

Dufferin Manitoba Canada.

Nov. 6. '91.

Dear Sir,

I enclose a cheque for \$2⁴⁴.

in aid of the Fair of your charges by
Alway at Winnipeg and I suppose
at some future date you will have to
return it - me and all the outfit-work
will have to be done over again as usual
in this cursed Commission - Things are
dull up here - very much so - Burgess is
hard at work at some frightful report
on the sanitary concerns of the Commission
and as usual this unfortunate devil has had

to supply the information - he holds daily
conversations with Wilman in wh. they indulge
in word. nearly as long - not quite - as you
do - if he is laboring under the delusion
that any one except the Journal. will read
it - he is mistaken - The best of the
Poor unfortunates in Exeter here comprise
the Board in the Wretched Archdeacon's ages
Great-big gilt-edged volumes are carried
about - in a mysterious manner. & you occasionally
see a member with a pile of papers with a
careworn look. but what - is the result
I have not yet heard - the betting of course
is in favor of their not being able to make
head or tail of the books. - The other
day I passed the board room. (the museum)
and put my head. into the window

Saw the Board at work (?). Each
working member was sitting round the
table - chairs tilted à la Yankee, and
six feet on the table. in each member's
lap was a large volume. containing figures
the working president King was smoking a
very long clay pipe and Ashe was indulging
in a quiet-smoker with a very short clay - the
other member Carter was gesticulating - he
asking the how they were getting on. I
was told "Stuck again its awful".

Worswell has been busy with a que and
Merrellus with a bad leg. - The Comd. is
engaged in writing reports to a thousand people
I should think by the amount of fool caps he
is getting thro' - he said he had not room
in my office and so he had accumulated

the drawing room - the dining table of which

is literally strewn with documents -

the wretched Latin has to copy them

spite him rather more than the

persons to whom they are addressed.

A suspicion has crossed my mind

that you won't be able to read this

though having gone through a course

of your father's letters must have

made you an adept at deciphering

most anything - Hope you are

enjoying yourself more than we are

I remain

Y^r sincerely

Alw^d Ward^d