

St Johns April 7/88

Sir William Dawson,  
Montreal.

Dear Sir William, -

I owe you  
thanks for your criticisms  
of my Fable & Canadian  
Bird, and am especially  
pleased to learn that you  
do not approve of the new  
system of classification -  
I certainly do not.

I did not feel equal to the  
task of framing a revision

Should be given order - furnished &  
General - and a copy to the referees  
are transparently invalid.

I am pleased to note your suggestion  
that students are frightened by an array  
of names. In my lecture I on  
school teachers the student is always met  
with the technical name I can  
again thank you for your kind letter  
Return me your respects W. W. Washburn

System for the Provinces &  
Canada - there are a  
number of points upon  
which I have not had  
the opportunity to gain  
sufficient information -  
and I followed the A.O.U.  
system as likely to  
produce the least confusion.

I am quite sure the  
present system will  
not endure. It is too  
illogical & too eccentric;  
it divides the Provinces in  
too many groups - there

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