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Answer by yours of the 22nd inst.
I may say, that our general
shipment of specimens will
likely leave Halifax about
the last of March or first
of April. If your cabinets
are not ready by that time, I
will endeavor to get some
little extension of time beyond
the 1st of May - the date on
which we are supposed to

have the Department open
for the inspection of the public.
I have already written to the
High Commissioner of Canada,
in London, upon the subject.

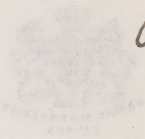
After your collection is com-
pleted to your satisfaction it
can be forwarded to the Agency
of this Department in Halifax,
where it will be carefully kept
until the time of shipment. The
Department, of course, bearing
all expense of transit - &c.

Your suggestions as to the
disposal of the specimens, after
the Exhibition, I will keep
in mind, and may yet have
to consult with you as to the
best means of utilizing such
for future scientific use.

I am,

Yours very truly
A. W. Melan
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Mr Selan
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