

Perth 7th Janry 1889

Sir Wm Dawson,
Principal McGill College,
Montreal,

Sir William,

You will pardon the liberty I take in writing to you, but as I see no one interesting themselves in the matter I ventured upon writing to you about the extraordinary event that has in our Parish hundreds of people visit the place every day and the more we examine it the less we can explain it, In a farm near here a little before Xmas a large piece of the land of a Mrs Widow Saignes near the River Bayonne (a very small and shallow river Caved in) and at noon on New Years day a loud report was heard and about three acres in diameter going inland sunk about fifty or 60 feet deep carrying stables, sheds, Cattle &c &c down into the hole and then as if it was driven by some unseen element or some inexplicable cause, through a narrow opening into the river up and down and then across the river filling it up & driving the Clay over one hundred feet on the point of the land opposite

on the South Side of the river
filling a fine Saline Spring I
owned there (which you Analyzed years
ago at my late Fathers request the
Honble James Cuthbert) In fact it
is impossible to describe it, it must
be seen to realize it - And it must
be seen before the Snow Comes
the land is Cracked around the
place, it would only take you a
day to examine it, by taking the
8 O'Clock A.M. Train at Dalhousie
Square Station tomorrow Morning
you arrive at Berthier at 10,30 A.M.,
you have all the Afternoon to drive
out and examine the place and
return by the 6 P.M. Quebec Train
arriving in Montreal again by
8 P.M., I am certain if the Government
knew of it they would send to have
a Competent Report on it, It is more
than worth while coming to examine
and Study - Should you not be

Able to come you might send some
one to examine it but I am very
anxious you should see it yourself
before snow falls Heaven only knows
what will happen there this Spring
when the snow melts - and the
ground thaws -

Hoping you will come
& judge for yourself -

I remain
Yours truly
E. O. Cuthbert,
Esq. M. P.

~~C. M. West~~
Lavel & Lide
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