



GEOLOGICAL & NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY,
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My dear Sir William.

Your favour of 30th ult. duly

reached me and I am under obligations to
you for the suggestions contained therein.
They are quite in accordance with my
desires and when Dr Selwyn & Mr. Whitman
return (for both are away for the summer)
I shall speak to them about the matter
and then I will be glad to send them, first to
you to examine, and then to Dr Hinde
as you suggest. The specimens are not
strictly the property of the Survey as they
were collected by me out of office hours &
at a sub-excursion of the O.F.N. Club. I
am always careful however of leaving
sets with the Survey & I shall be happy
to forward examples of them to the Red-
path Museum. I have been careful not
to let the Naturalists Club interfere
with

my office duties and work so as not
to encroach on office hours - although
I find the field work even local as it is
of much value to me in my daily routine
at the Survey.

I am quite pleased to hear of the
success you have had in obtaining
more sponge material at Metis.

Mr Whiteaves may not return till
first-week in September and Dr Selwyn
later; in the meantime I am in Ottawa
until Mr. W's return at least and hope
to work up some of the material I
have in hand now. With kind regards

I am respectfully yours

Henry M. Austin