

Rae

4 Addison Gardens
Kensington W. 11th Jan^y 1886

Dear Sir William

Your welcome letter of
the 29th ulto. was brought me
by this evening mail, and as
tomorrow is a post day for
Canada I reply at once.

I almost believe with
you that it is sometimes best
to let new opinions pass
by without notice, especially
so in my case with Greeley, to
which you refer, yet there are
such various opinions about
the Arctic and the ice there

that perhaps it is as well
to brush them out. My
position in the "Arctic" was
so far to the South of Guesly's,
that Nature's works may
have gone on differently, -
giving different results to
those observed by me.

I think you were right
to reply to Judd, as without
it, the readers of Nature not
well up in geology, may have
thought him right.

I need hardly say that it
will give me great pleasure
if I can find anything new
as regards the geology of the
Arctic basin, and communicate

it to you, but it is not likely
that Dr. George Dawson will have
missed anything up to date,
but if there has been later anything
fresh I shall not fail to write.

In the Manual of Instruction to
our Govt. Expedition to the Arctic
in 1875 - there are lots of odds and
ends on the Geology of the land in
the far North, probably these
have come under your
notice - The gradual rising of the
land even so far south as the
shores of Hudson's Bay, is a marked
feature on the northern coast
of America - I am told that
at Moose Factory (Lat 52° N)
since was there 140 years ago
the change is very great, and

flats that were covered at high
water, are now Islands with
good sized trees growing upon
them —

We were reminded of
you all, by the very pretty cards
sent us at Xmas which we
were much gratified by —

All join in kindest remembrance
and looking forward to the
pleasure of seeing ^{you} this Spring
or Summer - believe me

Very sincerely yours
John Rae

Sir J. W^m Dawson
Mc Gill College

P.S. Our dear old friend James
Sergiusson, passed away on Saturday
(9th inst) after a short illness - age 76. J.M.