

OPINIONS ON LOVELL'S GENERAL GEOGRAPHY.

From E. S. M. Bouchette, Esq., Commissioner of Customs.

QUEBEC, 2nd March, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—I have perused and examined, as attentively as the little leisure at my disposal would permit, your "General Geography for the use of Schools," and in compliance with the wish you have expressed to have my opinion amongst others, as to how far the publication in question is calculated to attain the object you have in view,—that of supplying the requirements of the country as regards this branch of educational works,—I have great pleasure in assuring you that, in my humble judgment, your "General Geography" appears to be so judicious in its arrangement and order, so lucid in its definitions and descriptions; combining copiousness of information with brevity and simplicity, yet clearness and even elegance of expression; that I cannot for a moment doubt that the work in question will prove of the greatest utility in our schools. The illustrations are equally worthy of all praise. If anything, however, could add to their completeness, it would be, in my opinion, the marking still more strongly the names of countries and their principal divisions; but this is a very subordinate point, for looking at the scale of the Maps, it seems to me impossible to obtain from wood engravings greater details and greater distinctness.

Wishing you every success, and requesting that you will be so good as to send me two copies of the work,

I am, dear Sir, your obedient servant,

E. S. M. BOUCHETTE.

From James Stevenson, Esq., Manager of the Quebec Branch of the Bank of Montreal.

QUEBEC, 2nd March, 1861.

SIR,—I have to thank you for the specimen copy of your "General Geography."

The work contains much valuable information, which I consider well arranged and well adapted for the use of Schools.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

Mr. John Lovell, Montreal.

J. STEVENSON.

From Thomas Worthington, Esq., Assistant Commissioner of Customs and of Excise.

QUEBEC, 26th February, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—That your "General Geography," with maps and illustrations, will have the tendency to advance the important objects which it proposes, is unquestionable. It is intelligent, practical, and highly interesting. I wish you every success in the undertaking.

Yours very respectfully,

Mr. John Lovell, Montreal.

THOS. WORTHINGTON.

From J. Simpson, Esq., M.P.P.

NIAGARA, 27th February, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—I was much gratified by the receipt of a specimen number of your "Geography," and trust the publication thereof will prove as profitable to yourself, as I feel sure its use in our Schools will be acceptable to the teachers and beneficial to the pupils.

I submitted the work to the inspection of the Rev. Dr. Phillippo, Head Master of the Grammar School here, and Mr. John Connor, Principal of our Common Schools, and enclose you the opinions of these experienced gentlemen.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

JOHN SIMPSON.

Mr. John Lovell, Montreal.

NIAGARA, 21st February, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—I feel obliged to you for giving me an opportunity of seeing "Lovell's General Geography." I am delighted to find that such a work is in an advanced state, and to show my entire approbation of the work, I shall be ready on its publication, if authorized by the Board of Council of Education, to take at least 50 copies, thus supplying each boy in the Grammar School under my charge with a copy.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours resp. otfully,

H. N. PHILLIPPS,

Principal, Niagara Senior County Grammar School.

J. Simpson, Esq., M.P.P.

NIAGARA, 26th February, 1861.

SIR,—Having looked over the American part of "Lovell's General Geography," I consider it better adapted for our Colonial Schools than any Geography now in use.

An abridgment, pretty full in the Canadian department, for junior classes, is also desirable.

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JOHN CONNOR,

Principal, Niagara Common School.

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