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U. S. Government Building, Centennial Grounds,

West Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 28, 1876

My Dear Mr. Bell.

I am greatly indebted to you for your assistance in securing for us the magnificent collection of mining materials in the Canadian exhibit, & trust that the additional objects that you hope to get for us will be acquired in due time. I have taken the liberty of writing to Major Pibley, whom I used to know very well, asking if he will not turn over to us the superb collection of silver ores indicated on page 34 of the Catalogue, which, by the way is a model work.

I note the memoranda of your colleagues & scientific associates in Canada, & will take great pleasure, with Prof. Henry's approval, in meeting all the obligations in regard to a suitable return for the Canadian minerals. I hope, however, they will not be impatient, but give me the time after my return to Washington, to get every thing in order for commencing the work.

I hope to see you before you leave. If

I cannot accomplish it otherwise, might I
ask you to call at my house this evening
or to-morrow. My residence is at the Southeast-
Corner of Preston & Hutton Streets. Hutton Street
crosses the line of the Market Street Cars imme-
-diately south of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Thanks for the order for the boots. I will
settle for them as soon as I get the bill.

Yours truly,

Spencer V. Board

Prof. Charles Bell.

Canadian Department.

Centennial.

P.S. On going up to the Centennial this
morning I was surprised to find you
had left, and accordingly mail the
letter.

How about the big block of Thursday
I would especially like it

Prof. Board
Oct 28 1876