

293. University St.
Montreal.

Sept-11/97

Dear George,

We returned to
 Montreal on Thursday evening
 last - that is Mamma, Ruthless
 and I. The Harringtons returned
 on Friday and were up
 fortunate as to time, for
 while we were on time, that
 is in by 10 Pm, they did
 not get home till about
 1 a m. We however had
 a day of intense heat in
 Friday in Montreal, whereas
 they arrived in a pleasant
 temperature which was

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and three or four or five
cases. I think they would
be well suited, and perhaps
you might put his name
on your list for such things
and mention him specially
to Mr. Whitehouse for copies of
any of his papers or cases.

I had a visit to-day
from Mrs. Leach, wife of the
brother of our old friend Dr.
Leach, who desired to inform
me that her son William
Leach, one of our many
graduates, has been working
for two summers under Mr.
Emmell as B. C. and likes
all send his address.

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It occurs to me to say
that the facts you so
skillfully and carefully reveal
cost much and skilful
labour, ~~but~~ as well as ~~collections~~
and arrangements that
no one but yourself could
have carried out with the
means and in the ^{time}.
I pointed out to Row ^{in reading the article}
that they ^{really refer to} ~~depend on~~ a
Report of 170 pages and
several maps, and that
your statements as to climate
and means of subsistence
are based on collections

all this as matter of course,
and, like some heroes
of antiquity is admitted
into the presence of the
demigods of the world without
flinching it,

Similar thoughts impinged
me when I read Williams
^{memoirs} letters in the Island of
St Pauls, and his elaborate
report on the tides and
currents, and compare them
with Dr Louis Jaries' blatant
utterances about New lights
waves and fog-horns, as
parents in us absolute
ignorance as any old savage
of last Century as to the

of plants the lists of which
fill ~~several~~^{many} pages and in
Meteorological observations
extending over the whole
time your parties were in
the County while in ad-
dition to your own geo-
logical and geographical
work, there are collections
of rocks and minerals,
chemicals and micro-
scopically examined, of
plants determined, of ethno-
logical data for the study
of and intercourse with the
aborigines, and all this
the work of a very few men.

to a great extent extemporizing
their means of subsistence
^{obscuration} and locomotion in a trackless
country. I believe that no
other men than yourself and
your assistants could have
done so much and so well,
and I take some credit to
myself for having aided
in training men capable
of such work, unscrupled
I believe elsewhere, and
now giving the information
necessary to occupy the
country for practical pur-
poses. Yet the interesting
newspaper man takes

actual emblems of safe
 navigation of the St
 Lawrence. But wit
 ever is in this silly and
 unlearned world, in which
 good men must ~~ever~~
 be content to work for
 the sake of some good,
 and without any adequate
 credit, which the ~~the~~
^{"profession"} "negligence" of well public
 men and literary scribes
 has not and cannot
 have the sense to give.
 The millennium of science
 has not arrived any more
 than that of Religion.
 I am writing this without

Running where it may
find you, but in the
hope that by God's
goodness you may be
well and safe, and
may have had a pleasant
and profitable time
with the B.A. party.

Runkine is to be
in Ottawa on Monday
and will take this and
endeavour to have it
replied addressed. Forwarded

We all send our
love and good wishes

Ever yours
JMS