

Prof. J. W. Dawson,
Montreal.

My dear Sir:

I have several plant stem impressions from the drift just below Montrose Pa. They were picked up from the surface of the fields, but are very distinct. Doubtless they are Catskill or Chemung.

Dr. Newberry has seen them but expresses no opinion. I shall be much pleased if they can be of interest and value to you. Before sending what may however prove valueless, I have thought it better to send you material for what must be the final test - microscopic examination. I regret that the amount of tissue which I can send you is so very small.

I also enclose the only good specimen of very small size.

The material numbered "two" and "three" are from specimens identical, I think, with the one enclosed, although the cross-ridges and consequent reticulation are not prominent.

The specimen furnishing No. "one" shows an impression closely resembling the surface of a sliver of common white pine split longitudinally and radially.

Some of the specimens have very pronounced transverse ridges, reaching partly or entirely across.

The good specimens are about twelve in number, and would pack in a box one foot cubic.

I think part of the specimens are coniferous; but some of them have a sort of calamite appearance.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience I am yours very truly

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Prof. G. W. Benson
Montreal.

My dear Sir:

I have examined
your letter in reference to the drift
found near Montreal, Va. They are
picked up from the surface of the
fields, but are very distinct. Doubtless
they are certainly a Champlain.

Dr. Henshaw has seen them but
expresses no opinion. I shall be much
pleased if they can be of interest
and value to you. Before sending
what may have been forwarded, I
have thought it better to send you
material for what amount to the first
tet-microscopic examination. I
expect that the amount of these which
I can send you is no very small.
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good specimen of very small size.