

Mordecai Bishop

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My dear Dawson -

I was very glad indeed to get your letter - many thanks for it -

It came as a most welcome assurance that although the great ocean rolled between, I was not yet quite forgotten by my good friends on the N. A. B. C. -

No doubt everything was all for the best - though I should much have liked to have been your fellow traveller down from Dufferin -

As it was I got on very well with my man Dyer - and fortunately got safe across the great seas before all these late awful storms came on -

You may imagine what a relief it is to have done with travelling now for a while -



I shall ever remember the  
warm cordial greeting Mrs  
Gawron gave me when I met  
the happiness of seeing her on  
my way through Montreal -  
and I can not regret that  
with my time & my health  
prevented my expressing her  
proffered hospitality - she  
was indeed most kind - a  
kind reception of me when I

called quite won the heart of  
my father in law who was with  
me - Charles Mann - <sup>to say nothing</sup>  
I do hope he has found time <sup>of my own</sup>  
to call at McGill College again  
for I should be exceedingly glad  
if I could thank of his having  
served you as one of his  
friends -

He is now in Montreal, walking  
not his own way in the world - and



I should be so pleased to know  
you had met him & talked him -  
- all these things set best in your  
abroad - like a dream - quite a  
dream some time of it - when I  
was so ill - but it is an exceedingly  
pleasant dream to live in now &  
then - How much I should like  
to be quietly in a corner where you  
are arranging & working out all  
the natural history of the Prairie.  
- Cameron asked me to put into  
writing my little story of the Plains  
& the Indians - and perhaps  
some day I may...

Miss  
4 min -

Can you send me some day a good  
photo of yourself - I should  
so much like to have it -  
I have written to Toronto for some of  
myself - & when I get them I will  
try your acceptance of me -  
many & many a night thought me



a remembrance of the NW West  
with many me - and I do want  
a photo. of each of my friends  
not there -

So remember me most kindly to  
any of the Commission you may  
chance to see - and offer my  
kindest regards & compliments  
to Dr. Dawson - Mrs. Dawson &  
your sister -

I was so glad  
to see how well Miss Dawson  
looked after her severe illness -  
It was <sup>and</sup> interesting to find that our  
respective sensations in the Dark  
Valley of The Shadow were so  
similar - only she was ten  
times better than I -

I have had a couple of letters  
from Wadd since I came home -  
his last letter was written in low  
spirits - He was evidently quite  
out of sorts - produced as usual by



2. So many going away, and  
by the pressure of 'Circumstances  
on the Brain' —

We saw a terrible account of  
the unfortunates sitting in solemn  
silence on Kerschmer's Bunks —

I am very thankful that I have  
nothing further to do with the  
State Leader —

How regretted Kerschmer sincerely  
must be to have all these business  
over —

I pity Alena very much being  
left up there as he is — He is

lucky to meet in having a  
good wife — & he is all right —

Whenever you feel disposed  
to write — even one or two lines — I

can advise you. I should be  
regretted to be forgotten — and

I must beg that you are never  
to come to England without bringing

~~me~~ — I hope you won't be



going to cure my melancholic parts  
again - yet a while -

- You have had plenty of sleeping  
it - on the "back board" -

I am rather curious to know  
how everything was wound up  
at Duffield - Perhaps it is  
not yet well wound up!

Don't forget the photo. please -

I am very glad I have your  
little scratch of the Hudson  
Bay Fort - Do you remember

our going over together? my  
last drive at Duffield I think.

- I am getting on very well - &  
am wonderfully better - my eye  
is wide open now - but is yet a

little weak - & I cannot use it -

much - Of course I have to be  
very quiet - & I am literally

wondering but submit graciously (!)



to being "made much of" -  
- of course all the anxieties here  
were very great after they first  
heard of my fall. -

I hope you are all right - & will  
continue to be so - and I  
wish you all every Christmas  
joy - yours very truly  
J. J. Howe.

My wife desires best wishes  
& kindest remembrances - she  
does not forget Mrs. Dawson's  
kindness when in Montreal -



