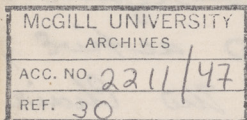


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Birkhill, Hope Terrace  
Edinburgh 21<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1870



My dear Sir, I duly received your letters of the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> November, but only recently got the package advised as sent off in the last of these letters.

I have received from Messrs. Dawson Brothers, Montreal Vols. I, II, and III of the "Canadian Naturalist" sent I presume from the Natural History Society of Montreal through your kind influence. For this donation I enclose an acknowledgment to the Secretary of that Society.

You were kind enough, however to send Vol. III to me also, and as we do not require two copies of this, I have held this Volume

back holding it at your disposal.  
I shall, if you choose return it to  
you through the Smithsonian Insti-  
-tution, along with the first package  
we may have for you, or I could for-  
ward it to any person or Society  
here. I think the Botanical Soc.  
are supplied with a complete set  
or they might otherwise have been  
glad to get it.

The Package containing the slice  
of "Serpentine" which is understood  
to contain the Eozoon has safely  
arrived. We will let Prof. Balfour  
have a slice of the specimen as he  
expressed a desire to have a piece of  
it. I enclose a note to Mr. Selwyn  
acknowledging his valuable gift.

The cast of a specimen of Ceph.  
Fawcotti from Gaspe accompanied the  
above specimen, and we beg to thank  
you most sincerely for the trouble  
& care you have given in getting  
our desiderated supplies.

All the above, with the Books

3/ were laid before the Society at their meeting on Thursday last the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. and I was directed to convey to you their best thanks for the Presents.

Will you have the goodness to hand Mr. Selwyn, the Secy. of the Natl. History Soc. the letters addressed to him, at your convenience.

We have no back Numbers of our Transactions other than those we have already sent you, or we should have gladly supplied you with copies.

You will be pleased to learn that in addition to Sir Roderick Imnelison's endowment to our University for the establishment of a Geological Chair there, the Government are now prepared to order £200. ann. to be paid towards its additional support. Sir Rod<sup>d</sup> has been very ill, but is now slowly recovering. He will require to take

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very great care of himself in future.  
Mr. Kirkie has been confined to his  
room with severe indisposition, and  
has in consequence not been able to  
take an active part in our proceed-  
-ings. - The Chair of Natural History  
in our University has been filled  
by Prof. Weyville Thompson late of  
Belfast, and tho' the Belfast Chair  
is not yet filled there is a rumour  
that Harkness is to be appointed.

Saturday's post brought me the copy of  
your Inaugural University Lecture  
for 1870-71 which I have read with much  
interest. At page "9" I observe you allude  
to the Sc. & Art Dept. of our University &  
say that no lectures are delivered in  
connection with it. This is not the case  
as several courses by diff't Professors are  
annually delivered & these are intended  
for the working classes who are admitted  
to each course for a nominal fee of 2/-  
again thanking you for your kind-  
-ness to our Society, with kind regards

I remain, my dear Sir

Yours faithfully  
Geo. A. Munton

To/  
Principal Dawson  
F. R. S.  
Montreal, Canada

Wm. Secry.