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Prof J. W. Dawson. Montreal.

I am much obliged for the communication of your valuable memoir on the fossil plants of Canada, part II. I have especially been much interested in your remarks on *Phlophyton* linearis of which I may perhaps get more and better specimens. That the pinnules are hollow, is evident. But I truly believe that they are sponges or like the leaves of *Taxio-phyllum decurrens* which have groups of macrospores dispersed in their whole length. There seems also to be an indication of the leaves being originally in whorls as the scars upon the stems; these are very distinct, showing as you say that the pinnules were so articulate at base that they were very deciduous. — Accept my thanks for the communication. — I regret much that I could not pay you a visit at Montreal for the exposition. Total deafness and great difficulties of speaking English which I have never heard, old age and infirmities prevent stay at home

Very truly yours — L. Senguer

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