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Dear Sir William Dawson.

Please accept my thanks  
for the copy of your paper  
entitled "Note on Fossil Woods  
and other Plant Remains, from  
the Cretaceous and Tertiary  
Formations of the western  
Territories of Canada." I have  
read it with much interest.  
I should have written to  
thank you before but I

refrained from doing so until  
I had read your work "Fossil  
Men." I have perused it with  
very great interest and think  
it one of the most comprehensive  
publications on the subject.  
Your remarks on the Indian  
Village which was situated  
where Montreal now stands  
is very striking. Certainly it  
is that had we not Carter's  
explorations to fall back  
upon the true history of

the reasons would not have  
been understood, and probably  
a very wrong interpretation  
would have been put upon  
them. The antiquity and origin  
of man is a subject surrounded  
with mystery; many of the  
the specialists on the subject  
have advanced theories which  
are sadly wanting in facts  
to support them. Our method  
of investigation, based on  
undoubted facts, is the only

way to arrive at the real  
interpretation.

I have not done anything more  
with coal as yet. You know  
my views, but it does not  
do for a man to question  
what I may call scientific  
breeds; that is to say in this  
country. I am therefore  
waiting my time.

With kind regards to yourself  
and Lady Dawson, and also to  
Dr. Dawson.

Believe me

Yours very truly

~~O. Weathered~~