

Mrs. Jack
Seymour

Hillside

Chateauguay Basin.

Sept. 14th 1877.

Dear Sir.

I cannot help writing you a line of thanks for your kindly attention to my friend, who repeatedly told me that the hour passed in your Museum, was the pleasantest remembrance of Montreal she can carry away.

And now, Dr Dawson will you use your influence to obtain a free day, or half day to the N. H. S. rooms. Before long, the study of Natural History is left for college students and scientific men, and I have a feeling that some departments, if better understood would be a benefit to the province.

And while Gray's Botany fills all the requirements in that department there should be some simple school book on Zoology particularly Entomology

that could be called Canadian -
as part of the course of books used in
common schools. There is a chance
for a competent writer in this direction
I think. I am quite willing to pay at
any time to the N. H. S. or to subscribe to a
fund to remunerate the curator for any
extra labor on the free day but I do
think it lamentable to see the lack
of knowledge on these subjects in rural
districts and this in an age when so
many pests are at work to destroy the
different products grown. If the young
people could learn the enemies and their
parasites, and know the geology of their
own locality it would be vastly more
useful to them than the elaborate lessons
in foreign geography and many other
superfluous studies.

Pardon me for what may seem an
intrusion but is not so intended. I
hold you and your influence in
high esteem and have ventured my
opinion based upon actual

experience. Thanking you again remain

Respectfully,

Ernest S. Pack.