

4 Addison Gardens
Kensington 15th May 1892

Dear Dr. Dawson

I thank you so
much for sending me your
admirable and interesting
paper on the "Muswah people"
which I have just finished
reading with much pleasure
and profit - All I saw of these
people was at the Yellow Head
pass on the Fraser River in 1864
when on a telegraph survey -

They were I hoped, to have
accompanied us as guides
down the Fraser R. but could
not

not come, as they were going
with their families to another
part of the country, as they found
food scarce and difficult to be
got where they went - I however
bought two of their deep cut
canoes, but then had a difficulty
with one - or two of my men
who had been engaged^a to go down
the river with me, - on hearing
that we would have no guides,
they flunked it and declined to
go - In beating up for recruits
two fine young fellows volun-
teered, and were promised the
increased pay for which the
cowards were engaged for -

It was exciting work running

Some of the vessels, well known as
they were to us all, and one of the
Canoes. (The one that took the lead,
was a very small affair, we however
got down without any accident,
part of the distance having been
done with our companions only,
the others being sent back from the
first H.B. post we came to - and
Curiously enough these four
fellows got to Calton House earlier
I catch up on the very day
I named to the C.T. in charge there
on my outward journey - of
course, pretty well, mere guess
work - Supposing you to be
still at W. P. Hotel, I address this to
you there - Are you going to the
Meeting of the R.S. on Thursday?
I shall probably be there

With all kind regards

Believe me

Very sincerely yours

John W. Pease