

To

ALFRED R. C. SELWYN, ESQ., LL.D., F.R.S., F.G.S.,
Director of the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada.

SIR,—I have the honor herewith of laying before you the results of an investigation, carried out by me, with the object of determining the economic value of the Coals and Lignites of the North-West Territory. The specimens were in all instances collected by officers of the Survey—some by yourself, a few by Prof. J. Macoun, one by Mr. R. W. Ells, the remainder and greater number by Dr. G. M. Dawson and Mr. R. G. McConnell. The information in regard to the geological age of the various deposits was kindly furnished by Dr. G. M. Dawson.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. CHRISTIAN HOFFMANN.

OTTAWA, May 31st, 1884.