

Halifax N.S.
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My dear Sir

Mrs. Matthew forwarded your letter to me from Saint John and I hasten to reply. I recollect your ~~speaking of~~ expressing a desire for a set of Laurentian and Huronian rocks some time ago; and I hoped we this to have had an opportunity to get suitable specimens, as I have a set to make up for an institution in Europe, and might accomplish both objects at once. Possibly the Survey may put me in a Geological

position to get some from the
typical grounds. In any
case I can get many of
the varieties near Saint John.
I should like to know (approx-
imately at least) the size and
number of the specimens you
require. In connection
with this subject you will
probably find our report now
being prepared, interesting.
We find in the eastern extension of
the Upper Siberian many crystalline
rocks and schists — chiefly in the
middle and upper groups —
The Devonian also is involved with
it in a way that at first perplexed
us. As regards
the Primordial I did not know

There was any dispute about its
age - I thought the fossils
made that sufficiently plain

I have not yet seen
your book on Cozocon, indeed
I do not have so much time
for reading as I used. Between
office and family cares my time
is more limited, than formerly.
So far I have managed to get
a few weeks every summer to
give to survey work, and hope to
be able to do so until I have
mastered the structure of our
Southern metamorphic hills.

With best regards I remain

very truly yours

W. Nathans.

P.S. I should say that our last
summer work served to show that the
Co: rocks supposed to be Huronian are U. Silurian.

the variation in lithology of the hills
the structure was different, and the variation in lithology of the hills

Matthew
Gepp
