

McGill College.

Montreal.

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Dear Sir

I called in  
regard to the preparation of  
a short descriptive article to  
accompany a new atlas of Canada  
which I am preparing and which  
is to be published by G. N. Jackson  
who published <sup>some years ago</sup> the large map I  
made of Canada West (now Ontario)

It is proposed to give, besides  
the maps of the several Counties,  
give in atlas form, brief descriptive  
general articles written by persons  
in the Dominion, best qualified in  
each department, and it is thought  
that you could give the best  
description of the geology of the  
Dominion which would be suited  
for a work of this kind and adapted

An general popular reading  
Two or three pages of the  
Atlas, equivalent to say 10  
or 12 pages ordinary quarto  
would be sufficient. It you  
could condense the subject  
into that space.

If you desire I could send  
you a similar Atlas of one of  
the United States as Massachusetts  
which would give an idea.

I suppose the remuneration  
would not be heavy, but that  
is Mr Jackson's matter. I  
know he expects to get these  
things for a nominal compensation,  
a copy of the Atlas, or something  
like that. His address is  
Toronto, but I shall be  
glad to hear directly from  
you if you can find time and  
are disposed to undertake it.



Professors Chapman, Nicholson  
and the <sup>other</sup> Professor at Toronto  
who makes meteorology a specialty  
(I cannot at this moment recall his  
name) have undertaken to write  
on special subjects and Mr  
Roll. Bell has agreed to write  
on the economic geology.

There are also to be sketches  
of the railways, some brief  
historical sketches of the dominion,  
of its public institutions, etc.  
by different persons of note  
and character.

Will you please address me  
within the next two weeks  
at Detroit or after that at  
Boston (P.O. Box 4118) and  
say whether you can prepare  
such an outline sketch of the  
general geology within the next  
two or three months

Very Respectfully Yours,  
H. J. Walling

J H Walley  
Mh 1872

Dr J. W. Dawson  
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