

entire fitness for the place. In addition, however, you possess what few Palæontologists or Geologists do possess, namely a good sound training in Zoology. Your various reports on deep-sea dredging, so familiar to us in the States, are the best possible evidences of the fitness you have for the post you aspire to. Nowadays, when the study of fossils and their proper interpretation are fraught with so much significance, it seems that a Palæontologist should be well versed in living animals, the special knowledge indeed that you possess, in order to interpret rightly the fragments of past life.

I can earnestly commend your special fitness for the office, and will aid you in any way you may indicate.

Very truly yours,

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MY DEAR SIR,

In reply to yours of June 27th, I would say, that it gives me much pleasure to bear testimony to your proficiency in Palæontology and to express the hope that your labors in this field will be so far appreciated by the authorities of the Canadian Geological Survey that they may be led to tender you the post left vacant by the death of the late Mr. Billings. Certainly your studies of our recent marine animals, and of the fossils of the Mesozoic period, should enable you to work to good advantage on the Palæozoic fossils collected by the Survey, and I think you both competent and able to do any work of this sort that might be required.

Yours very truly,

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