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Dear George,

I have now  
devised a new, & as I  
think, better way of  
bringing out the auto-  
biography -  
It is this, to have no  
publishers, but to publish  
it ourselves.

The title page wd thus  
be: - "Edited & published  
by, - His Sons,  
or  
by, - (names in full.)

2, I made enquiries  
today, & shall receive  
specification tomorrow,  
for an edition of 1200,  
well done, with four  
plates, - the total cost  
including printing, binding,  
paper, proof reading &c. &c  
will be \$500 to \$600.  
(Cheaper five than six)  
Including packing, freight  
&c. we can easily supply  
a bookseller in Montreal  
with these books at under  
50 cts a copy - He w<sup>d</sup> sell  
at 75 cts, They w<sup>d</sup> thus be  
75 cts - Mont<sup>l</sup> & \$1<sup>00</sup> elsewhere.

I sd suggest Reouf,  
who is a decent, honest  
little man, - Dawson's  
head clerk for 20 years &  
always looked after Father's  
orders & accounts.

If you care to go half  
shares with me, do so,  
otherwise I am quite pre-  
pared to do it "all alone"  
as baby says.

We wd make no profit,  
but perhaps a perquisite  
of 50 copies a piece for  
distribution amongst  
friends -  
The g<sup>t</sup> thing at present

Seems to me to get the  
M.S. into final shape.

I am satisfied with it  
as it is. If you & Mother  
are not satisfied, why  
not put it right at  
once. Any improvements  
will, <sup>of course</sup> be welcomed by me.

But mere procrastination  
and delay, so far as I  
can see, serve no purpose  
whatever — It ought, in  
my opinion to be on sale  
before Xmas.

What I do not know,  
but you can easily find  
out, is this: — whether this  
arrangement will in any  
way run counter to that

57 Canadian

copy-right law, &  
what on a definition,  
if any, will be  
necessary in order to  
conform to this statute.

Extensive prepar-  
ations are under way  
here, to welcome back  
on Saturday next,  
the C. I. V. regiment  
on its return from  
S. Africa.

Later, some 5,000

Colonial troops,  
selected & representative  
are to be "guests of  
the Nation" on their  
return, & will be  
most royally received  
& entertained.

Trusting to hear from you  
soon, & to receive revised  
& completed MSS,

As always,

Yours sincerely,  
Rankine

