure you for it that you
would be greeted here
by a large and appre-
ciative audience.

However I leave the
matter in your hands
feeling persuaded

that you will not re-
fuse our respectful
request without good
reason.

It is needless for me
to say that all expenses
of your visit would be
defrayed by our Society.

Very truly yours
W. D. Seavey

Principal Dawson
Montreal