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Prof J. W. Dawson Montreal

Dear Sir.

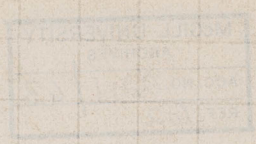
Please accept my best thanks for the communication of those photos of two very fine species <sup>of young</sup> Leptotharia Brownii and Leptotharia rhombicum. The specimens are very remarkable.

Answering what you say: that you would like to receive my papers, it has been a great pleasure to me to send you all I have published on fossil plants until now. The Tertiary flora was sent to you at my request. I have no copies for distribution of works of that kind; but I am allowed to make a list of names and yours was one of the first. Of the Pliocene flora for Whitney's work, I got twenty five copies one of which was sent to you from Cambridge. I do not mention this as if these communications were in any way worth the thanks; but to say that I consider them as due to you as the highest phytogeographical authority of this continent. Of the Cordaites of which you

received a preliminary description published  
in the Phil. Soc. Proc. I wished to send you  
a copy of the plates. But I could only obtain  
five of these copies, one for the Phil Soc; the  
other promised to Schimper, Saporta, Hervey  
and Hooker who had the kindness to com-  
municate it to Messrs Binney, Williams &c.  
Saporta's copy was for Gray, Eury, DeCandolle and  
others. I wished to have the opinion of  
divers authors on that difficult matter and  
as I expected these opinions have me in the  
same predicament, doubt, as before, for  
there are all more or less in discordance. Now  
I have my own copy of the plates for the prepa-  
ration of the text. But I should be very glad  
if you would see these plates and as I can-  
not come to the Corcoran before one or two  
months, if this is agreeable to you, I will  
send you these plates of mine free of expenses  
and to be returned at my expense also,  
You might keep them two or three weeks, if  
you like.

Very sincerely yours  
A. DeCandolle

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