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Dear George,

I have given a  
curious examination to  
the Port McNeil plants  
a rather to a part of  
them, and send the  
result, so far as it  
goes, on the next leaf.  
The Wa Ki Au lot is  
very poor and has  
some peculiar things in  
it, but there is nothing  
to prevent its being of the  
same or nearly the same  
age with the Port McNeil.  
I shall hope to examine them more  
fully hereafter as they are very interesting.

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Both are I should say  
newer than the lower  
Green Charlotte Series  
and the Coal Harbor  
beds, but possibly a  
trifle older than  
the Nainimos, as they  
have a little of a  
Dakota cut about  
them.

William Osceola  
has been recommended  
by the Committee of the  
Council for Deputy Geol. Sur-  
veyor, and I suppose it will be  
the recommendation will be  
accepted. All well here  
Ever yours  
Wm Dawson

1.c Note on Plants from the  
Neil Harbour.

This is a very rich collection including many dicotyledonous leaves of different genera, also a Sulcibuxa and a Larocodium. Some of the species seem identical with those of the Comox and Nanaimo coal fields, but many are distinct. The difference may be merely local or may indicate a slightly older date. The beds holding these leaves can scarcely be older than the upper part of the Middle Cretaceous or newer than the Middle part of the Upper Cretaceous. They are I should think decidedly newer than the beds at Coal Harbour, as

than the Lower Cretaceous  
Series of the Queen Charlotte  
Islands; but not newer,  
if as new, as the Nanaimo  
Coal beds. These plants deserve  
careful study and publication,  
as they are <sup>one of the</sup> finest series  
I have yet seen from Vancouver  
Island. 2, Wa-Ki, Saw. R.

The collection from Wa-Ki-lan  
Island is small and obscure  
but is chiefly dicotyledonous  
and of types similar to  
those of the lower and  
Nanaimo Coal-fields. It is  
therefore probably Upper  
Cretaceous.

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