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My dear Sir,  
I received your kind letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> April and the package of 7 or 8 bound Pamphlets which accompanied it. The copy of the second edition of your "Acadian Geology" was also duly received. The Council direct me to offer you the best thanks of the Society, and themselves for these valuable additions to our Library, and are much pleased to find that you are interested in our success.

Since I wrote you on the 9<sup>th</sup> April your Session has closed and we are busy getting up the next Part of our Transactions for publication. It will not be complete before Nov: at the earliest, when I hope to send you a copy as usual. It will contain the work of this last Session.

I am somewhat surprised that the "Natural History Society of Montreal" has not replied in any way to my communication of the 9<sup>th</sup> April. I trust the Council of that Body may have had exchange of publications with my Society. Is the "Canadian Journal of Science, Agriculture & History" a journal published, I think, at Toronto connected in any way with the Montreal Society? I understand that the "Nat. Hist. Soc." intend publishing a New Series of the "Canadian Naturalist". It would be very gratifying to us if the Society would put us on their list of Bodies receiving copies of such a publication, and perhaps you could use your influence with them to achieve that end. When I asked you to contribute a short Paper or Notice to our next Session's proceedings, I did not



wish to rob the Geological Society of London, of any important communication, however short, that you might naturally send to them; but merely desired to receive a short communication on a subject which you think may interest & be of use to our Society, while it would prove an incentive to increased diligence to our working Members. An idea occurred to me that if extracts from the letters of our Foreign Corresponding Fellows were read as part of our public business during the winter, and then published in our Transactions, an additional interest would be awakened in the Meeting. I know that my friend Prof. Balfour has adopted such a course with advantage to our Botanical Society. It tends also to give the Foreign Members a personal interest in the Society's Meetings. If therefore you can <sup>find</sup> it convenient to send us a short notice during the Winter - or between Nov. & May - of any year we shall be glad to receive it. The Geol. Soc. of London have been very kind to us, as indeed they should, and while acknowledging them to be our great Nat. Institution for the teaching of Geology, we seek quietly & humbly to work away at local subjects, without attempting foolishly to rival them. The title of one of the pamphlets you sent us is "on the Microscopic Structure of some Canadian Limestones" and I would draw your attention to the circumstance, that Geologists now find the great importance of these preparations as showing additional light on the composition of rocks. Glasgow is building a magnificent University to replace its old one, and the excavations for its site on Gt. Western Hill have laid bare excellent sections of the Bouleux Clay. Some of our Members who are connected with the Geol. Soc. in that City have taken up the subject of the transported Bouleux - specimens of which are being carefully polished & sliced for the microscope, as you have treated the Trenton Limestones. The British Association will not meet in Edin. in 1870 as many of us anticipated, but will go to some







