

November 9th 1850

Dear Sir

I was glad to receive by
 your letter of Nov. 3rd. Just re-
 ceived that you were not only
 a Member but that you were
 willing to contribute a course
 of lectures having for its object the
 furtherance of the Science of Nat-
 ural History in our common
 country. It is a pleasure in-
 debted to you for an opportu-
 nity to examine the Zoological
 students of Nova Scotia, and
 if you will let me have the
 names of which you speak, I
 will refer to my son, and
 add to it some few more so
 than localities. Let me know
 of your commonest species, *Arctos*,
Sciurus, *Peromyscus Mus*,
Sciurus, *Sciurus*, *Putorius* and
 anything in the small mam-
 mal line. The American have
 me what I want to see now.
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 of a list about Montreal, and
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the amount of a few cents per head will bring in such things very freely. It will get several articles now that won't be procurable here next fall. You can get but many specimens of even the commonest species. I have several hundred each of a dozen kinds, and don't consider the number at all sufficient.

Have you seen Gaffers article on *Mammals of Canada* in *Zoological Journal*. He describes a *Citellus* Myadon from near Lake Simcoe, which should be looked up. I think it to have been *Citellus*.

When sending your specimens please mark at the name of the *Natural History Society*, on Little St. James St, and ask him to give you that white folded envelope. He has for me, and is giving me an opportunity to be forwarded any point can be sent by Express addressed

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The books you ask for, or a
considerable portion at least,
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The little volume on
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will be highly prized. A full
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Can you get some Corvidae
and other small mamm-
mals from Nova Scotia? I
would like to have a consider-
able number. Can you reach
the Hudson Bay possessions
in the mammal line, why
don't you start a museum in
Montreal to derive large ma-
terials from the Company
through Sir George Simpson.

Very truly Yours
James T. Baird
Wash. D. C.

Mr. Dawson Esq
Museum McGill College
Montreal

Another man
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