



Howes

Belleville April 20/76.

My dear Sir,

You must think me
a very poor correspondent owing
to my apparent neglect.

Since the middle of
December I have been engaged on
a Flora of the Dominion for the Cen-
terennial and only sent it to Montreal
yesterday. It contains 2733
species and varieties. On the ac-
companying list you will find
the names of your plants as far
as I could make them out.

About three weeks since I was
asked to appear before the Committee
on Colonization and Immigration

at Ottawa and gave general
satisfactions. I was questioned for
six hours. Three regarding B. L.
and three about Pease Pelves.
Two days since I had a telegram
from Ottawa asking me if
I would go out to B. C. this
year again. I telegraphed back
a refusal. I may possibly go
yet however.

I shall take your letters
according to date. Yours of Jan.
20th came in due time and shortly
afterwards the plants. I send the
names of yours. A few are in-
corporated in the "Flora" not
being in my possessions before.

Yours of Feb 2nd ^{was} likewise
came safely and also the Cactus.
My astonishment was as great
as yours on receiving the plant. Had
I got it from short men I would

not have believed it, ~~find~~
The finding of that single specimen,
shows that the west coast is
very dry in the summer and
that the winds can scarcely blow
off the sea during that period,
What is your opinion?

Dr. Bingers sent me his plants
but owing to the fact that
they were all mounted and
on small sized paper I did no-
thing with them, I am now
naming them and give a num-
ber improperly named.

The same day I got your
note of the 18th Feb. I went care-
fully over the list and attached
all the names, I am satisfied
that they are nearly all, if not all,
correct, I forwarded the list next
day to Mr. Selwyn.

I can do nothing with the
circulas as I saw no live
grasshoppers last year.

They never have reached
Peace River and never can cross-
ing to the belt of timber and
the positions of the country.

Let the people say what they
may grasshoppers can not be
a permanent plague in Manitoba.
They need a dry gravelly soil
for their continuance in one place
and it is not there. I was asked
about them at Ottawa and said
a belt of Forest 50 miles wide
could not be passed by them.

Was this a correct statement? A
gentleman doubted my assertions
but I satisfied the Committee I
was right. Possibly I may be out
this season but if not please collect

all you possibly can.

In Lichens I got nothing new last year but added three to the American flora. I made out *Hypnia* and varieties, I detected one new *Sarcroa* and a number of new ones besides adding a large number to the flora of the Dominion. To the Centennial I send 197 Lichens 105 *Hepaticae* ~~and~~ 431 *Musci* and 68 *Filices*. What do you think of that for Canada? They are all my own collections likewise.

Thanks for the names of the
~~Priferia~~. *Stie's Englemanni*
is new to me. Get specimens
of it.

Send a specimen of your
Cercanthobium to him as it is
very interesting.

Please write me when you
feel inclined and I shall answer
without delay.

Yours very truly
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