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Prof J. W. Dawson Montreal.

Dear Sir.

I have to accept my best thanks for the communication of a copy of your very interesting and valuable memoir: On the Cretaceous and Tertiary Floras of British Columbia &c. I have received it a few days ago but untill to day, I had no time to read it through. Of course, I do not admit all your conclusions. But I do not wish to enter now into any discussion. The 8th vol. of Hayden's Geol. Reports which is a continuation of vol 7th flora of the Cretaceous and Tertiary of the Territories, is now ready and will be distributed in a few weeks. You will find there rectification of some former statements of mine made from two scanty materials. Thus for example a whole flora of the Green River or White river group which is its character is Oligocene but not Miocene as indicated in vol. 7. Also new types, beautiful ones from the Cretaceous Dakota group. One, *Aspidophyllum* represented by a number of fully preserved leaves.

of which I think your *Protophyllum boreale*
Pl. f. 13 represents the base. When you have this
work and also vol VIII of the Arctic Flora of Heer
which you do not appear to have seen yet, it
will be possible to discuss with, or on more solid
ground numerous unsettled questions concerning
the 10 very rich fossil floras of the N. A. Cretaceous
and Tertiary. I will take care that the 3^d vol.
be sent to you very soon. - Have you the Quaternary
flora of Heer. Your *Mazoria magnifica* is
so much like *M. speciosa* of that flora, that
it is scarcely possible to doubt identity.

I have to thank you still for the great
pleasure, delight indeed, that has procured me
the lecture of your address to the American
association at Minneapolis. It is by far the best
not only of those which have been delivered to
the meeting, but of all those of that kind I
have read for a long time. I found it in science.

Very truly yours

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