

Fredericton. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 69.

My dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and accompanying handbook of Zoology, for which please accept my thanks. I shall be glad to do what I can towards extending its sale in the Province, and with that object will in a few days write for one of our papers a short notice of its appearance. I am afraid there are but few in the Province who devote any time to such studies, but for those who do the Handbook will be a very useful guide. With my own classes I employ Lardner's "Animal Physics" as a text-book, but supplement this from various sources, such as Agassiz's, Dana's and your own publications. The form in

which your views are now presented therefore will greatly facilitate my work.

I enclose a letter from Mr. Pauley relating to the fossil fish, and upon receipt of further information will again communicate with you.

I am sorry to say that our geological work is still in a very unsatisfactory state. Though we have made collections of fossils from numerous localities, they do not seem to be sufficiently characteristic for the determination of their exact relations, and the stratigraphy of the district is so complex that we are wholly unable to reconcile the numerous conflicting data. From the Laurentian up to the Perry rocks, there seems to be scarcely any firm ground to stand upon, excepting the Primordial and Upper Devonian of the vicinity of St. John. Another

several work may perhaps serve to make  
the subject a little clearer than it now is.

very sincerely yours

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