



PORTLAND SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY.

PORTLAND, ME., May 25 1868

Prof. J. W. Dawson,

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to address you on behalf of our Society, which is recovering by degrees from the disastrous fire of 1866 & is once more fixed in apartments granted by the City Government in its own building. Our success in collecting the nucleus of a cabinet has been extremely good - in one department, (Mollusca) I think we are even in better case than before our building was burned. Still we are compelled to solicit favors of our friends, especially for the restoration of our library, which is reduced to the lowest terms.

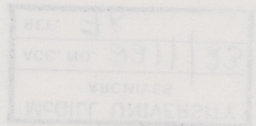
We were fortunate enough to save the *Canad. Naturalist*,<sup>(New Series)</sup> with the exception of Vol. I, no. 6 - We have nothing left of the Old Series - All of your own publications which we had



were lost. We should be very thankful if these could be replaced.

We are trying to give some attention to Foraminifera - but are altogether destitute of books of reference. We solicit as a favor that you would inform us what are the most necessary manuals & how they can be obtained. Have you not yourself published a good deal on this subject? Can we obtain from or through you specimens of the Foraminifera, rendering such equivalent as we may be able in our Marine & Land Shells, Diatomaceous Earths &c?

I am, Respectfully  
Yr Obedt Servt  
C. C. Bolles  
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