

Matthews

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Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of your article on recent papers on Geol. of Nova Scotia, in which you mention the occurrence of Niagara beds in the South Mountain region. Prof. Bailey told me you had thought I had not expressed your recent views of Silurian geology of N.S. in my article sent

to the Royal Society last month, I thought that in quoting from the Acadⁿ Geology I had given your opinions, but I see that I have overlooked the commentary on Honyman's work which you have sent me. It was my desire to quote the opinions of those best able to speak in relation to ~~Stratigraphy~~ and other sections, but I will see to a proper revision of the remarks of this subject before completing the article.

I tried to extract something new from Honyman's on this subject last articles

in Transactions of N.S. Acad.
of Sci., but could not get
much additional light.
If Ami is correct in his
determination of the age of
the Back Bay fossils, the
Niagara was a time of
breaking up and elevation
of land and volcanic out-
bursts along this coast. So
the fauna may be locally
deficient, as appears to be
the case at Arisaig. These
disturbances extended into the
Lower Helderberg time as
well, about this region - But
the earlier Silurian i.e. Clin-
ton & Medina appears to have
been marked by submerged
land and more tranquil con-
ditions.

I am glad to hear that there is a prospect of your coming to St. John for the meeting of the Interprovincial Institute, and if you can shelter under my humble roof I will be glad to have the opportunity to make it as comfortable for you as possible. I do not know whether Lady Dawson or Miss Dawson will bear you company, but if they should come they will be greatly welcome.

Yours very truly
J. M. Attkin.