

Office of

U. S. Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories,

Cheyenne W. T. Sept. 11, 1876.

Sir:

I understand that Mr. G. M. Dawson, of Montreal, Canada, is a candidate for the vacant position of Paleontologist to the Geological Survey of Canada, and, though a geologist, engaged in similar pursuits in an official capacity under the United States Government, I beg permission to offer my cordial endorsement of his fitness, and my wish that he may receive the appointment.

It has been necessary for me, in connection with my explorations of the northwestern portion of the United States, to study with much care Mr. Dawson's report of the 49th

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Parallel, as well as his other writings, and I have always been strongly impressed with their breadth and thoroughness. The fairness and justice with which he treats the labors of other geologists, forms an important moral element in his writings.

I am confident that there is no person available at the present time who combines so many qualifications for the position as Mr. Dawson, and should the Survey secure his services I feel assured that the paleontology would be prepared in a conscientious and creditable manner.

Hoping for the good of the

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Survey and the advancement of science,
that Mr. Dawson's application may be
successful, I beg to remain

Your Obt. Servant
F. V. Hayden

United States Geologist

^{Hon. the}
To the ^r Minister of the
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