

Re coal beds. N.S.
Cape Breton and
Newfoundland.

293 University St.
Montreal.

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Dear George,

Your receipt yesterday
is very welcome, but I
made allowance for your
probably expressing business,
and in my present weakness
& delirium have no right
to blame any one for delay.

The N. Cambrian beds
in Southern C. Breton have
I think been mentioned by
Murchison in one of his papers
from RS Camb. vol. VII. I think
he calls it the Pectura Series

It is quite likely that some
 of the Lower Newfoundland
 beds occur in C. Brelins
 but it would be wiser to
 wait till fossils are found
 before giving them names.
 The Lower Beds of the
 Camb & Pre-Camb in C. B.
 seem to be different from
 those of N.S. & may like
 those of N.J., & it would
 be best to name ^{subdivisions}
 of fossils when found though
 any local name will do
 for a while as you can
 find the country lines

As to Biography, I have
 written to Hodder who is
 best judge as to date in
 England. When I get his
 reply of shall in life I
 shall inform you. If not
 the matter will rest
 with you and grandmama
 Newspapers say that
 your colleague in Behring's
 Sea Dr Geo B. Purcell has
 departed this life at 57,
 you never had further acquaintance
 of your work in that matter
 I hope your time will
 come now, when he is gone
 and I am coming very
 near the end of life &

May you drop off any
days

May God grant
you all his best blessing

Ever yours in love

JMS