

Saint John N.B.
19 Dec. 1871

My dear Sir,

Having nothing of moment to communicate I did not reply immediately to your note of 30 ult. I will proceed with the arrangement of my Cuban notes, but do not look forward to sharing them in shape till mid-winter or later. I regret that I cannot give you any additional material in the way of post-pliocene shells from here. All my spare time that I could get for field work, has been given to the geological survey, so that I have not had any opportunity to collect shells from the clay beds

for about five years past.

I do not think I have any coal plank showing structure, except *Dadoxylon* from Grand Lake, and I think I have sent you specimens of these. I have not had an opportunity to look at the sandstone bed near the Barracks yet, but will do so.

I shall be glad to learn what your resume of the Post-Pleistocene, will exhibit of the causes of glacial phenomena, to me the moving power is still not altogether clear, that ice has had to do, with these results is clear, but how?, is the question.

With kind regards

I remain truly yours

Wm. Adams,

G. H. Matthews
Dec 21