

Matthews

Saint John N.B.

26 April 1881.

Dear Sir

I have been collecting a few fossils from the Devonian rocks here and on attempting to identify them, find difficulty in determining the species of the smaller trilobites; more especially of those, of which in *Acadian Geology* only a few words of description are given. I observe that in the case of the common species you inserted the full description, but in that of the rare ones only a synopsis or a few remarks of comparison with other species. My object in writing to you is to ask if you know what became of Prof. Darby's

descriptions of these forms and his
restorations, if there were such
with his descriptions. If I
could get access to his paper
I could satisfy myself as to the
species of the St. John trilobites,
where now I am in a state of
doubt.

I was glad to see
that your eminent services in
science had been recognized by
the assigning to you of Sir Lyell's
medal, and congratulate you on
the honor conferred.

Hoping to hear on the
point to which I have referred in
this letter, I remain dear Sir
your very truly

J. M. Atkinson.