


Ramsay

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My dear Dr Dawson

I came home yesterday after 3 months absence from London & today found your book "The Dawn of Life" awaiting me in the Museum. Accept my best thanks & depend upon it I shall read it & profit thereby. I see also another book



sent me by your son
on the Resources & in
the vicinity of the 49th
parallel. He is a credit
to you & to himself and
to his old patrons &
Masters at the Museum
here. Some day I hope
he may be able to make
a sketch section from
east to west right

across the American Con-
tinent, showing the
unconformities and
relative dates of the
disturbance of the great
rock masses. I have
been unable to find such
a thing well generalized.

One thing I want to know
is this, did the Rocky
Mountains form a
great Mountain Chain
before the Eocene epoch, or
was it before the Cretaceous

epoch, or not till just
before the Miocene Epoch
or when?

I know the dates of all
the 9th chains of Europe
& Asia, but cannot
find the same data
clearly put for North
America.

Ever truly
And respectfully
Yours