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To Sir William Dawson L.L.D., F.R.S.

Dear Sir,

The small boxes of shells & fossils came quite safely to hand & I am much obliged to you for them, though sorry to have troubled you to pick them out, label & pack them.

I should sooner have answered your last letter, but have been laid up with a severe cold. Many thanks for your kind offer to lend me your specimens of *Trophon craticulatus*. I find, however, that we have one from Hudson's Straits & another from Greenland in the museum.

The only *Buccinum* that I have yet seen from the Vancouver ~~or~~ district or from the Pacific coast of Canada is the species which you saw when in Ottawa last, & which Dall says is *B. polare*, var. *compactum*.

We have just received an elaborate essay (in German) by Dr. Neumayer on the distribution of the Jurassic in foreign countries, (foreign to Europe of course) in which he reviews my two reports on the I.C. Islands & the paper on the Lower Cretaceous Rocks of British Columbia, in the Trans. Roy. Soc. Canada.

I have only had time to glance through this paper & can hardly tell yet to what conclusions he comes on these questions without reading it more carefully.

Very truly yours,

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