

(G. J. C.)

Willeau
Thursday afternoon.

Feb 22. 1877.

My dear Father,

I have received your letter of last week, enclosing the one you wished me to forward. I have done so, accompanying it with a few lines, in order that he might have my address in case it might be of any use to him to know of my being here.

The following is the result of our examination in Interior Navigation of Thursday last: -

	Lemaire	11
Abro	Margossoff	9
Dawson	Mironesco	15
Kramer	Switkowski	13.

There is some rumour here of a war between France & Prussia in the spring, & it seems that it must be acknowledged as a possible contingency. The German papers for some weeks have been very bitter in their tone, and contrast very markedly with the quiet & calm way in which the journals here speak of the subject. They say that Prussia Austria & England will be occupied with the Eastern question; from Italy they could only hope for neutrality; so that they would find themselves alone in face of Germany. It seems incredible considering the state of German finances, that they could engage in a war; but I dare say they are already thinking of the "cinq milliards" which they got out of the last one.

In regard to myself, it might make a difference in some of my plans, unless the French were victorious. But you must let me judge for myself in my arrangements. I think the Canadian press is somewhat tainted with the sensational style of our neighbours across the line, ^{which} ~~the~~ tries always to make things out to be worse than they are. The French at present, are certainly peacefully inclined, & it is to be hoped their conduct will prevail in preventing the Germans from picking a quarrel with them; but the whole question depends on so many contingencies it is hardly worth referring to at present.

Your affectionate son

William.