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The subject of this biographical sketch was assistant provincial geologist of Canada (as it was before Confederation) from the commencement of the Geological Survey of the united province in 1843 till 1864, and afterwards director of the corresponding Survey of the island of Newfoundland from 1864 to 1883. Owing to his having divided the period of his active life almost equally between the two countries, it could not be expected that many persons would know much of his career in both. Indeed, there are but few at this day who are familiar with his personal and at the same time his scientific history in either of them. Having had a long personal acquaintance with Mr. Murray, and being conversant with his labors in both spheres, I have been asked to write a short account of his life.

His services to the topography and geology of Canada and Newfoundland were very important, and deserve to be gratefully remembered. Although he was a well-known figure in old Canada during the period of his active employment, so rapid are the changes in a country like ours, and so quickly do the new comers occupy the places of the pioneers, that the labors of Murray are already being