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My dear Sir

You will remember that when in 1876 we turned over to the U.S. Government a large collection of rocks & minerals, which we had exhibited in Philadelphia, we bargained with Prof. Baird that the principal colleges in Canada should receive useful collections from him in part payment. I have reminded him several times since of this agreement and not long ago in reply to a letter from me on the subject he asked me to mention three

or four Colleges in Canada
to which we should send a
collection of the typical marine
invertebrates of the Atlantic coast.

I named McGill of course
among them and now I
have his letter promising
to send you one of these collections.
I infer from his letter that
he sends you other things from
time to time and that you
are also to receive the Hudson's
Bay Company's share of Mr.
Furner's Mignon collection
of fishes &c. This I expect
will prove a very valuable
addition to the Pitt Rivers
Museum - Very truly yours

Robert Bell

If I should not see you before
you leave for the old world I will
take this opportunity of wishing you
a very pleasant trip & safe
return R.B.