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253 Brunswick St.  
Halifax -

My dear Sir

Your letter just received. I thank you an  
mistaken about Mr. Sherbooke  
"fossils" - I was at Waverley  
formed a lot of fossils which  
were very remarkable, seen  
at Sherbooke near the Lake  
1/2 or two miles from the  
works. Some but less  
developed forms. If you come  
to Halifax which I hope  
will be the case, I will try  
and find time to go with <sup>you</sup>  
Waverley and show you the  
place where these fossils  
occur in abundance.

They are found more or less  
widely scattered. I will look

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to night for Pulpit and plans  
of Broad Cove - if I find them  
will send them to Boston.

Yrs. & truly Mr. - I forgot  
the name, now working  
Broad Cove has a copy and  
set of the plans.

But now for another subject.  
I have written - and nearly  
finished the Superintendence  
of the printing - a paper on  
the Fisheries for the Fishery  
Commission. It is I have  
referred to the limited  
area (comparatively) of cold  
water off the coast of the United  
States adapted to the habitat  
of the cold water fishes such  
as the Cod etc. - and how long  
they have for centuries been  
taken in the greatest abundance

in those localities where the  
Sea temperature is lowest  
as in the Straits of Belle Isle -  
Causse - The Banks of -

I show that these cold  
waters seas are the natural  
habitat of the Cod - Now it would  
be a strong point to make,  
to show that the Marine  
fauna off the coast of the  
United States is only Subarctic  
in patches - as far distance  
George's Shoals, their great  
Cod fishing station - Berrill  
has gone into this as you well  
know - as also Packard Jr -

I show also that these waters  
are the great home of the Shell  
-fish (oysters, clams, etc.) which  
bring them in \$25,000,000 a year,  
our waters are not suited  
to their Commercial development

on a great scale. The ~~importance~~  
value of \$80,000 worth of oysters  
at the most - against \$25,000,000.  
The and many other features  
of the fisheries are the result  
of marine climate. I have  
suggested that you should  
be called at Wickneup on this  
point - Prof. Baird is coming  
for that purpose, on their side.  
Do you object? Will you please  
let me know when you  
will be in Halifax or in  
Nova Scotia, and for how  
long. I would much like to  
see you on this point and show  
you what I have written, but  
I can not let any thing at present  
go out of my hands otherwise I would  
send the sheets. The British agent  
as you may suppose does not as  
yet clearly see the bearings of  
Scientific enquiry on the fisheries

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But Whiteaker does, and Whiteaker  
is a sensible man. In their  
statements (those of the U. S.  
Commission) some points of  
importance can be refuted  
without a shadow of doubt  
by scientific evidence. I trust  
that in thus taking the  
liberty of suggesting you as an  
important witness in ~~your~~ relation  
to Marine Climate, I have not  
interfered with your plans for  
the summer. But it is entirely in  
your own hands whether you  
appear or not. Please burn  
this as every thing relating to the  
Fishing Commission is understood  
to be strictly Confidential.

Very truly yours  
J. M. Dawson. Henry Wood *over*

I have taken lodging at  
253 Brunswick Street  
Halifax

And any letters from addresses  
will just reach me - I have  
given all (I think) of my  
Mauls and Newbrook  
Specimens away -