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Gentlemen,

The Advisory Board for the Province of British Columbia, now ^{under the Canadian Commission} engaged in forming a collection of the products of the Province for the International Exhibition at Philadelphia, are specially anxious to secure a good representation of the timber of the Country.

Very to certain unfortunate delays, action in this matter has not been taken in time to ^{allow} ~~enable~~ large specimens — which can only be forwarded round the horn — to be sent direct from here, & I therefore now take the liberty of writing in behalf of the Board to know whether ^a specimens spars from this Province could be sent from England to Philadelphia. Capt. Raymond informs me that some very fine spars are now on the way ~~to~~ ^{to} England by the "Aras Bay" which will probably arrive ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{time} to enable specimens to be sent to Philadelphia by about the first of May. It would ~~be~~ ^{be} probably sufficient to show one of the largest & best spars on the Aras Bay, as few specimens as possible.

The spar might be shipped to Philadelphia by Sailing vessel or steamer according to the time at disposal on the arrival of the Aras Bay, or in event of her too long delay, you may probably be able to supply a specimen from ^{the} ~~the~~ stock already in England. The Advisory Board will ^{be responsible for} ~~pay~~ the freight of the spar to Philadelphia.

to return it - at the close of the exhibition, to England, or sell
it - at Philadelphia, as maps prove most economical; & become
^{answerable} responsible to you for any difference in the price there obtained,
& the value you may set on the spars in England.

The name of your firm would of course appear as that of the
exhibitor, & the spars would no doubt compare favourably with any others
which may be there ~~shown~~.

Should you feel interested in the matter, & think it desirable to
exhibit one, or two spars of smaller size & of the
largest dimensions, the Advisory Board will in the same way become
responsible for them.

Your obed. Servant
Geo. M. Dawson

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Campbell Wallace
Jan 3.76.