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Sir Wm Dawson
McGill College

Dear Sir

I prepared a brief summary of my papers on Asbestos etc for the reporters on Monday evening and gave it to one of them but they did not use it.

Re Scalecote. I have a note from Dr. Horrington this morning in which he writes "Neither How nor Marsh mentions it as occurring in Nova Scotia."

I am thinking of sending a short note on the subject to Science with a view to learning if any of its readers know of the occurrence of this mineral in any part of the United States -

I have got other material from the Asbestos region, but have not had time to work it up. One lot which interests me, is stratified clay worked from the shore of Lake Ojibwa near Gauthy Village, in which are modern concretions, ranging from mere specks showing the beginning of the concretory process to concretions the size of a horse chestnut - I have very little knowledge on this subject but

I think I remember seeing somewhere not long ago that one of the Professors in Laval had written an article on Modern Conventions. If you know of such and of any other literatures on the subject and will kindly put me in the way of finding it I shall be glad to read up and exhibit the specimens with a brief note at the April meeting of the Nat. Hist. Socy. If the specimens are of any value I will afford me much pleasure to hand them over to the College Museum.

I hope to again spend some time in the Abolites region during the coming summer and intend to continue the study of Abolites and associated Minerals

Truly
yours faithfully
J. P. Donald