

Three Rivers July 31.

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Dear Sir

I have been engaged in ~~the~~ a geological examination of the country in the vicinity of the ^{west of the} line, during this, & part of last summer, I am anxious of the conclusion of this seasons survey, at the Rocky Mts. to choose a new route of return to the Red River & one on which I may hope to obtain additional information on the structure of the Country. Capt. Cameron has suggested that this object might more easily be attained by moving in conjunction with your

^{party}
Should I obtain your permission to do so. I would be glad to travel back

74 either by the Fort Alice trail, or
by that to Edmonton on the Saskatchewan.

It is impossible yet to tell when we
shall reach the Mountains, but there
will no doubt be ^{other} chances of
communicating during next month.

In the event of any definite
arrangement being made I should
be glad to know the time likely to be
occupied by the journey that I may
manage by rationing accordingly.

Yours very truly

J. M. Dawson

Lt-Col French.

Commissioner of Police.



To Col. French
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