

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
Commissioner.

United States Commission, Fish and Fisheries,

Washington, Dec. 22, 1877.

Dear Dr. Lawson,

I am desirous of completing my series of reports on the fisheries of Canada, having all the volumes published under the direction of the Department of Marine & Fisheries, from 1868 to date. Prior to that, however, the subject was in charge of the Department of Crown Lands at Quebec, & reports on the same are to be found in the reports of that Bureau.

Is there any antiquarian or other establishment in Montreal where these volumes can be had, as far back as the subject-matter extends, say from 1850 to 1867 inclusive? I have the reports for one or two of those years, but not enough to be of much importance.

I shall be glad to pay a reasonable sum for these, or to make return in publications

of the U.S. Fish Commission, the Smithsonian
Institution or of government explorations.

Have you received lately, or since the last
transmission to us, any choice specimens of
Indian relics? If so, might I ask you to
favor us again, by lending them to us for a
short time, so that we may have them
figured & copied in plaster?

We shall be most-happy, in return-
ing them to add some casts from the very
extensive series in our collection.

Very truly yours,
Spencer Baird
Commissioner.

Prof. J. W. Dawson,
Montreal,
Canada.

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