

North Division High School.

Chicago.

HENRY H. BELFIELD,  
PRINCIPAL.

May 10 1883.

Prof. J. W. Dawson,  
Principal of McGill College,

Dear Sir:

Please permit one who is a stranger to you personally, but not unacquainted with your writings, to ask your opinion in regard to a geological subject.

The Russian geologist Knostanuzeff reports a large bed of anthracite coal in the Saon-eshje region of Russia, belonging to the Huronian. I do not know what credit is to be attached to this statement, as I can learn nothing of M. Knostanuzeff as a man of science. Can you enlighten me? Is his statement worthy of credit? Do other facts support him? As far as I know, there is no coal in Russia

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Earlier than the Carboniferous.

A reply will greatly oblige

Yours very respectfully,  
H. H. Belfield.

P.S. I regret that I have been  
unable to obtain a Postage stamp  
to enclose for reply. A U.S. stamp  
would be useless to you.

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