

Lime Brooks June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1879

To John W Dawson

Dear Sir

I went for to collect the fossils you desired me but owing to a late start and a rain storm I did not finish until yesterday last - I first traveled over 108 for one day gathering all I could find, I found it difficult for to get solid ones as the fossils are generally clustered together and decomposes faster than the containing rock consequently I put a few brittle ones in the box - I got some iron rock fossils outside of 108 or Ross - next day I went over Blanchard or Hudson area - I may state that I found it hard for to get good fossils in the containing rock, in the one I found a few good ones owing to a large quantity being quarried 3 years ago, Next day I went to Webster I did not get many here the few I got were west of Webster house I think these <sup>I think the fossils are a</sup> rocks "are" continuation of the band where the red hematite is found on the north side of m<sup>rs</sup> Delans mountain - on the fourth day I went down to where the red hematite shows at Andrew Holmes on the grant - here there are very many

fossils and easily got, next day I went on the East side of I River towards French River, to where the red Hematite crops out at D Sutherlands as the fossils are more plentiful in the red one — this constitutes a general outline of my tour —

The red Hematite of this or last named district is not opened yet but can be seen in some places where the rain has washed the surface of I do not suppose it is more than 3 feet in thickness but can be traced down to near the conglomerate on the West side of the French River, the last 3 miles of French River south of the conglomerate runs on the strike of the containing rock of the Hematite I have no account of the one further East than French River, but the last named and Webster cross the Sutherland River — I packed all the fossils carefully and the way they are arranged are as follows first take off the cover <sup>or glass side</sup> you will find a sketch of my tour so as to enable you for understand better the places I will name — the first are fossils from Ross or 108 lift them out one by one you will come to a sheet of paper or paper placed so as to divide them from the next fossils — the next is Bluehead remove them the same way in one end you will find Webster fossils on grey paper <sub>marked in</sub>

pencil - the next is from ~~the~~ West side of A River  
at Andrew Holmes - and lastly those on the East  
side of River - see sketch - I send no account  
in the mean time, What I have done for you is  
the best I could do I trust the fossils will get them  
safe

Yours  
Donald Fraser

N. B. I will trouble <sup>you</sup> you to address the note  
I enclose to Mr Delwyn Geologist - Some  
time in 77 I seen him at Salem Lake he desired me  
for to collect some fossils for him when time  
would permit, So last summer <sup>in</sup> I wrote him  
I ~~would~~ could collect them I received a note in  
reply from Harrington (chemist) that Mr Delwyn  
was in Paris and would be absent for some time  
but I supposed the box of fossils would be accept-  
able - consequently I sent quite a large box, and  
that is all I know about it, probably he is  
still from home

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