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BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

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Dear Dr. Robinson.

I'm afraid the Potamogeton note should be deferred until I can secure fruit of the Chadeau Lake Plant. I have spent the afternoon studying the problem and find that while our P. heterophyllus material contains two strong tendencies, most of that which I at first placed with P. polygonifolius is better left alone for the present. The Chadeau Lake plant is sterile, but I have no hesitation whatever in placing it with your Newfound-  
land material & that of northern.



Europe. I must believe I shall  
attempt in September to get good  
fruit. Singularly enough the  
other two Potamogetons at Nadeau  
Lake turn out better than I supposed.  
The little one which you pulled up  
& I took for P. pusillus is the  
comparatively rare P. foliosus.  
And the plant so common there in  
cold springs at the margin of the  
lake is not P. pectinatus as I  
imagined, but P. filiformis,  
a very rare species unknown in  
the United States except at Niagara,  
Seneca Lake, Sault Ste. Marie and  
one other station in Michigan. Macoun  
has it from Anticosti and  
Manitoba and British Columbia.  
I shall try to get that in good quantity  
later when it ought to have better fruit  
than now. Sincerely M. L. F.



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