

Montreal May 19th 1892.

P.S. My sincere
thanks for your letter
of May 5th p. 10.

My dear George,

We were all pleased
& gratified to see you letting us know
something of your landing, your journey
to Louloue & Comptable temporary dwellings
at the Westminster Palace Hotel. Mr. Peter
Reppert, who lunched with us yesterday,
said that that hotel was an historical
one in connection with Canada as in
it Confederation & several other important
matters relating to Canada had been decided.
I think Sir G. Baden Powell & Haps might
be bucketed together as types of English
activity. Were the latter keeps himself constantly
in a state of vigorous pressing occupations

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Being fond of Campfire is his ex-
plants it takes the strength of both Bernard
& Rankine to keep him supplied. Fortunately
by the weather has been charming, cool
with high sunshine. The willows & early
maples are in leaf & the later trees in
full leaf with some opened. Hyacinths
abundant & a few Columbinas in blossom.

Lying up on the grounds around
the new Engineering buildings is going
on & it gives daily pleasure to watch
one come after another getting levelled
or saddled as otherwise improved.

James Parton & Rankine went last week
to Ottawa to be present at a dinner given
by the Mc Gill College graduates wh. passed
off pleasantly enough. This Mr. Parton
has gone to Quebec on important business
connected with the Council of Public Instruc-
tion. I will not return until Saturday

He is feeling very tired, - for since the
 sessional work has closed an unusual
 amount of general arrangement & other
 matters have arisen, so I am of late three
 he will have a few hours mustal rest on
 the railway. Last night we dined with
 Mrs Mary Doble - to having the pleasure of
 seeing their quaint house & its tasteful
 furnishings - it is quite pretty. & Mr. D. & Mary
 make admirable host & hostess, it gave us
 further opportunity of intercourse with Mr P.R.
 & he is a delightful man to have a talk with
 he hopes to see you in London on his
 return. he sails again for England on
 Wed: the 25th - and, he dines with us on that
 day, it must be a day or two later. Rankine
 who proposes to sail this week (I understand)
 can not get a berth & has postponed going
 for two weeks. but there is so much coming &
 going & opportunities to ask questions so rare that
 I hesitate to assert decisions. He & people saw
 Lord Stanley when in Ottawa & spoke to him

above the wish to have a patient as medical
 man to an Embassy & since their return he
 has in the most kind way written & en-
 closed three letters of introduction to people
 in London who he thinks may have
 influence in this matter. It is so necessary
 that R. shd. hate himself that I offer not
 a word of objection to this plan, but I need
 hardly say how much easier I wd like to
 have him willing to settle in his own Country
 & amongst his own people. I shd. this effort
 fail he promises to do; first pushing Daddy
 to his knowledge to fit him to do so creditably.
 Anna & her household are all well. Florence
 & Will settled in their new house & delight
 with the change. I have not yet had the
 chance of going to see it. Even the most
 attractive holy keep me lively - many friends
 come to see them & a goodly number have
 asked Hope & D. to dine with them. With love fr
 D. & myself & all good wishes for your happiness & the prospering
 of your mission I am as ever your affectionate
 Mother.