

Nine Cottage, Cornwallis Aug 31, 1879
J W Dawson, M. A. L. L. D. F. R. S. &c.

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge
the favor of the Annual Calendar, "The Recent Papers on the Geology
of N. S. and the Quebec Group" all of which I shall peruse
with interest. Thanks

I this day have forwarded a Parcel of specimens
in care of H. J. Hill, Secretary of the Canadian Exhibition.
These specimens I have directed to be handed over to your order
for your Museum. I regret that time would not allow me
to make the package more ample. This I could have done
with blocks from a Magnesian Group of all grades
of texture possessing the respective qualities they are
credited for. The samples which obtained the International
and Dominion Medals and diplomas. I presented
to the Firm of Shults and Sons. One of the oldest and
most respectable Firms in the City of Montreal. Also samples
of dioxide of copper (as a semi copper paint and first class
scianna etc.) To have made the package more enlarged
would have afforded me pleasure. You must be content
with the present package. Which you will receive after
the Toronto Exhibition is over. You will recognize the Amphibole
and the associated ligate rock from the transformation
of the North Mountain in the neighbourhood of Monrovia.
The Manganese specimens are the gifts of the Messrs Churchills
(The large Ship Owners) of Saint John and come from their

property at Watton where they have twelve thousand acres
There are several foreign specimens which you and Sir William
Logan will readily recognise. I have two small articles which
Mr W C Beckwith wished me to forward to you. One is the
domestic measure. Which the Chinese measure their drawing
of tea and also the sugar. The larger end is for tea the smaller for
the sugar. They are similar to the measures used for Sed City's
powders. And with them you can make what you require.
Another is a toy of exquisite workmanship. And your Mythological
knowledge will decipher something from it. I would not
risk this fine model in the Parcel of specimens. But
must forward it through the Post Office to your address.

So far with my own business I have recently made the agree-
able acquaintance of a very worthy person who at present is in the employ
of the W C P. Company as their Agent and Telegraph Operator
at Hongkong where I have been for a short time engaged
with the so called Magnetic Presy. & Co. of Scotland.
The history of this young man is very remarkable. He is of an
excellent family by the name of Mathews. Self taught and
and highly intelligent. He is offered a better situation
in New Zealand. His removal thither. Causes the
parting of years of labour. in procuring a well selected
cabinet of rare specimens. Which he is desirous to
dispose either to a Public Institution or to private persons
wishing to own a cabinet of the kind. I have examined
them and find they are as represented in the enclosed

Memorandum, His price is \$200 dollars for Case
and contents. Should your University entertain
the affair, He will donate one half the price to the
Museum, You will confer a favor to look at
this matter, And if possible have this Cabinet
disposed of in your power.

I have just returned from Hartford to get off the
specimens promised. I shall return there in
two days. When I shall be busily engaged for
a few days. testing with fire and acids for
results which when done are to go to Scotland
in quest of foreign capital to operate on the large
scale. I shall be pleased to hear from
you. Wishing you all happiness & success

Yours truly
Geo J McDonald

The next ten days I shall (all well) be at the
"American House", Hartford

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