

Kildonan House

Red River Nov 19th 1864

My Dear Mr McLean

Your very welcome letter of Oct 23rd came to hand on Saturday morning (16th). The same evening brought a large batch of letters from Mr Roberts Mission one of which addressed to Mr Reid you will likely see - I forward it by tomorrow's mail. Yours to him I shall have an opportunity of sending about the 10th proximo. In the meantime I may say the brethren there are all well and things progressing favorably. Their goods had just arrived - partly they had got wet in the South Branch but no serious damage done. Some of the flour was broken - no wonder after joggling in Red River carts over prairie roads for 800 miles. They do not expect to get their large houses finished this fall - only a single back room which with their present accommodations must suffice for another winter - crops very good - school succeeding well

I Am sorry you have not succeeded in finding
an additional minister for Red River especially
As Mr Matheson continues poorly. He has
not been able for duty for two sabbaths past
and I am afraid will be permanently dis-
cated. And here the climate & the work are both
trying. I hope Mr Richard, will decide to
come. There is of course no hope of any one
getting through this fall - but let him read
M'Leod about the first week of June and
there will be opportunities enough.

I have to thank your Committee for their
liberality in voting \$80 toward my expenses.
I yesterday drew for \$16 - or \$77.84 which
as I understand the Com. intended to pay me half
my expenses is quite up to the mark if not beyond
it. As to taxing the collectors for the remainder
I have already taxed them for expenses of actual
expenses of collection. I may possibly take a
few dollars more as the Com. think it fair
but at the very utmost not more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of
my remaining expenses. I feel a little poor
just now as I lose some \$1300 by the com-
mercial bank.

I saw Dr McSmyal on his way to Canada
and spoke to him on the Edmonton matter
I suspect they are not disposed to fix it up.
As to Mr Flett not giving warning as to
leaving the Mission, I believe he did so
as soon as his mind was made up on
the matter. As to which party is chiefly to
blame I really am at a loss to know. I think
likely I have offended both parties by plain speaking
in regard to it. Both feel aggrieved at the cir-
cumstances of their parting - and both will be
sufferers by it. The fact is I believe there is
between Mr D. & George such an "incompat-
ibility of tempers" that we should never have
brought them together.

We are all well - The churches remarkably fine
Congregations very full. All peaceful.
Worship to visitations. Mr W. unable to go
with me about year.

Kindest remembrance to yourself and
Mrs McEwan.

Yours very truly

Mr Matthews complains that
he never hears from you

J Black