

Kind

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Dear J. Deacon,

You will just
receive first surprise and then
I can scarcely say accused me,
for I one does not like to be the
victim of a practical joke, and yet
as it seems - The manner as
follows - After finding the Chrysolite
Lunstone at Hamilton Inlet, I
placed four pieces in the fire to
show a friend that the Lunstone
would probably ~~blake~~ after
burning - I took the four pieces
out of the fire - The same pieces I
put in - to the fire - I left them for
an hour or so on the vessel on
the deck of the Schooner - And when

I examined the four pieces -
I found the one sent, which
showed what I thought without
further enumeration like the
Stems of Crinoid - I remember
now saying when in company
with the same parties at
Catalina after I had collected
several specimens of the
Supposed Coral from the Roman
Rock - "I shall send this
to Principal Dawson" -

I suspect that one of the
four pieces of Limestone was
taken and this burnt shale
put in its place ^{during} my short
absence - I remember too that
when I remarked the supposed
Stems of Crinoid, that the question
was asked "Shall you send
it to Principal Dawson" - and
my reply being "Certainly" -

The joke no doubt was enjoyed -

This, however, does not
interfere with the Section on
the Crystalline Limestones - and
if it were worth while, I could
comfort myself with the reflection
'that it is my town sent' - if
I were so disposed - I am however
really thankful, that it fell
into your hands - and you
may enjoy your laugh, for I
deserve it, not for not being more
careful what I sent to you -

Touching "Anchor Ice" -
My paper relates to the effect of
"Anchor Ice" on the Newfoundland
fisheries - And as it consists of
Part I and Part II - it may be some
weeks before it is published -
provided the Newfoundland gov-
d'out let the Globe correspondent
copy it - as they did my "Notes

Dr. N. W. M. Sabrada
"Sinking Grounds" - which
appeared in the Toronto Globe
with a cloud of Misprints -

I may inform you privately
that the Newfoundland Government
have engaged me to go next
Summer to the Sabrada again -
to face as Hudson's Straits - to
spend the whole Season there -
Now if you have ^{any} special subject
to which you would like to direct
my attention I shall be most happy
to meet you wither in any way
within my power. I suppose that
I shall have every facility for
collecting - and one can do a good
deal in three or four months -

If you will kindly return my
paper, I will change the Title
enlarge it and give a brief general
view of the Rocks of the Coast

as far as Ukkasiksalik or
'Freestone Point' some 250
miles north of Belle Isle.
I can then also introduce a
Brief notice of Arctic Ice
and Coast Ice. in fact I can
make a paper for the your
Society - Condensing my
notes on the subject.

I must really apologise for
troubling you, and must
also express regret that I
should have been an instrument
in uselessly occupying your
time.

Very truly yours
Henry Meade

Principal Dawson
Dr. J. C. Colley.