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Prof. G. M. Dawson,
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Dear Sir,

I have been so much away from home since the receipt of your interesting Notes, that I have hitherto failed to acknowledge the same. The records and replies to your circular are very valuable, and I would call your attention to the very few points which I consider weak.

P. 6 - The tendency of the young insects to march in an opposite direction from whence their parents came, cannot be accepted as a rule. This is very clear from what I recorded in my 5th Rep. regarding their habits.

Mr. Dodge's theory of their double-broodedness has so little foundation in fact, and is so easily disproved, that it does not deserve

notice. He has flooded the agricultural papers with his views, and written me letter after letter; but I have allowed him to write himself out on that point.

I am glad of what you say on p. 4 regarding Canadian coöperation with the Commission, and one of the objects I have in writing now is to ask you whether there is any hope of getting such coöperation from your Government the present year; and if not, what steps can we take to secure it another year. You will notice by enclosed circulars that Dr Packard and myself take British America conjointly. I have some idea of trying to get up into the Saskatchewan country in July and August, and would be very greatly obliged if you will give me the benefit of your experience in travelling in the N. W., as to the best routes to take. Dr Packard, as Secretary, has been instructed to correspond with your Government regarding coöperation, and at least Lord Dufferin might commission

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you to aid and assist us,

I have a desire to trace the extreme N. W. limit of the species, and the copy of the letter transmitted to Lord Dufferin (which I have asked Jr Packard to mail to you) will show that we have a grand opportunity the present year of tracing the destination of the swarms from the south, that may not present again for years; and the consequent ^{of cooperation} urgency on the part of the Dominion this year.

Yours sincerely

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Monday

This arrived on Saturday
and it may be of interest
to you & know of it: I
have written to Sally
stating that you have
left for A.S. M.D.