

Kaslo's Hotel

Saturday 27 August

My dear Sir

Though I wish to go to Quebec to night, I wish still more to have an opportunity of conversing with you after having reflected on the subject of our last night's conversation.

Upon principles of policy there is, I think, no difference of opinion between us - unless it be that I may go somewhat further than you with respect to the conditions upon which any leading

Canadian ought to take office, &
also with respect to the share of
influence in the Government which
ought to be awarded to the Canadian
party. But on the question of
the means of giving effect to our
views, we are both without a
settled opinion. I should be very
glad if we could agree on this point.

Supposing that we had so
agreed, I should be ready to act,
wherever action of any kind
promise to be of use, in helping
to produce the results which we
equally desire. But I am so thoroughly
afraid of becoming a party in any
negotiations by which the Canadians
might

might be misled or disappointed, that
I will not take the part of a
go-between between them & the
Governor or any body else. If I
act at all, it shall be as the
avowed friend of the Canadian
party, as one of themselves, bound
never to take any step without
their full knowledge & approval
& to communicate to them without
the least reserve whatever may in
any way come to my knowledge
in the course of events. I could
easily explain to you how in
this way, I might be able to
exert an influence powerful for
good: and this explanation, I wish,
my hand being crippled, to give
you

you by word of mouth, after
coming to an understanding about
immediate objects.

Will you therefore be
so good as to say when & where
it would suit your convenience
that we should meet?

Believe me to remain,

Yours very truly

H. J. Wehebell.