

enthusiastic greeting. At the request of Dr. Baker Edwards, he rose in his carriage and commenced an address in French. "Speak in English, father," said Mr. Scott. "Why, you know very well that I can hardly speak in French," replied the curé, laughingly. "No, you must excuse me that I continue in French." He then proceeded to express how much St. Jerome felt honored by the presence of the distinguished party before him. "The name of Sir William Dawson," he said, "was not only known and honored in Montreal, but in all Canada; farther than that, in the great United States, and farther still, in England and all Europe. They could not but feel gratified at the presence of such a man in their town, and his name as President gave a scientific standing to the society. At college he (the speaker) had not been much grounded in geology, but he had found time to study since, and though his knowledge was limited, it had been practical, and the results might be now seen in various industries established in their thriving and busy little town. Now that communication was being made easier and more rapidly between Montreal and St. Jerome, he hoped more frequently to see their scientific men exploring that district, and felt sure they would there find plenty to repay their research. Speaking for himself and his fellow townsmen, he welcomed Sir William Dawson and his friends with all his heart."

Sir Wm. Dawson made a brief reply, and, alluding to the various works now established at St. Jerome, said he hoped yet to live to see that neighborhood a second Birmingham, and trusted that when Montreal would be a comparatively small place, though useful as a shipping port for the products of the St. Jerome district, in the neighborhood of which were great deposits of iron ores, that they, the inhabitants of St. Jerome, would remember old friendships and not look down too much on Montrealers.

Mr. Burgess, with an able staff of assistants, had fitted up a baggage car as an impromptu dining-room. The car was tastefully decorated, and the long table laid out very prettily; a very plentiful cold collation was served, and the excursionists were invited to partake of the hospitality of