

Belleville Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 1875  
George M. Dawson Esq.

Dear Sir.

I have just returned from Montreal, where I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of your excellent parents and in whose house I experienced great kindness.

Mr. Selwyn has engaged me to get up as fine a collection as possible of the Flora of the Dominion for the "Centennial" and while in Montreal I had the pleasure of looking over your duplicates; amongst them are a number which I cannot obtain from any other source and which would be valuable for the Collection.

Mr. Selwyn directs me to say that if you can let me have the specimens I require they will be returned to you after the Exhibition is over.

Mr. Selwyn says that he brought my Macleod Lake plants with him to Victoria and I hope you will see to them also. You may possibly come across some person who has collected plants on Vancouver in summer if so and could get duplicates we could do still better than I can do with my spring collections alone.

If you could send a box at a time with any of the Surveyors perhaps it would be better; but whatever you do send one box as early as possible as it will take me a long time to determine them all.

After I left Mr. Selwyn I went down Peace River to Lake Athabasca and could not get up the river again so I came out by Portage La Loche and Carleton. I reached Winnipeg the very day Mr. Selwyn reached Victoria

I brought Gypsum, tar & salt from  
the north and a number of fossils  
which are thought to be Devonians by  
Mr. Billings.

Very respectfully yours  
John Macoun.

George M. Dawson Esq.  
Geologist  
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An Enthusiastic  
Collector.

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