

July 25th, 1932.

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My dear President:-

I am exceedingly grateful for your letter of July 22nd with the half fare passes enclosed. I am sorry that it is impossible to sail on the "NEW NORTHLAND" to-morrow. The apparatus is not yet ready and cannot be completed anywhere but here. It will be a great disappointment to our people.

The opportunity of making observations of the eclipse in Canada may never come again. Only recently I noted this sentence in the "Proceedings of the Royal Society" - "In the forthcoming eclipse on August 31st, 1932, totality occurs after noon so that it will be possible to make observations over the whole period in which particle and ultra-violet light eclipses are to be expected, and we wish to draw attention to the importance of this opportunity of deciding between the rival theories." Apparently it is an opportunity which scientists cannot afford to miss.

The party hoped to get accommodation on the "NEW NORTHLAND" sailing August 10th - that is the boat they had planned to take. Can you possibly squeeze these two men in on the "NEW NORTHLAND" on August 10th? If so, the University, scientific men in Montreal and elsewhere will be forever grateful.

I return herewith the passes for July 26th.

Yours faithfully,

Principal.