

Saturday

April 25

1874.

My dear George

I sent off your filter papers last Saturday but had not time to write with them. I took the weights in grains as I thought you would probably want your final results in English measures. I made some mistakes at first, owing to an error in allowing for the value of the rider. I hope they may arrive in time to be of some use. I see that there have been great floods on the lower Mississippi, & so I suppose the rivers generally have broken up.

The river here began to
shove about the 18th and
now it is almost entirely
clear. It seems that
the ice bridge at Quebec
is still quite firm.

The only observations I
have made since you
left are as follows:—

Apr. 8 Long Sparrows return
" 13th First(?) Blue birds seen
" 15 Swallows return.

I suppose after this the
principal observations will
be in regard to the putting
in of different crops.

My examinations
are now over, the last
being yesterday. The results
are not declared till
Wednesday next so that
we have time to make
up our minds to the possible
alternatives.

Nothing special that I know of has been going on lately. We had the Group on the Steps for our album, taken this morning. Sophie is coming to stay here next week, & Judge Dunkin will be in town for a few days after the Convocation on Thursday.

I have not heard yet from Cape Breton, so that I cannot yet say what I am likely to do in the summer. They are talking of sending me down to see if I can get a house at Kamouraska after the Convocation.

Legge's report on the Northern Colonization was published as a supplement to the "Gazette" the other day.

It seems that he has been exploring a route which runs up the Ottawa about twice as far above Ottawa City as ~~from~~ it is from the mouth and then crossing the Ottawa & to the lake or rapids & down the French river to its mouth. The Ontario people object to the line avoiding their province altogether and the line is also much longer than that to Parry sound. I also got a copy of the report on the Baie Verte Canal, a rather Paper did.

The great talk at present is about the Dougall libel case. The jury returning a verdict of "Not Guilty" on behalf of the Plaintiff shows their sagacity & appreciation of the case, & also reflects

great credit on Judge
Ramsay's choice. A meeting
was held the other night to
protest against the present
jury & libel laws, & it is
to be hoped something will
be done in the matter.

The following is a list of
the photographs I would like.

Boundary Mound
Cane building
Beaver dam
Meridian Line, L. of Woods
Reference Monument, N.W. Angle
Triangulation scaffold, N.W. Angle
Bridge, White Mouth R.

I hope next time I write, to
be able to tell you the results

I remain

Your affect. brother

William.

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P.S. Papa says that
your two papers are in
type, & he hopes to send
you proofs next week.

Your report is in the
printer's hands.

Monday

We have had a heavy snow-
storm yesterday. It must
have begun about 1 or 2 o'clock
Sunday morning. In the afternoon
it was blowing hard
from a little S. of North &
about 3" snow fell. About 4 P.M.
It changed to rain & then
cleared. This morning it is
clear with a west wind but
the ground all white.

Grandma has not had time
to write yet. Received your letter.