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My dear Sir:

I was much pleased yesterday to receive your note and the attractive volume accompanying it. The latter I have rapidly glanced over, with the intention of reading it more carefully by & by. There is a curious mixture of sentiment in the feeling of a pioneer cartographer for an unexplored district, as he sees the better and more detailed work of his successors come into view as new maps are made. It is pleasant to see the river curved taking normal

and natural shapes, the blank region
growing less and less, and the moun-
tains more and more unlike caterpillars.

At the same time one feels an absurd
faint tinge of regret, a sense of loss
as the old credits disappear, as if one
had dropped a lucky sixpence into a
crucible and saw it vanishing in the
liquid silver. But probably your sturdy
Canadian good sense will think the
confession only a little less absurd
than the sensation.

Many thanks for the volume which
I hope is to be the precursor of many
others.

Yours very truly
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