

Alberton Augt 12th 71

My dear Sir

I am sorry you had such trouble searching for Mr Thomas it was Mr Morris who lives or has a store nearly opposite the new building erected by Mr Peter Hyndman. I telegraphed yesterday on receipt of your note to Mr Chas. Hyndman to show you the specimens, he was with me when I examined the place and had previously collected most of the specimens, I went then to look at a reported coal seam from which some anthracitic specimens had been sent to me of course on seeing the "Mine"

I had to reduce it to a layer of
Carbonaceous wood or mineral charcoal
through which the hammer could
reach the rocks behind

You will see at Mr. Morris's
good specimens of the Striated
fossil also a large Catanite
and two smaller - all or any
of which you can doubtless have
for the asking - I have no fossils
from the Island or they would
be at your service, I showed
J. Harrington a doubtful footprint
from the same bed in which I found
the tooth or spine which I gave you don
viz. the thin ^{out} dolomitic beds which
extend over so large a portion of the
Island
It would have

afforded me great pleasure
to have seen you before leaving
should I ever visit Montreal
I shall not fail to present
myself.

If you see the fossils I should
much like to know your
opinion of them

Yours truly
J. W. Sawyer

Dr. J. W. Dawson

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W. Hayes
Esq. WA

I have not found the enclosed
thing of much interest
before being

of your in the former's
much like a true
specimen of them
W. Hayes

Dr. J. W. Cannon

