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My Dear Tenschler,

By this time you must have received three consignments of plants. I hope I do not exaggerate. My reason to do this work wholesale is that I do not know when I will have a similar opportunity to get at the rare things of Gaspe.

As a general rule the plants I send you are calciphils, the shells here whatever their nature being rather limy. All the plants from Peninsula (a sand bar in the Bay of Gaspe) were growing on sand. I hope you will succeed with *Empetrum*, *Hudsonia*, and *Vaccinium* *Schis-Idaea* var. *minus*.

From Percé I sent you priceless things: *Botrychium Linnæa* and my own *Botrychium myriophyllum*; *Potentilla rupestris*, *Potentilla fruticosa* (the northwestern form which I think is distinct from the Great Lakes form); *Salix vestita* (a cordillerean relic); *Artemisia* *gaspensis* (probably has passed for some time as *A. florida*); *Antennaria gaspensis* (will form a wonderful stellate carpet in the rock garden!).

The seeds of the local brilliant *Oenotheras* not being ripe, I send the results from several localities. The plants will be identified when established in the garden. One common species will be *Oe. gaspensis*.

We are here at the mouth of Bonaventure river, and to-day we  
will be in the field. Mr. Dausseau, his wife and Miss  
Gaudreau, who were gone around Gaspé, are very often with  
us, and Mr. Dausseau who is an excellent botanist - alpinist is  
of great help to us for difficult stunts on the cliffs.

To-day, I will try to pack carefully the beautiful Gentiana-  
naspensis. It is probably not in bloom and you will  
have to push it to seed. We will then go up ten miles in the  
river and get the also miniature Aster naspensis,  
the queen of the river gravel. There are precious  
treasures to be seen nowhere, I being the only botanist  
to know them.

The first Alnus I sent you was labeled: A. mollis  
but I think it is just A. incana growing amidst a thicket  
of A. mollis. But the second package is good  
Alnus mollis. It is not a swamp species and here

grows on dry cliffs.

In the Peninsula let you have young Picea. The Picea  
of Gaspé have always been held as critical. We will see  
when they will be big boys!

In a very few days we will be in New Brunswick.  
Little known flora, not spectacular probably. On our way  
back we will get the specialties of the St. Lawrence  
estuary (Gentiana naspensis, Epilobium ecnodum,  
etc.).

Have every thing - except money - is all right.  
My best regards to Meiller.

fr. Marc-Victor