

The Museum,  
St. John's,

December 1, 1917.

Dear Mrs Whiteway,

After You left this morning I found some information regarding the Heather found in Newfoundland, and copied the extract which you will find enclosed, and which I hope may be of some help to you. This is probably the Heather to which Miss Morris referred, but of course whether this is the Scotch Heather or not I have no idea. However, it is the only information on Heather in Newfoundland that I can find among the authorities we have on the subject.

I remain,

Yours truly,

*Ray C. M. M. M.*

Miss Morris  
Legislative Library  
St. Johns, Newfoundland.

J. P. Howley, F. G. S.  
St. Johns, Newfoundland

Dr. J. F. Gossalt  
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of Canada.

Also I find that Harvard has a  
much more perfect library of  
Newfoundland History and  
Literature than we have. That  
professor may get more data  
there.

A certain John Garrick, Esq., M. A.,  
of Edinburgh University,  
Scotland,  
was here some years ago and was  
very keen on botany. I know  
he was one of the best authorities  
on Newfoundland Flora, for he  
was young and enthusiastic.

We have a scented fern here also.  
Rev. W. J. D. Dunn told me he found  
them when he was on a northern  
mission near Shoe Cove and  
La Scie.

CALLUNA, Salisb. (HEATHER)

C.Vulgaris, Salisb.

C.Atlantica. Seem. Journ.Bot.IV.,305.

East coast of Newfoundland, near Ferryland, Lat.47° Long.52° 50' west, forming a small patch about three yards square. The locality is in the same part of the island to which the specimens collected by Mr.Cornack, are referred, namely, the south-east peninsula; and two additional localities in this peninsula are noticed on Cornack's label, namely, the head of St.Mary's Bay and Trepassy Bay or Harbour. (Journal of Botany, Vol.III, page 221.) In a wet springy place, among spruce stumps, in peaty soil, overlying clay, on the farm of Mr.Robertson, St. Ann's, Inverness Co., Cape Breton Island. (Lawson.) Dartmouth Hills near Halifax; Point Pleasant Park, Halifax; East Bay, Cape Breton Island, in considerable quantity; Caplin Bay, two miles from Ferryland, which is about thirty-five miles south of St. John's, there is a bed of heather, of no great extent but healthy and flourishing. At Renew's, about twenty or thirty miles from Ferryland, there is also a quantity of heather, supposed to have been derived from Caplin Bay growth, but this is only conjecture. (Lawson in Transactions of Nova Scotia Institute of Natural Science, Vol.IV., page 167.)

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*Merritt Lyndon Fernald correspondence*

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