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Dear George,

Your of July 29
arrived yesterday, and I
note the matters referred to as
well as those respecting fossils
in your last. I am sorry you
find Victoria so dull. I hope
at least you will make
the winter a rest to recruit,
and will feel the better
for it. Please also to make
all arrangements for the
summer in the best way
you can, and try to arrange
with delight to come here
next winter. Two winters
in Victoria would rust
you out too much.

I am glad you have received
Nichols's books. I have
not sent Dallas yet,
it is somewhat bulky
and I had hoped to
get something better, but
have not yet. Do you
get Hayden's Bulletins. I
have asked him to
send them to you. If
not I can send you
some duplicates from
me. You will find
your ^{family} plants discussed by
Lesquerens somewhat stupidly,
as is his wont, in one
sent me. I have not

heard from Maclean about
the ^{eight} plants; but shall attend
to it if he writes.

I have been told there
is a Mr Middleton in Victoria
who collects sea-weeds, Desmids, &c.
He is a brother of Middleton
of Dawson & Middleton in Quebec,
I might be worth seeing
his collections.

I have sent you copies
of the glacial paper, & shall
send another batch by and
by, in case the former should
fail. I have sent copies
to a few persons, but will
look over the list.

I am glad you are
reading Bancroft. It will

Do you know of any
 an opinion of
 or Indian
 name a gun
 that Selwyn
 bought in
 Victoria at
 a sale. He
 has since
 sold it to
 Selwyn; but
 seems to
 know nothing
 of its history.
 The pop for
 were with
 him when
 he bought
 it. 910

suggest many questions as to
 the Indians, and I think
 much may be made of
 inquiries as to the B.C. Indians,
 they are certainly of the same
 stock with the Mexicans, but
 their relations to the
 Indians East of the Rocky
 Mts are quite undefined, except
 that it is supposed they connect
 with the Chipewyans on the
 north, as the word Sinné for
 mountain would indicate.

We are all well; but
 I cannot tell you how much
 I feel the want of you in
 discussing all geol. questions that
 turn up, and Willhem's abs-
 ence is also a great blank.

I may find that your presence
 in Victoria may be for good, and
 that he will aid and help you in
 all ways. Ever your affectionate
 father

W. Dawson