

McGill College.  
Montreal.

Aug 25/93

Dear George,

Yours of Aug 8<sup>th</sup> &  
 GA for Lake of woods  
 arrived safely and we hope  
 you will be by this time  
 back to head quarters safely  
 and well. I have just  
 returned from the American  
 Assocn at Portland,  
 It was a large meeting, and  
 there was much of interest;  
 but I stayed only four days  
 I learned many new facts  
 about Indian antiquities, a  
 subject on which I am now  
 writing a little; and had  
 an opportunity of inspecting  
 all the arrangements of the  
 (I hope you will see Morris  
 at Fort Sarry)

I saw & supper in my way to Portland &  
 mentioned to him my suspicion that you should  
 send little  
 notes of  
 anything  
 new which  
 he learned  
 at Portland  
 or Montpelier.

Coast trading steamer,  
I saw a great many <sup>of</sup>  
my old friends, and <sup>made</sup> some  
new ones; and on the  
whole was pleased with  
the meeting. There was  
quite a discussion on Fair  
Union in the meeting  
on Saturday, the most  
interesting feature in which  
to me was that of  
some new discoveries in  
the Mississippi Mounds  
indicating the character  
of the race and its  
antiquity.

I hope notwithstanding the  
straggling and disagreeable

The Indians, you will  
keep on good terms  
with them and gain  
their confidence. I fear  
they are not likely to  
be fairly dealt with  
by the American any  
more than by the  
States; and it would  
be well to know enough  
of their ways and notions  
to be able to put in  
a word for them by and  
by. Do not forget the  
greater antiquities, especially  
of the more ancient Peruvian  
States, if you can get any.  
In the coproduct there

was & he must chafe  
about Canadian & Belgian  
short news I saw, he;  
but I had to come  
away before it set in.  
Anything you can get into  
concerning the real age  
of the Crystalline & semi-  
crystalline rocks of your region  
will be very good. Selwyn  
was gone up the Saskatchewan  
with Bell. I go back  
to-day to N. de L. & we shall  
all come up about Sept. 30,  
so that letters sent at  
this time will reach us in  
Montreal.

Wishing you good speed  
and all success and prosperities  
Remain your loving father  
W. Dawson

I saw & suppose in my way to Montreal