

"THE FLORENCE"
The Palace Hotel of Quebec

Quebec, 22nd Sept 1889.

To Sir William Dawson

Montreal

Dear Sir

I hope you will kindly forgive
the manner in which I sent you some
questions through M^r. Lambert in
Major Gen. Cameron's name. Gen. Cameron
& myself were telegraphed for to go to
Ottawa on Friday afternoon. We arrived
at Ottawa we found, on reporting
to Sir A. Caron, that we were to
come on here to report on the terrible
& unhappy disaster that has occurred.
~~We were anxious to go to the place~~ We were
anxious to procure all the information
we could about the place & went
to the Geological Museum, but alas it

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was a Saturday & every thing was shut up & no one knew the addresses of any of the authorities.

Our only hope was to throw ourselves on your kindness in passing through Quebec. But here we found that our trains allowed us no time to pay you a visit, & finding a fellow traveller, ~~who~~ Mr Lambert, who said he knew you, I took the liberty & asking him to be the bearer of our 4 questions addressed to you.

So I hope that under the circumstances you will kindly pardon the time & manner of my request & also my troubling you about the matter.
I try to remain yours very truly
C. B. Mayne Major R.E.

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