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Repeal Books etc

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Sir J. W. Dawson

Montreal

Dear Sir

I take the liberty to write to you under the impression that you can better give me the information I require, than any party to whom I could apply. I am studying up Geology with the intention of giving lectures & illustrations through the County, probably only in Country places & not in Towns & Cities. I have been reading up Dana's text book 2<sup>d</sup> Ed 1874, & Lyell's Elements 1871. I like Dana's way of Handling the Subject better than yours. I have only gone part way in Lyell's it is rather tedious. I have also read your work *The Meeting place Geology & History*. I think of getting your work on "Canadian Geology" also, the origin of the world, "The chain of life in Geological Time" & Modern ideas of evolution also Dana's latest work on Geology.

I have long been impressed with God's goodness  
in preparing & fitting this world for Man's  
habitation; (It is a wonderful subject) and  
I am surprised that ministers of the  
Gospel do not make more use of Science  
& especially Geology in bringing Man & God  
together & making Man understand his  
Maker better. Since studying this subject  
my impressions of God's Care & Goodness have  
been enlarged & deepened. Now you could  
perhaps tell me what books I would best  
require, my means are limited, and there  
is another question what I can get for  
illustration. I first thought of using  
views with the Lintens. I can tell that  
the Public School department of Quebec  
have an Man out with views & lecturing  
on the subject, a friend of mine saw  
him or attended his lecture in Portiac. I  
have since thought that Maps would be  
better, you can tell me whether I can get  
Geological Maps. I think one such as I  
find in Dana pag 69. also the maps of  
the ages 67. & 68. with maps of the fossils  
& Animal life of each age would be

sufficient for Public lectures. The  
greatest want I find is Educational  
teaching with samples of the books  
look in public lectures, these could not  
be exhibited nor carried around & in one  
or two or even three lectures only few  
and principles could be given & would  
be more profitable to the public  
than Minutes. Would there be  
any likelihood of getting the books  
I mentioned second hand in Montreal  
at a lower rate? I can buy from  
Flaming Rowel de L'Oratoire a 50% cash  
discount. I have perhaps asked enough of  
questions, but some things have suggested  
themselves to me in this study, which so  
far as I have read have not been answered  
that is placing time or No of years on each  
age & has any attempt been made to place  
time on the day account in Genesis, I  
presume your origin of the world will  
treat on that, I would like to find out  
if the Public School department of Quebec  
use books, whether a set could be got  
& at what cost, perhaps you could give

The name of some gentleman of the  
department who could give me  
the information. In conclusion I  
may be asking for too much of you  
a perfect stranger. I was in Ottawa  
a few weeks ago & spent two hours  
in the Museum. I met you some-  
body had only about five minutes  
time, he could not inform me about  
the birds & I did not notice any geologi-  
cal maps in the Museum. Kindly  
do what you can for me, I may succeed  
to get work & I may not, but the study  
is a pleasure in itself. My greatest  
draw back is my age 66.

My home is Superior Ont but at present  
My address is

Kennew Ont

Yours sincerely  
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