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Rock Ferry
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Dear George,

We have been knocking
about so much lately that
I fear I have neglected to
write to you & others at
home. We do not settle
for a week at Mrs. Crowe's,
after which we hope to
be with Eva again for a
little perhaps at some quiet
country place where she may
be quiet and we may
have absolute rest before
the B. A. Meeting.

The Map arrived safe,
and I shall hope to show it
to some of the leading geologists
at the meeting. It is a
good contribution to Canadian

geology and should be especially useful to all classes in Montreal. This is just the thing I should like to show the relations of the Great plain of the St Lawrence with the belt of regions on either side.

I hope you will have a pleasant visit to Nova Scotia, and will be able to spend a few days at Metis en route. I would ask your especial attention to the New Glasgow Conglomerate. I think it has been misinterpreted; but will not give you

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the benefit of my interpretation, any more than
 to say that in my judgment
 its age is that of the upper
 part of the Millstone Grit
 and that it has a similar
 relation to that of the
 Anticlinal of Millstone
 Grit near North Sydney to
 the Consett pit beds on one
 side and the glauconite beds
 on the other. In any case
 it is certain that the im-
 mensely developed coal measures
 of the Albin mines on one
 side and the depauperated
 coal measures on the other
 or north side are in regard
 to fossils peering of the

same age, and that
the latter are continuous
with the Coal Measures
upper Coal formation and
Permian carboniferous of
the Cumberland and
New Brunswick areas,
which are throughout
of similar character.
In local relations however
the Springhill beds are ana-
logous to the smaller
scale to the Albin mines
area. The whole phenomena
are dependent on the
existence of ridges of older
rocks as land in the
coal formation period, as I
argued against Seeley many
years ago. (See Canadian Geology, Fisheries
division the Carboniferous)

I hope before this reaches
you, you will have visited
our people at Metis, and
will have found them well
and happy. Our waiting
over winter September seems
a neglect of them; but
we think it will be better
for us than rushing over and
then down to Metis in the
beginning of Sept, or than
staying in Montreal in the
heat at that time; and
it will give me an oppor-
tunity to see some old friends
and also the new men who
are coming up, before they
go to Canada next year.
When you return to Ottawa,
if Bourinot is in town, will you
kindly say to him, that I am
truly desiring my Metis spouses

with Hinde and with Rauff
of Bonn, the two best all
things, so as to have all
as certain as possible; and
I should prefer, if not too late,
to bring it out with me ready
for the press in the first
week of October. In any
case I wish to make it as
as complete as possible.

I have been watching what
is said of the new Government,
but suppose its action now will
be to hold a short session, to
pass the estimates, and to take
a little time before entering on
its great measures of "reform"
In any case I hope it will not
find need to change in your
department, and it would be
too much to hope that it can
spare any money for extension or
improvement. With love from mamma
and hope & kind regards from the Cousins
Ever yours
John Dawson