

16 Canning St
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Dear Dawson,

I am afraid that you will be beginning to think that I have quite forgotten you, but when you hear the circumstances you will forgive me. I have had another accident!! not with ammoniac nor yet Nitro-Glycerine! As I was going into the office one morning (the very morning I received your letter) somehow or other got my first & middle finger in the door and oh the squash! It nearly took my middle finger off at the end, but it didn't so that now I am

suffering from a nail which with the exception of a little vital cohesion would tumble off so that now you can see the cause of the manly "fist" I write with two fingers.

With these few remarks on accidents and fingers in general let me call your attention to another startling fact. The Lake Superior was yesterday morning docked at Liverpool. She left Montreal Nov 19th got ashore off Longueile on the 20th & proceeded on the 21st, but such were the difficulties she encountered in the river that she did not leave Father Point until the last day in November. From Father Pt to Liverpool she made the astonishing passage of 16 days!! Mr. Thos Timmer of Montreal surprised us one day by his appearance at our

office. He has since been to London
& returned to Liverpool on Wednesday
last. — I have now quite a new
hobby; coins. Since I came home
I have have had a very nice cabinet
made for them. They are nearly all
English from William & Mary downward
I have 214 coins; currency value about
£ 3. 8. 0. by currency value I mean
that I count a shilling a shilling
no matter how rare. I enclose a
paper which I had sent to me from
London the other day. — The English Me-
chanic is a really good weekly paper.
Through its medium you may ask
any question you like which will be
answered the following week by one or
more of its numerous readers. I will send
you an odd number for you to look
at, and I am sure that you will
like it and at once become a sub-

scriber. I shall be glad to hear by
your next letter how you like it.
You may order it through any book-
seller 2^d per week. Do you remember
the artificial apple on the stove
what a stench it kicked up &
how it drove the captain out of
the cabin; also little Jack Selater.
I have still the horrible old butter-
nuts which I brought from Montreal
I eat one occasionally when I come
across the rotting heap in the yard.
I don't know what London weather
is like but Liverpool is dreadful
it had done nothing else but rain
for the last 14 days. I forgot to tell
you that the Lake Superior had had
a very rough voyage & had carried
away her "Cap" not at all unlikely
for a fellow to lose his cap in such
wind!!!! Hoping to hear from you soon
I remains Yours sincerely
Thos. Kimmer