

Middlet, Dec 17/69

Dear George

I recd. to-day by
Sample post all the more
 important Jasper shavings. Some
 of Mr Whiteaves are very rich.
 They are from the ~~east~~ side of
 Cape Jasper (the River St Lawrence
 Side). Others washed 4 & 5 by
 turn are from the bay, but I
 will set the precise place and
 depth and send them to you.

I know they have Piloz
phytes in Britain, especially
 in Scotland. They call it
roots, precious, &c; but I mean
 to set them right about
 all that in spring. I have
 got beautiful specimens showing
 structure and fruit among
 our Jasper's gatherings. I see
 that the 1st vol of Schimper's
 new book is out, and I
 have referred to it in a review
 in "Nature" & Hooker makes him
 say that there are no land
plants in the upper Silurian or
 lower Devonian; but this

Must surely be a mistake
in printing. If any one
says so to you, you can tell
them that you have seen
great trees in the Lower
Devonian at Susque, & that
as far as that goes you are
wiser than the printers represent.
Dr Schimper & Dr Harker & he,
I have described, 1 year ago,
in the geological journal, beautiful
specimens of Psilophyton showing
a Scolarium axis, from the
Upper Silurian.

You will see in the papers
that the half breeds at Red River
are still independent, our Ottawa
Government very wisely lets them
alone, because it cannot do
otherwise, and hopes that they
will defeat themselves by eating
up all the stores at Fort Sully
& then depending for food in the
mean time on Dogpile, the ex-
pectant Governor, waits at Fort
Vino in the U.S. territory.

I enclose a letter to Dr Schimper
the fossil Stany man. I have
unlaid his address; but Etheridge
knows it. Will you kindly ask
him, and mail and pay
the letter. ^{Wishing you a happy Christ-}
mas I am your truly
G. Dawson