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Chief Commissioner for Britain. His excellent report upon the Geology and Mineral Resources of the 49th parallel from the Lake of the Woods to the Pacific Ocean marked him out as a scholar and an eminent observer. He was only twenty five years of age when this report was prepared. This volume was so eagerly sought, that it is now out of print, the edition being soon exhausted and a copy is conceded to be actually worth its weight in gold.

Then it was that were laid down the lines upon his subsequent career and researches lay, for in July 1875, when he received from the Dominion Government an appointment on the Geological Survey staff, as Chief Geologist, his explorations and researches led him into the vast and then practically unknown Northwest Territories, and in British Columbia. In the mass of his voluminous and much-sought-for reports upon the resources of the districts which he examined and explored will be found the most authentic and useful information on those now rapidly developing and flourishing districts. In his Yukon explorations of 1887 and 1888, he examined and reported upon that most valuable and important district to which the world has been and is still looking for most years for a goodly share of its source of supply of gold. He was the real discoverer and describer of that now famous gold-bearing belt in which there is happily left as a monument to his indefatigable researches in the eighties the capital town or city of the Yukon Territory, which now bears his name.

Not only were his mental strength and intellectual vigour remarkable but even his powers of physical endurance were great. As an instance of the latter, may be mentioned a boat journey of 1,300 miles and a portage of fifty from the Valley of the Liard to that of the Yukon, as one of the feats which his zeal and energy as an explorer accomplished. It would be superfluous here to give even a synopsis of his numerous reports, suffice it to say that they are all most readable and full of useful information on the regions traversed.

Besides being an eminent geologist, he was also a foremost naturalist. Amongst his contributions to the Empire may be mentioned his work as one of the Commissioners appointed by Her Late Majesty Queen Victoria, as one of the arbiters in the