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Dear Sir:-

As Professor Fernald has probably informed you the fiber samples which you sent to him were turned over to the Museum for identification.

The material has suffered somewhat from its burial in the ground, but even so it is readily distinguishable as Manila hemp. The external appearance is misleading, but typical Manila hemp fibers are to be noted in a microscopic examination of macerated material.

It seems quite logical to surmise that the deposit on the shores of Oak Island in Mahone Bay represents the partly disintegrated remains of some ship's cables or hawsers.

Very truly yours,
Albert F. Hill
Research Assistant

