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Letter (Re  
Dufferin Rupert  
Jones

Richmond, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> / 896.

Dear Sir William Dawson:

On receipt  
of your kind note regarding  
the locality in which fossils  
occur in the Mica Schist, near  
Richmond, I wrote Mr. Weston.

He replies from Ottawa that  
thus far he is unable to find  
the specimens, which bear the  
exact locality and date of their  
collection, as they have been  
removed from their former  
cases, <sup>in the Museum</sup> since his retirement from  
the Geological Survey.

Mr. Weston, however, remembers  
the visit you made to their  
locality near Richmond

He did not take any  
notes that day but thinks  
you did.

Could you refer to them  
without too much trouble?

I am sorry to inconvenience  
so many people about a  
small matter, but it is  
of vital importance to the  
work I have undertaken for  
a thesis.

The area marked Cambrian  
at the south of Richmond  
is that of the Slate, in which  
the New Rockland and Danville  
quarries are situated.



The mica schists lie to the  
East and northeast of  
Richmond.

Mr. Weston remembers  
that the fossils were found  
near a school house, and  
that you were conducted to the  
place by a man named  
John Lee. This man is now  
dead. There is, however,  
a school house on Lot 14, Range  
XII of the Township of Cleveland,  
three miles from Richmond,  
near which the calcareous  
schists are well exposed,  
and I know of no other school house  
so situated in this vicinity.

There is also a man  
living near this school house,

Have examined these rocks several times but have never found fossils in them  
unlike in those specimens which I showed you last May

named William Healy, who remembers of your visit to this exposure, but does not know whether you found fossils there or not.

He had surveyed a part of the township for Sir William Logan and thus was familiar with the field. Sir William Logan

had asked him to point out this place to you, when you should come, and had notified him by letter of the date of your visit.

He thinks that I see took you to other places the same day.

From these reminiscences, can you recollect whether this exposure is that in which the fossils were found, or not?

Yours very truly,  
John A. D. Mearns