

The Colonist.

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SIR JOHN'S LAST LETTER.

The great charm of Sir John Macdonald was his geniality. He had always a pleasant and a kindly word for his friends and supporters. In his business intercourse with the men of his party he was the reverse of a formalist. He was never afraid to be natural, and was humorous and jolly even in his office and during office hours.

Barncliffe, Ottawa, May 19, 1891.

My Dear Robson: It has occurred to me that the present would be an opportune season for your Government to discuss with ours the various questions still unsettled between them.

Yours sincerely, John A. Macdonald, The Hon. John Robson, Premier, etc., Victoria, B.C.

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