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Dear Senge,

As I have been obliged to keep in doors to-day owing to a slight cold and the unpleasant weather, I have given the day to my old notes & books and papers on the Permian question, and send with this a few leaves of the part of my Supplement to the Second Edition of Académie Sciences relating to the matter and which will expenses

My views, as far as ever
planned in m.s. notes
attached to it, I think it
will be folly to attempt
any Reverian colours
on a map of Rector
County. The Reno-Carbon
line strip in the Will
end of the county may
be coloured in with
the Reno coal-formation,
and a marginal note
to explain that the
upper beds, seen between
Frey A & Cape John, show
no resemblance in mineral

Character and Fossils ^{to} ~~with~~
the Permian Carboniferous
of Prince Edward Island
I prefer the term Permian
Carboniferous, because all
that we have is really
a transition to the
Permian either in rocks
or Fossils, as Hughes very
well pointed out in
the discussion of my paper
in 1874; and Senutez has
well seen thinks that in
P.E. Island we have only
the bottom beds of the
Permian, as so far as fossils
* See Journal Geol Surv for that year

can be a guide

In any case the base
of the Upper Coal = Formation
begins not at the New
Glasgow Conglomerate but
about Smeeth Brook as
the beds between that and
the Conglomerate have the
ordinary M.C. fossils. Still
that would make up
difference than the blunder
of calling these beds Per-
man which would be useful
attending ^{for the worse} all the Upper Coal
Formation part of Ellis's maps
I have not had time to
go over the details of the
letter, but shall try to

do so in a day or two
 and shall let you know
 what I think. It
 seems however very difficult
 to separate the different
 members of the Carboniferous
 in Eastern Cumberland, where
 it seems the Sydney and
 the Lark Products come
 up to the very base of the
 Coal-formation as if there
 was no Millstone grit to
 separate them. Faults may
 however have done this.

We were very to hear of the
 fire in the Western Block. William
 Innes telegraphs that his
 most important papers

are saved, and that
the top will be composed
to the money top though
that seems large enough

Ever yours

Wm Dawson

Dear George

P. S. Anna having sent particulars
of papa's illness last night I merely add
that Dr Blackwell finds him in quite a
satisfactory state to-day. Nothing required
except extreme quiet & as he inclines to
sleep this is the most easy to maintain
In a few days there is every prospect of his being
again in his usual health, at the same time
I am aware that these attacks are & serious & permanent

Wm Dawson
Worming
Great Affectionately
Dear George