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Sir Wm Dawson
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Montreal

Dear Sir

It is with much pleasure
that I have received your favor of yesterday
and I am gratified to learn that portions
of my paper will be of use in the
preparation of the new edition of your
"Notes on the Pleistocene of Canada"

I shall certainly be surprised if
you claim most of my facts and
deductions for other observers as you
say. The facts which I have used
for the Lake Superior country are of
my own observation, and so far as
they bear on the character of the pre-glacial
surface you will not, I think find
them recorded by Bisby or any one else.
The facts which I have made use of in



Eastern Canada are all duly credited to the observers and are drawn from the work of recent years by Geologists of the Survey.

It is entirely probable that the same observers may have made similar observations in different parts of the Country & I regret much that I overlooked your observations which you mention as recorded in your "Lecture notes for students" on the junction at Murray Bay. But the "Lecture notes for students" is a work I could scarcely be expected to be familiar with unless my attention were specially drawn to it as in the present case. I am greatly obliged to you for the reference and would be glad to know also the name of the paper & year in which the Murray Bay



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junction is described. I would be
greatly obliged also for a specific
reference to any paper by older
observers in which my generalization
of the significance of the evidence which
I have set forth is anticipated. I
do not claim for a moment that
the array of available evidence is
complete but it seemed sufficient
to warrant the general deduction,
and was not aware before the
receipt of your letter that the same
conclusions had been arrived at
earlier

Yours sincerely
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