

University of New Brunswick
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My dear Sir,

Not being in possession of any information bearing upon the subject of your inquiries, contained in your letter of the 4th, I have been obliged to delay my reply until I could communicate with others, whose position or longer residence in the Province might have enabled them to collect such information. I have however failed to obtain anything of interest with the exception of what is contained in the enclosed letter of Mr. Robt. Matthew of St John. We have ourselves no Melicete nor indeed any other skulls in our Museum (except one or two from abroad for anatomical illustration) and I know^d no one who is likely to possess them. I will however make further inquiries and if anything can be obtained, I will communicate the results to you.

With regard to the Duke Eulopea specimen I have
only to say that the enclosed photograph is
a very accurate one, and that I believe the
account and details accompanying it are
strictly reliable. I think however that Mather
is wrong in his estimation of the resemblance
between the eyes of the medallion and those of the
Assyrian bas-reliefs, for in the latter the eye,
which in the medallion is horizontal is usually
inclined, the eyebrows being convergent. I think
the fact that the substance of the medallion, a red
granulate, is very abundant in the spot where this
curiosity was found, is strong evidence against
the belief of its having been brought there from
some other place. I do not know that ^{the} subject
is one of any interest to you, but I send it
as being all I have. I should be glad if you
would return again the photograph and letter
after you have made such use of them as you
desire. If you should wish a photograph taken

of the other specimen described by Mr. Matthew, I shall be glad to procure it.

About two years ago the remains of an infant skull were brought to me, which had been found near the mouth of the Wapskehegan River, a branch of the Tobique, and 30 miles or more from any settlement. They were found several feet below the surface, wrapped in bark, with great numbers of ^{perforated} beads accompanying them, a few of which I enclose. Whether they are of Melicete origin or not I do not know. The only bones were the Parietal and part of the Temporal, with a small piece of the shaft of a Femur? The beads appear to be partly of bone, partly of shell, and some of them are rings of Eucrinites, similar to those found first at Dalhousie.

I have received and am greatly obliged for the pamphlets you were so kind as to send me. If it would not be asking too much, I should be glad if you could procure for me from

Baileys Collection

Mr. Billings (with whom I have never corresponded)
or from any other source, a copy of his paper or
"Catalogue of the Silurian fossils of the Island of
Anticosti, which I see by a notice in Silliman's
Journal contains some interesting references to
our New Brunswick geology -

How soon do you expect the Acadian geology
to be issued? I shall probably employ it
next year as an Honour Book for my
geological class -

Very sincerely yours

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