

Spencer F. Baird, (Asst. Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution) Commissioner.

United States Commission, Fish and Fisheries,

Washington, Dec 31, 1877.

Dear Sr. Lawson.

I have written to the Commissioner of Crown Lands at Quebec & to the Fisheries Office at Ottawa & am informed that the books are not in their proper place. The only chance will be to find some antiquarian's lot of old documents that contains them. We almost always get such things in Washington & I did not know but they might be procurable in Montreal. You need not give yourself any trouble in the matter.

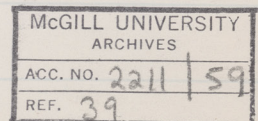
Sincerely Yours.

Spencer Baird
Commissioner.

Sr J. W. Lawson.

Montreal.

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Jan 18