

Interesting letter from
House of Commons. Eng.
(Sir Henry de la Beche)
paying high tribute to
Sir William Logan

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Canada is most worthily represented in Class I., thanks to the director of the Canadian Geological Survey, Sir William Logan. Justice compels us to deviate from the course we have hitherto pursued, and bestow more than a passing notice on this indefatigable geologist. Unaided, he commenced, in 1831, a geological survey of part of the great South Welsh coalfield extending from ^{Cwm Avon} Cwm Avon to Carmarthen Bay, and completed it in seven years, at no small pecuniary sacrifice. Such was the estimate of the accuracy and value of this survey by the late director of the Geological Survey of Great Britain, Sir Henry De La Beche, that, with Sir William's consent, it was adopted as part of the national work. In 1842 Sir William went to Canada, where he has ever since resided, devoting his life, with singleness and earnestness of purpose truly remarkable, to the exploration of the structure and the mineral resources of that vast territory. Not having the advantage of an accurate map of the country, such as had been supplied to our home geologists by the Ordnance Survey, he had been obliged to make a topographical survey pari passu with a geological one. Few persons can imagine

imagine the arduous nature of this work. Our indomitable geologist is often compelled to penetrate the trackless primeval forest, to force his way across the tangled cedar Swamp, and brave the dangers of Canadian Rapids in a frail canoe; and to these difficulties we may add that his path is disputed at every step by the most relentless and invincible foe with which man in these regions had to contend — countless hosts of mosquitoes and black flies. Very different is the comparatively light and gentlemanlike occupation of our home geologists, who have no such hardships to encounter, and, after the pleasant ramble of the day, never fail to enjoy the luxury of an English cottage. Sir William Logan, had neither sought wealth nor honours, but had quietly and modestly pursued the one great object of his life with a devotion as rare as it is praiseworthy. Let it not be supposed that this eulogium is prompted by any feeling of personal regard. It is a just tribute, and no more, to a man who had striven during many years to develop the vast mineral resources of Canada, not with a view to his own advantage, but from pure love of his work. We are glad to know that the Canadian Government fully appreciate the value of the labours of this self-denying and faithful public servant. The Canadian territory comprised about 300,000 square miles, and about 100,000 have already been surveyed by Sir William and his small staff of assistants.

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