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Good Morning
Cousin Isaac:

About the salutation - some years ago I conceived a pronounced dislike to be called 'Dear Mr. Francis' or even 'Dear Sir' and decided that I would not be slave to that formality. It didn't mean anything and besides as a letter I was going into some one's home or office and I certainly would not enter exclaiming 'Dear Mr. Pedlow'. Since letters are usually received in the morning, the salutation is timely, cheerful and, for a letter, quite different. It is effective for it places our product and the personnel of the company firmly in the minds and memory of people we want to reach. It may surprise you to know that some of my correspondents address me with 'Good Afternoon' and one of my friends in Ecuador uses 'Good Night' --- so you see, it pays to be polite and different.

I was very much shocked to learn that Alex Fraser left us. He was a man that took my fancy because of his hobbies, his genius and his genuine friendliness. It was my hope that I should have the pleasure of visiting with him, because there are many things my wife and I would like to clear up and arrange in some order for our own satisfaction, at least. Mr. Fraser may have been a relative of my wife's for she has heard her mother, now dead, speak of Frasers back in Canada, one of whom married a McDonald, of which clan she came. It is my belief that Mr. Fraser was born in the same 'neck of the woods' - could you find an old Mercury (Local Newspaper) that contained his obituary? Would like to read it.

I envy you your trips back to the 'auld sod' and can well imagine the mixed feelings you would have in viewing the place once dear to our ancestors. I wonder if I had Senator Douglas's address I could 'ferret out' some of

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the information relative to the James Francis. An old letter from Thos. Pedlow (did I ever send you a copy of it) speaks about the Greers and Atty Meginass(sp??) who might have married the daughters of James Francis - also about Rachel Stewart. Tell me about the senator, please ?

When you were in Lissacurran did you visit the cemetary to get the information on the stone? If one were to make enquiry of the records of those early days, to whom would he write?

I note the tile of the book we have about Bathurst County is written by Hayden - so it must be the same. My wife has gotten a lively imagination and is naturally interested in such places as 'McDonald's Corners, the Duncan McDonald, who may have been a great-uncle, John McDonald, etc..

I am glad to get the name of George Francis, who must be getting along in years. I wrote him yesterday and am sending the family 'tree' as much as I have of it, copies of letters written by James Francis to his brother Elisha at Pawtucket, R.I. and vice versa, also copy of the letter written by Thos. Pedlow to James Francis, his uncle.

If I keep at it I may make you as curious as myself in these genealogy matters.

Would you be kind enough to type the contents of the letters you speak of - the one from your grandfather Pedlow to James Francis. These letters I have do not have postage stamps either, and two of them are the combination letter and envelope, while one has an envelope but no stamps.

What I am eager to get is a letter with one of the first stamps used and, to be sure, of all later ones. Speaking of stamps, see if you can get any from some of the older inhabitants, or families. Webster says: a hobby is a mild mania !! Guess I've got it and it can't be helped !!!!

It seems to me that now is the time for you to enjoy life and if you have nothing to disturb the even tenor of your way you could serve your country well at Ottawa and get a great deal of enjoyment out of the fellowship. Here's to your success. You can rest assured that when we do make a trip to Canada we will be come to have that chat you speak of.

Cordially,

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