

Albany Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1882

My dear Sir,

I have this moment received from the Post office the October number of the Canadian Naturalist - marked as published on the 19<sup>th</sup> - I observe that my copy usually reaches me some ten or twelve days after the date of publication.

Mr Billings seems very much disturbed that I have partially exposed his practices of getting proof sheets of my publications while they are going through the press - if he will look farther he will find more than 25 pages of the 12<sup>th</sup> Report - and he received early sheets of the 10<sup>th</sup> Report as it passed

through the press, and this  
I am prepared to prove in a  
court of justice, if need be.

The Assertion that an "intimate  
friend" saw the sheets in  
his room and informed me  
is wholly gratuitous - No  
friend ever informed me  
The admission that he has  
25 pages after once saying  
he had 18 I am sorry to see -  
It must be humiliating  
to Mr B. if he has any conscience.  
I fear that he means to implicate  
Mr. Hunt as the intimate friend.  
but this is quite needless  
for Hunt never knew I presume  
that Mr. Billings had the sheets.

The proof sheets as far as  
page 62 I had in my hands  
at Springfield during the  
meeting of the Association  
and read my notice of the Sublety



To his Mr. Logan addressed  
from him his full answer to  
the addition of the note on  
page 62.

In regard to the identity of the  
genera *Charionella* and *Cyrtoneura*,  
they will prove as in the  
case of *Megalomus* and *Palaeoca  
= Cyrtoneura*. I am sorry  
to see that Mr. B. has not better  
discrimination. I cannot at  
present publicly notice any  
of these things - Mr. B. accuses  
himself by going into *(Mistake)*  
and accuses me of wronging <sup>him</sup>.

I can only wish I were ex-  
free from all other sins  
as that charged of taking advan-  
tage of his publications -  
This humiliates & does <sup>me</sup> this charge.

I write mainly to say  
that every friend in Montreal  
whether intimate or otherwise

