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To Sir William Dawson C.M.G., &c., &c.

Dear Sir,

I had hoped last year to have prepared a paper "On the Marine Invertebrata of the River & Gulf of ~~the~~ St. Lawrence" for the Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada, & indeed went so far as to get the title entered in the programme of that year, & the paper itself read "by title".

In a Committee meeting of Section IV, however, held last year, Dr. Selwyn expressed the opinion that papers which consisted principally of long lists of species, were scarcely suitable for publication in the Royal Society's Transactions.

This opinion ~~was~~ might have been intended to apply to a ~~paper~~ paper of mine in the volume for the preceding year, (On some Marine Invertebrata from the Pacific Coast of Canada) but at any rate I felt so discouraged, that, being very much pressed for time, I had to withdraw both of the papers that I had entered.

I hope to completely finish the second & concluding paper on Devonian Fishes early this fall, & then may be able to prepare one on the recent Invertebrata of the St. Lawrence in time for it to be read at the meeting of the Royal



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Society in May next, if there be no objection to a rather long list of species. The paper referred to would contain the results of my studies, assisted by several eminent specialists, from 1873 up to the present time, & I have used my best endeavours to miss nothing that has been published that has any bearing on the subject.

I am sorry that I have not ~~yet~~ been able to publish this paper before now, I would gladly lend you any M.S. I. on the subject, if I had them written out in intelligible shape. The only thing that I have is a quarto M.S. I. book filled with some 90 pages of notes on the subject, but these I have not yet had time to put into such a shape as would be intelligible. &

On Monday next I leave here for Manitoba to examine the Devonian Rocks of Lakes Manitoba & Winnipegosis & the Cambro Silurian deposits of the western shores of Lake Winnipeg & the valley of the Red River, with Tyrrell & Howling. I do not expect to be back until the first of September.

Very truly yours,

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