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To Sir William Dawson C. M. G., &c.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your kindness in asking the Printing Committee of the Royal Society to allow me up to the 15th inst. to finish my paper on the Devonian Fishes.

As already explained to Mr Boodle, I find it impossible to get this paper ready for this year's volume of Transactions. I could have managed to get the text ready, but it was found quite impracticable to get the drawings required & executed in time. I shall, therefore, very reluctantly, be compelled to defer the publication of the second & concluding part of the paper until next year.

At present I am engaged on the second & concluding portion of Part 2 of "Contributions to Canadian Palaeontology" of which two forms have been distributed. As soon as the whole of this is in the printer's hands, which I hope it will be in a fortnight or less, shall be very glad to be allowed to borrow the Campbellton Fish-plate, of which you write, also a remarkable example of Enasthenopteron Fordi in the Redpath Museum, which you once before allowed me to borrow.

We have not heard from Dr. G. W. Dawson since the receipt of his letter dated "Pelly River, July 29," a copy of which we forwarded to you on the 12th of September.

Yours very truly,
J. F. Whiteaves.

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