

From W. E. Logan Esq, F.R.S., Provincial Geologist for Canada.

Montreal, 17th February 1835.

My dear Sir,

It would give me very great satisfaction and pleasure to hear of your success as a candidate for the Natural History Chair in the University of Edinburgh, as in addition to your general fitness to discharge the duties of the position with credit to the University, you would carry to the other side of the Atlantic a detailed and extensive knowledge of the advances that has been made in the various branches of Natural History on this. In the branch with which my investigations are more particularly connected, you have yourself been a diligent worker and Nova Scotia stands greatly indebted to you for your valuable and interesting contributions to her geology. The whole subject of American geology is one of rapidly increasing importance, and your intimate acquaintance with it could not fail to bring a multitude of striking facts from the new world to illustrate and confirm the oft-repeated truths of the old, & perhaps occasionally to correct some of its errors.

Although so much has been done within the last twenty years to portray American geology, and its features stand out in such gigantic proportions, a correct knowledge of its aspect scarcely yet prevails in Europe; and any one who could instil into the minds of the rising generation a true comparison between the two continents would confer a great benefit on both, and materially advance Geological Science.

Repeating my wishes for your success, I remain

My dear Sir, Yours very truly

(Signed) W. E. Logan

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