



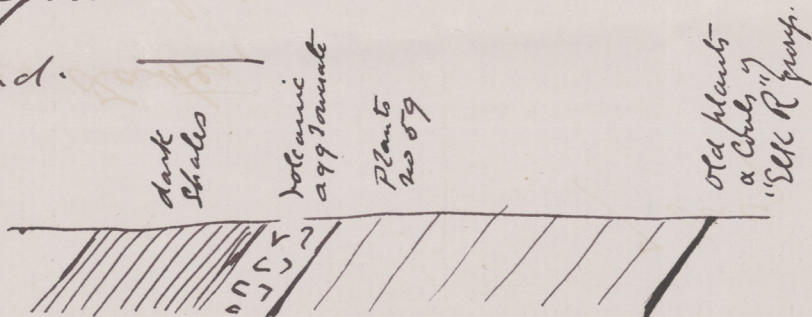
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Dear Foster,

I will get a memo. respecting Mr Fletcher
& his work & send it you, probably tomorrow.
Besides occupying a position in the Parliamentary
Library he has lately been appointed Entomologist
to the Dept. of Agriculture, has had much to
do with the local scientific societies & published
a Flora of the neighbourhood.

In working up sections in the Rocky Mts I
arrive at the following respecting the position
of the plant beds, & can probably write you
more definite statement with the information
on hand.





A few fossils (Wollens) from the dark shales
seem to indicate rather Beuten than Pierre age.
They are numbered 57 in my collection of '83 &
our Wollens may eventually be able to give you something
more definite about them. Below the shales come
conglomerate & ash rocks of very variable thickness,
& below these a great thickness of rocks chiefly
Sandstones but with some shales, conglomerates etc.
The plants numbered 59 come from a bed
probably at least 400 feet below the volcanic
materials. The old jurassic ^{looking} flora from a
number of ~~places~~ ^{localities} but appear to occupy - with
associated coals - a horizon at least 2000
or 3000 feet below the volcanic, & yet to be
far from the base of the formation. The sections on
which this superstratum is based are not
continuous & fossils may possibly occur, but the



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because I can come to the arrangement is that given. If correct the plants numbered 59 should be older than the Peace River & Belly River series lots & possibly about Dakota.

Mr Lamb has your fossils on hand & I hope may have a few drawn before the time of the meeting. He proposes to draw them on separate pieces of paper which may afterwards be grouped into plates as you think best.

Is a man called Mr. Gray a McGill graduate in Science & if so what are his special acquirements? He has been applying for an appointment for surveying or something of the sort

was favoured by an invitation to dinner at 4 St. James again last night.

Yours
George

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Donald

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