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Prof. J. W. Dawson

Dear Sir

I purpose to visit  
the Gulf of St. Lawrence  
this summer in my yacht  
the *Arctura* and collect  
for the use of the *Bost. Soc. Nat. History*  
both by dredging in the  
water and by shooting on  
the land such birds as may  
be obtainable.

Provided of course the  
Canadian Government will  
give me and the persons  
with me that privilege.

My boat is  $17\frac{22}{100}$  new measurement  
and 24 tons old measure, schooner rigged.

I shall carry six in the cabin  
and three in the forecabin.

I shall want to go ashore at  
various places, and be able  
to collect fossils, animals, birds  
and their eggs and nests, fishes of all  
kinds and all sorts of living things.

I write to you as a brother  
Naturalist for information.

To whom shall I address my  
formal request for permission  
to land at various places and  
to shoot out of season etc.

The last time I visited that  
locality Sir Edmund Head was  
Gov. of Canada and my old patron  
friend Gen. Vickers obtained from

The Government letters recommending us to the care of all the Customs House, Light House officials and officers at every port and station.

These were of considerable use to us and procured for us privileges which were quite useful on several occasions.

I shall need several charts and would consider it very kind, if you would send me a catalogue of the Admiralty charts for your region, i.e. Canada E. and Nova Scotia.

If you would be kind enough to ask the proper authorities what steps it is necessary for us to take, and inform me what to do I should be exceedingly obliged both personally and in the name of the Society. May you will also

Present my regards to Mrs Darrow  
and believe me, that I have never  
forgotten your kind hospitality  
when at Montreal

Very truly yours  
Alpheus Hatt.