

Penn Yan, N.Y. Oct 20. 79.

Dr. J. M. Dawson,  
Prin. McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada,

Dear Sir: Your favor with the names of the specimens reached this place while I was in the coal mines of Penna. collecting, have been here nearly 3 weeks.

I immediately upon the receipt of your first letter I wrote to Dr. J. S. Newberry, Columbia College, New York City - asking him if he would like to examine the spine, and stated what you said - I have not heard from him - Postage was sent for reply.

Perhaps I have not addressed him correctly, but in that case I should have received the letter back according to direction -

I have not yet had time to compare your names with the specimens.

You will confer a favor by placing the shark's spine (No. 23 in your box) in the hands of some one who will describe it if new. I suppose our stamps are useless in Canada, however I enclose some hoping you may use them.

Very respectfully yours  
Berlin H. Wright

P.S.

You are entirely welcome to the specimens and I only hope they will compensate you for your trouble -

B. H. Wright

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