



GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA

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Dear Dr. Dawson 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1875

It happens that I am just now working at the subject to which your note refers. I make out thus far the following series =

1  
Upper Potsdam.

This includes the Potsdam of Northern New York and the Western States = About 40 species = all confined to the formation

2

Lower Potsdam

Strait of Belle Isle, Bic. St. Simon part of the sandrock of Vermont and locality near Troy N. Y. = part of Sumner's formation. 45 or 50 species None found in any other formation

3

Principial

New Brunswick Newfoundland &c 50 species all confined to the formation.

4

rocks near St Johns  
New Brunswick, supposed  
to be Hunonian??

Aspidella and some other  
obscure forms.

1-2 & 3. Thus far appear  
to be totally distinct. There  
is a great gap between each  
two of them, too little  
is known of No 4 to  
say much of ~~them~~ it just  
now. The working out  
of the truth with regard  
to these rocks is as you  
intimate in your note of  
great interest. During  
next season I wish  
Mr Selwyn would let  
me go with Weston over  
the ground myself to  
both in New Brunswick  
and Newfoundland. There  
some places I am most

anxious to see.

I am thinking of  
publishing a preliminary  
note in the Naturalist  
soon with lists of all  
fossils determined.

When could I see  
your primordial collec-  
tion from New Brunswick?  
I wish to take up several  
species to compare with  
Yonks.

Yours

Very truly

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