

Olora, Apr. 25th 1846.
Principal Dawson.

Dear Sir, absence from home has prevented me from replying to you sooner. Indeed I believe I omitted even to write when I forwarded the lot. The specimens, all, as you suppose from the Guelph Formation, and I intend at the first opportunity to get for you, some pieces of that new species discovered by my friend Mr. Mikkie, and named Ostitata by Prof. Nicholson, who, by the way, came to a conclusion regarding the Stromatopora, different from that held by you, if I judge aright by your letter.

I should be very
much pleased to get a
rough specimen or two of
Z. Canadensis for our
collection as I intend to
appropriate the small
polished fragment you
so kindly sent, for my own
use.

Our geological collection
is now regarded by competent
judges to be of more practical
value than any other in this
province. The announcement
of your gift induced many
to come from a distance to
see what we had got.

Yours very respectfully
David Boyle.

Bye

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