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My Dear Sir.

About four weeks ago, I sent a package from Paris by Express to you, containing the Niagara Starfish and about 20 species of Upper

Carboniferous fossils. But as, I suppose you are away, you have not received them.

I have several papers for the Atlas, - those at Ottawa, and one on Subaqueous Origin of Drift in Central U.S.

There again been a work upon the Origin of Great Lakes, in Illinois, Michigan & north of Lake Huron, and one about upon another paper. I can now satisfactorily account for the closing of the late basins, which I could not six years ago. I have not yet read my paper on glacial Erosion. I expect

Dr Newberry will get en-
cited over it I suppose.
There is here only a small attend-
ance, and very few who are
not rabid glaciants. Still his
work is telling. Prof. Shaler
has recently found Pleistocene
terraces to 1800 feet in Mt
Desert Island. Some of the
Geol. Survey Officers some
time ago insisted upon con-
sidering my beaches at 1700'
SW of Collingwood as formed
in a glacial lake. With
regard to the closing of the
lake basins, I have now
abundant evidences of
the warping or differential
Elevation.

From Lake Huron I came
down to Toronto & crossed
to Niagara & came here. But
I called upon the Minister of
Education. Nothing will
be done at present - in
Toronto University. My chief
friend in the matter is
in Europe. It will likely be
a division of the Chair.

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There are several Candidates; and the feeling amongst some of the graduates is to present it to a Prof. Montgomery formerly Science Master in Govt. Colligioli Institute, and since President of Dakota University but who has recently left there. What work he has done has been in Botany.

The papers upon which I will engage my attention this fall are "Origin of great Lakes of N.A." "Classification of Water Basins" (that is origin of lakes in general) "Ice as a Geological Agent" and then at a Text-Book of Geology.

Would you tell me where you published that notice of the occurrence of a Narwhale in a beach at 440' above sea

Writings of Kingston?

One more matter remains.
Mr. Whiteaves Sec. of Geol
Sec. of R.S., tells me that
my papers and plates on
paper read before R.S., were
forwarded to Printing
Committee, of which you
are Chairman. If the
paper is to be published with
the cuts and two plates — all
wood-cuts, I would like to
know when I might expect
to see proofs, especially of
the cuts. My anxiety
arises from fact, that I want
to republish paper here, and
would like to get electrotypes,
some of which I can use in
my next. I regret that
you were not here.

Yours faithfully

J. D. Spence

Sir Wm Dawson C.M.S., F.R.S.