

Grand River,
Gaspé Co., Quebec.
Aug. 14, 1904

My dear Oakes.

You asked me to send you
some Drosera linearis for Leavitt's work.
When I left Cambridge I didn't expect
to be near D. linearis, but Thursday
I took Collins & Pease to a marly
Cedar swamp where in early July I had
got Rubus arcticus; and there we found
every wet marly muck hole filled
with Drosera linearis or D. longifolia.
D. linearis was usually in the wettest
parts of the hollows; then a belt of
D. longifolia; then on the mossy knolls
D. rotundifolia. I had a lot of
chunks dug to send you by the boat
which leaves to-morrow, but luckily I
left the packing until tonight.
Yesterday we visited another marl
bog around a small pond. There

the character-plant was what I am calling for want of a better name

A. rotundifolia, var. comosa, from its strong resemblance to the morphologically parallel *Saxifraga stellaris*, var. comosa, which I thought I had when I first saw the *Diosora*. *A. rotundifolia*

was present in normal form but the little fellow with colored and often peloric flowers was fully as abundant.

I have put up a lot of specimens & in separating them from the moss I found young rosettes springing, some from leaves, some from petioles, thus duplicating in wild plants your own experience.

We have been having tremendous success - so many rare or new things following in close succession that we get no breathing spaces and as yet have only a vague idea ourselves of what we are shipping back to Cambridge. Last Monday for the first time I came across fruiting *Calypso* - only two plants unfortunately, but now I am looking out for a lot -

Pomona. I revisit the banks of Grand River where I was late in June, for the fruit of Thalictrum alpinum and the herb Anemone & Comandra. Then we move on to Percé and from there to Gaspi Basin. Then by steamer along the north shore of the Peninsula to Quebec, stopping over at Tadoussac one day for the fruit of various things collected earlier in flower.

I shall be in Cambridge the 1st or 2^d of September, and shall hope to see you soon thereafter.

I was forced to send the Orchis from Carleton (Dalhousie) with the charges unpaid, for they couldn't tell what they would be. Similarly I imagine that the Dioscoras will get charged to you.

With warm regards to Mrs. Ames.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert L. Fernald

The essential food for all the plants sent is calcic carbonate.



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