

Appendix I. Letter sent to institutions throughout United States and Canada.

Natural History Society of P.E.I.
P.O. Box 2346, Charlottetown. P.E.I.

Dear Sir or Madame:

Prince Edward Island, Canada's smallest province, has a dynamic history of changing natural environments. The landscape has been modified from mature hardwood forest to patchwork farmland and second growth woodland to large exposed agricultural fields. No original woodlands exist and the coastline is being modified constantly. Consequently, many natural and human-influenced changes have occurred in the flora and fauna. However, remarkably little natural history documentation exists.

The Natural History Society of Prince Edward Island is gathering information about collecting trips and surveys that may have been made here. We know some collection and documentation has occurred, particularly around the turn of the century, but the information and specimens are scattered throughout the continent. Prince Edward Island has never had an institution such as a provincial museum where information and specimens could be deposited.

Does your museum have any natural history specimens from Prince Edward Island in its holdings? If so, are they plants, animals, rocks or fossils? How extensive is the collection and who made it? When was the collecting done? Who donated them to your museum? We would greatly appreciate any detail you have on file.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Natural History Society of P.E.I.

Appendix II. American and Canadian museums and institutions that received a request for information regarding natural science specimens collected on Prince Edward Island.

United States:

Regar Memorial of Natural History - Alabama
University of Alabama Museum of Natural History - Alabama
Alaska State Museum - Alaska
Museum of Science and Natural History - Arkansas
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology - Berkley, California
Museum of Natural History - Los Angeles County, California
Natural History Museum - San Diego, California
Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History - California
Denver Museum of Natural History - Colorado
Audubon Society of the State of Connecticut - Connecticut
Peabody Museum of Natural History - New Haven, Connecticut
Delaware Museum of Natural History - Greenville, Delaware
Field Museum of Natural History - Chicago, Illinois