

River View

Oct 26th 1881.

My Dear John:

I hasten to write to you first, hoping to find you enjoying good health. I know you will be glad to hear my anxiety about my wife's state of health is now ended I. God. Last Tuesday she took unwell and I went at once to town for the Doctor. He is a very skilful young man and has great practice here as a Lady's Doctor. He made no delay till he saw her and then went away again saying his services would not be required for some hours. When she got bad again I went for him but he was out and again he got here there was a young Son arrived before him, but of course his services was most needed at the time. Since then the Mother & Son are improving daily I. God. and I assure you I feel it a great relief to my mind to be over that anxiety. At the time of the typhoid fever I had a great care on my mind as the river had over flowed its banks and was half round my house. That I did not mind so much as the thought of having to move them all out if it got

worse as before, but I. God it did not oblige me
as it is now going down fast each day. It is
an old songing and a true one. When one trouble
comes alone, As Sunday was a fine day we
got the young Stranger christened and called him
John. Of course we naturally felt a kind of proud
of him (as the say here) he been the first young son
of his and am beginning to think I am becoming
an ancient member of Society. having now two
young daughters and a young son to look out
for. There is one satisfaction if the Lord spares
them. They will have a better opportunity here of
advancing themselves than ever they could in the
old Country. All our healths are well at present
except your humble servant who is bad with a
cold in my throat and chest. but I am trying
to fight it off and trying the cold water remedy
as a cure. There are a great many people here
complaining of colds of late, which is owing to the
many changes the weather takes and it is
expected there will be snow before another month.

It is expected this winter will be bad on
the poor people as everything is so unusually dear.
The potatoes are now a dollar a bushell that could

be got this time twelve months for twenty five
cents. and everything likewise advanced in price.
It is thought it is owing to the failure of crops which
is a great loss to poor people who depending on them.

Of late our women hearing so much here of Prairie
life and sufferings, have the greatest objection to
try it next Spring. and as it would be of no use
in us two trying it without them. we were thinking
if possible to put them into business in St. Paul which
they would much rather prefer. Of course I admit
it is an unexpected disappointment. Not going next
Spring as arranged. after your kindness in enalling
us to do so. but when all is taken into account, perhaps
it is all for the better. as if anything happened
to them or our little family afterwards we would
ever regret forcing them to it against their wishes.

I know that Bishop Ireland thinks there is nothing
better for people than go on the land. but all our
great business men here in St. Pauls make their
money in Shop business and as the trade is yearly
increasing. there is every hope of people succeeding
by perseverance and correctness. As my wife was
brought up to Shop business at home. she is most
anxious to try it in St Pauls if I could put her into

it which is impossible at present as I have
not the means to enable me. but should you
be pleased to advance me what would do it I
would gratefully repay it to you as soon as I could.

Since I last wrote to you I have got appointed
as Collector for the Globe Newspaper, which along
with the Book Agency would be a good help to my
wife if I had her in business. I could rent
this place for the present until I would get a fair
offer for it and then sell it out.

I see by the
Telegraph reports in the papers here that the English
Government is now determined to stamp out the League
business and are taking active measures to suppress
it. it would be better for the people who are not satisfied
with what Government is anxious to do for them to quit
the old Country and come here where there is no
contention and every chance of them bettering their
condition.

I hope you will keep yourself out
of any trouble and not expose yourself to any
danger. May the Lord protect you from all harm.
That is my constant prayers for you. Hoping soon to hear
from you a favourable answer.

P.S. I hope you got my last note
I sent lately also one to Mr.

Barry.

Remaining as ever

Your devotedly attached

Patrick Dempsey.