

Stokes Bay. (Bruce co. Ont.) July 10 / 32

13 - Marie - Victoria (F.)

My Dear Treacher,

I have kept on sending things packing them with my best. But I must admit that I lack knowledge and experience, and that every new plant is a new problem. How I would like to be a physiologist for the time being.

I will send to-day a very precious lot. They are the relict ferns of Bruce, the three of them great rarities in Eastern America:

a) Phyllites Scolopendriana, var. americana - Shaded limestone, generally abated to a stone - rather dry

b) Polystichum Lonchitis - Some situations, but becomes almost weeds here, along rocky roadsides

c) Thelypteris Filix-Mas - with Phyllites - in light shade on boards of wood.

I hope you will be able to save those!

Sending also

Sphagnum nudica - a species of wet grounds but on ends of dryer places

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Lonicera hirsuta - dry rocky (limestone) places

? Populus tocanadensis - of course ubiquitous - but the situation was so favorable for collecting that I took the chance of sending a number of young plants - those not in museums, I think.

But the greater treasure of the lot is Habenaria unalascensis (Alaska - Bruce - Anticosti), the rarest of northeastern Orchids. The species has a biological significance and it would be a nice thing if it could be saved.

I have written at once to the "Hon." Board and the answer will be sent at the garden. Please open it and take note of its content.

Weather here sultry as everywhere else, I suppose. But we have Lake Huron nearby with its blue waters and breezes.

Amities to Muller!

fr. Marie-Victorin