

Victoria B.C. Sarge
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Dear Father,

Nicholson's Zoology has
arrived I am much obliged for it, as
you suppose I have the Palaeontology.
I have also to thank you for kindness
in attending to various reports which
knowing how full your time is occupied
I hardly dared to make. The account
of expenditure has come among other things.
The amount due for additional
Commission expenses is so small
that it hardly seems worth making any
demand for it. The extra postage of
reports, please charge to me.
I mentioned in writing to Mr Selwyn some

days ago that I had found a few
shells in clay from a well some few
feet above high tide mark. They do
not belong to the superficial layer of
shells & soil & old kitchen heaps which
surround the coast, but come from the
drift below & have an arctic appearance.

There is a Leda, Salicornia, Small nautilus,
& a minute Cardium?. I do not know
whether the species still inhabit the
Coast they must be rather deep water
forms at any rate. I cannot get
them ready for mail this time, but
will send to my Selwyn next post.

I have enclosed in a box shipped last
steamer some small pieces woods,
chiefly coniferous, of this country. The
names given to them I am not in
all cases sure about, they are those

I find in books on the Province —
chiefly J.K. Sord's book — & they have been
since changed, or in some cases altogether
away. Macoun no doubt will be able to
give a list from his collections. The red wood
included with the others is *Californicum*. It is
used somewhat here as being easier to work
than the Douglas fir.

I wrote to Macoun about my collection of
plants in answer to a letter of his asking
me if they could be loaned for exhibition
as a part of a General Canadian Collection
at Philadelphia, saying that I should have
no objection to do so provided the ~~specimens~~
connection between the specimens & notes of
dates & localities were not lost, & the specimens
could be returned unimpaired when all was
over. Of these points I ~~was~~ ^{am} rather doubtful.

The Manitoba Harstopper Circulars are to
hand & I will try to make some summary
system, though I am getting fearfully lazy,
& it takes me about a week to do what
I would formerly have done in a day.

When the extra Copies of the Glacial Paper
from the Socy arrive, if the list for
distribution of reports has not been sent - you
might perhaps mail a few to ~~the~~ names of those
~~which~~ ^{whom} you think would be interested, &

Send a few to me here.

I find Bancroft's ^{or such part of it as is completed} ~~work~~ on the
Native races of the Pacific slope in the Indian
Office here, & have just got through the perusal
of the volumes on the civilized races of Mexico.
Some parts of it are very interesting & others
very dry but it of course contains much
information & I suppose all the authentic
knowledge extant. The Mexicans have
some points of resemblance with the Indians
of this western coast, I think, which they do
not possess with those of the North-East.

I don't know whether I told you that I got
a short vocabulary from the Chilote Indian
last summer. I found the word time or
dime used for man as with some
tribes east of the Rocky Mts.

Yours affectionately
George.