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Dear Fletcher,

There can be no doubt that Lawson's plants were found in place. Mr Walton collected the Nelumbium from the same ironstone bed, which is some little distance above the coal in the bank. Were the shells found plants & ~~all~~ bones all from the yellowish part of the Belly River series I would be inclined to think that there was a mistake & that the yellow beds formed a basin of Laramie. Some of the shells & many of the bones, however, occur in the white part of the Belly River series also & thus I am sure is below the Pierre or at least mean an extreme upper part of that formation. It can be seen in the section of Rose Coulée & Steveston

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& bones which Cope when been called Saramne without doubt have been collected from the white beds in Ross Coulée with perhaps things above them in the same bank. There can be no harm in stating however, just what the plants show.

Rapidly surprised Elk River group. The name very preoccupied I cannot think of anything better than Kootanie Group. How would that suit? The Kootanie Indians own name for themselves is I believe Kootenuha or Kit-too-nuh'-a but the former is better known & probably nearer enough. There is no prejudice to that name, which is local. In looking through some books in library found monographs by Nathorst in Sweden on plants very like those cycads &c of above group. Would I or like those books or have I or them? Yours

George

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