

COLLINS

STEAM HEAT.



LEWIS M. HOYT, PROPRIETOR

Fort Fairfield, Me., July 17, 1902

Dear Dr. Robinson -

We have been over the proof which I am now returning -

This is our busy morning for it has rained steadily for two days & our dries are all soaked. We have consequently been unable to get any sets except to take a fine lot of fat fruit of *Thalict.* *Campeche* to finish that series.

Most of yesterday & day before we spent in the rain & on our knees in seepage and river-bank drainage studying Carex elachycarpa which has kept us in a constant state of excitement. After it all we have settled very clearly that it is a remarkable genus unlike any Cyperaceous thing we know of, but none

like a grass - But when the glumes drop away they leave an achene which is certainly Cyperaceous & which I took to be a tiny Carex-perigynium. The thing is going to be of great interest & we have fine material in all stages.

The other great excitement is real Rubus Idaeus, which I shall write up when I can get connected time. This is the first time in America except in Manitoba, Idaho &c.

We are finding so much here that Williams favors making terms with Mr. Hoyt and settling down for the summer, but I imagine that Monday will find us at Bathurst as originally planned. We are to turn our drying today over to a small boy, while we are off for the entire day in the Ansootk forge. The boy is here now & I must start his work.

Williams & Collins, if they were up, would wish to send regards -
Very sincerely Kenneth L. Townsend.



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