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4 Addison Gardens

Kensington W. 5<sup>th</sup> April 1889

My Dear Sir William

I am this forenoon favored  
with your most kind letter of the  
24<sup>th</sup> ulto. with sympathetic inquiries  
about my health, some unfavorable  
report of which has reached Canada  
by telegraph - I had rather a tough  
attack of bronchitis, which I tried to  
fight off for several days, but it was  
too strong for me, and I had to lie  
up for ten or twelve days not very  
comfortably - I am now however  
nearly all right again, and as  
the cold east winds that have  
recently

recently been prevalent, have  
for the present taken their  
departure, I hope to be all right  
in a few days - An epidemic  
of Pulmonary ailments has been  
~~known~~ abroad, and in some cases  
has proved fatal, but I am at a  
loss to know how my name got  
into the papers - It was not com-  
municated by any one in this House.

The list of Candidates for Fellowship  
of the R.S. (numbering 71) has reached me  
within the last two days, and Dr  
George's name, has a number of the  
most prominent names - especially  
Geological - attached, but the result  
so far, can scarcely be remotely



guessed at - Several of the names  
have been on the list for some  
years - I agree with you in  
thinking that a mild winter in  
Canada, cannot be called a blessing -  
The people of the North-west prairie  
lands are rejoicing over it, but I  
fear that there will be a prospect  
of more frequent frosts in summer -

Your son Dr. Rankin tells me  
he is about to pay a visit to Canada,  
What a large amount of interesting  
information he has picked up in  
his numerous voyages to the  
east - Mrs. Rae and her sister  
are well, and join me kindest  
remembrances to Lady Dawson  
yourself, and all members of the

family with whom we have  
the great pleasure of being  
acquainted. If Dr. George is  
within reach, offer him our  
kindest remembrances, and say  
that I read over his excellent  
evidence on the Schuette inquiry  
about the Great Mackenzie Basin  
with much pleasure and profit.

It large part of the evidence given  
was utter rubbish and might  
have been left out with advantage.

Believe me

very truly yours

John Rae

Sir J. W. Dawson F. R. S., &c. &c.

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