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Montreal.

Sir,

I have seen Mr. Whiteous, who says, individually he has no control over the specimens in the Natural History Society of Montreal, but he would suggest the advisability of getting from that Institute whatever specimens can be spared and utilized to supplement your Collection.

Will you, therefore, kindly undertake to get together the collection of Mollusca, you spoke of, that could

be obtained from your own specimens, and supplement it by whatever can be procured from the Nat. Hist. Soc. of Montreal and such other sources as you may know of, to make a fairly representative exhibit of our Canadian invertebrates?

From collections made in Nova Scotia, I believe a fair exhibit of the larger Mollusca has been obtained, but the smaller specimens are entirely absent. You perhaps can give, therefore, more attention to the arranging and naming of the smaller varieties.

I am,

Yours truly
A. M. Sclater
Minister of Marine & Fisheries

Mr. Deane

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