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McGill College,
Montreal.

Dec 7, 1897

Sir,

Enclosed herewith
a form of application for
a grant in aid of a
research in which I
am much interested,
and which I believe
would afford good
scientific results — viz:
the further exploration
of the beds in the
Nova Scotia Coal-field

Containing reptilian
& other remains of
land animals, more
especially in the interior
of erect trees.

These have, as
is well known, already
yielded remains of
10 species of *Protobranchians*,
5 of *Myriapods* and
2 of *Land Snails*. I
have for many years
occasionally visited

and I should see
that all remains
found were properly
cared for and labelled
and worked out of
the matrix, and
that they should
be submitted to
the best specialists
in the departments
of which they might
relate. My own ex-
perience in these

Copy of
Casper
Sept 1774
Remains would enable
me to do the preliminary
work of securing them
before such subscription, were
especially as my ~~own~~
collection contains type
specimens of the species
already found in North
Pacifica.

Truly Yours
J. D. Dawson

P.S. I read with this a
preliminary notice of the
specimens now in my possession,
published in Silliman's Journal.

J. D.

The localities of these remains,
and have made ex-
cavations in the most
promising places. I have
now in my possession
material thus obtained
to the extent of about
fifteen skeletons or
parts of skeletons, not
yet fully described,
and I believe that
the expenditure of
more labour under

My personal supervisors
would disclose many
additional specimens,
which might afford
new species and throw
light on those already
in my possession.

It would be my wish
to expend such amounts
on securing the services
of good working men,
some of whom have
already worked for
me, and to ~~secure~~ ^{obtain}
the best results possible,