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Apr 26

River Herbert, Cumberland St. 2

Apr 26 to 1872,

Prof. J. H. Dawson;

Dear Sir:

Enclosed

I send you sketch of fossil of
some plant dipping from any thing
I have found on Rogers shore.
The drawing is nat. size and
has a very close resemblance
to a potatoe stalk. You may
~~be~~ have similar specimens.

Of the two specimens I
sent you long ago you describe
one as "the axis of some Lepi-
dodendrial plant" It would
seem preposterous for me to question
your decision in such a matter,
but possibly you might not be
wholly satisfied on the point
yourself. If it is what you

suggest it would simply be
a freak of nature not liable to
occur again. I have since
found another exactly similar
or looking as much like the other
as one ear of corn resembles
another. This specimen I found
at Two Rivers, some three miles
further down the bay than
the other one was found.

This specimen is larger than the
other and has no appearance of
carbonized wood, and shows 18
of those small depressions, and some
have been broken from each end.
On one side is what appears to
be a long striated leaf like *Poa-*
cites connected with the main
body. I write of this thinking
that the finding of this second
specimen of the same kind might
cause you to think differently of
it.

The large specimen of which I wrote is still in the safe as I did not have time to have it removed, and even if I did so the size of it would render it such an "Elephant", that I should hardly know what to do with it. I showed it to Mr Scott Barlow when he was here last fall.

I have been hoping to receive the jaw which you sent to London, but suppose you have not succeeded in getting it back. Hope that if you can do so you will have it forwarded to H. K. Mowell Gardiner Maine, together with the small specimens, tho if you desire to retain the one of which I have the counterpart here you can do so, as I think they are not common -

I thought I should receive
from you a printed report of
the Law after getting Prof Huxley's
opinion, but have received nothing
except the line or two which
you wrote me on first receiving
it.

Please drop me a line
in reference to these matters if
not too much trouble &
abuse
Yours very truly
H. A. Howell.

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