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Dear W^m Dawson,

Please accept my very sincere thanks for your kind letter of 10th Inst. I promptly acted on your advice & wrote to George for the B. C. reports. Mr Scaife & I are keeping our eyes open now for genuine fossils. But we fully agree with you in considering them scarce.

I am looking forward with great interest to the Montreal meeting of the Am. Association. If it can be managed I hope to be present at it. But there seems very little chance just now of any such luck.

If I were in Montreal beforehand
I dare say that some of my
experience in our meeting of
mining engineers might be
of value in aiding your committee.

I feel much satisfaction in
thinking that our meeting of
engineers may have paved the
way to some modest extent
for this much greater undertaking.

There is no room for doubt
that the meeting next August
will be pleasant & successful.

I am glad that our fair city
of Montreal is establishing
her name for an intelligent
hospitality to scientific bodies.

Please remember me very kindly
to Mr & Miss Dawson & the Harringtons

Yours with great respect
J. Fraser Torrance