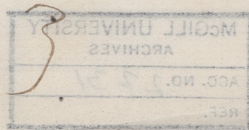


McGill College
Montreal

Dec 6, 1860

Sir;

When in Portland last
year I had the pleasure of
inspecting in the Museum of your
Society a collection of Fossil
plants apparently of the Devonian
period from Perry Me. I have
since had placed in my
hands a similar collection
made in Maine by Mr. Rich-
ardson of the Canadian Geol.
Survey, and another app-
arently of the same age
from New Brunswick. I am
now at work on these
to the Secretary
of the Society of Natural History
Portland Me.



and I have no doubt
that your specimens would
render my conclusions much
more complete. In these
circumstances as I cannot
visit Portland at present,
and anything tending to
illustrate the Devonian
flora is at present very
important, it has occurred
to me that your society
might be induced to
lend the specimens for
a short time. I should
of course pay for the

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Carrriage and guarantee this
safe return. I should also
be most happy to com-
municate to your society the
results at which I may
arrive, and should give
it credit for its liberality
in anything I may publish
elsewhere.

It would not be necessary
to send duplicates, but only
a characteristic specimen of
each kind of leaf, stem,
or trunk, known to have
been collected at ~~San~~ Pong,
if possible with the name
of the collector or donor

of each. If any examination
or determination of your specimens
has been made by any com-
petent person, this or notes
of it would of course be
useful.

I shall be glad to
have an answer to soon
as you may have an
opportunity of submitting this
request to the Society. I send
by this mail copies of a
few papers recently published
for your library.

Yours obedient servant
W. Dawson

P.S. If packed in a small box the specimens
may safely be sent by express, addressed
to me at New Hall College Mount Pleasant
Yours