

From the Honorable Sir John B. Robinson, Bart., Chief Justice of Upper Canada.

TORONTO, 25th March, 1861.

SIR,—I have looked through your "General Geography" for the use of Schools, and am much pleased and surprised by the quantity and variety of information which I find compressed within 100 pages, and presented in a very attractive form. I think Mr. Hodgins will be admitted to have executed his part with much judgment and ability, and that the work will give general satisfaction.

Two things struck me as worth considering. 1st. Whether it would not have been well to have given the latitude and longitude of the principal towns, that the pupils might have been able readily to find them on the Maps. The habit of ascertaining their position in that manner tends, I think, to impress on the mind, more distinctly, a picture of the several locations. There may be a table somewhere in the work, which I have overlooked.\*

2nd. In another edition, it would be well, I think, if a page or two more could be given to Canada, in which should be particularly explained the scheme of its territorial distribution, so that boys should become early familiar with the division into *Counties* and *Townships*,† what each word means, and what purpose the divisions respectively are intended to answer.

I have often met with boys, well educated in other respects, who had no idea what a township was, whether it was a tract of ten square miles or a hundred, and who had no notion of the extent of counties. If the Maps are to be coloured, so that the boundaries of the several counties can be distinguished, the end I speak of will be partly answered; but I should like to see information somewhat more in detail respecting our territorial divisions, our municipalities, and educational system, and the population of counties, and cities, and towns.

I am, very truly yours,

JOHN B. ROBINSON.

Mr. John Lovell, Montreal.

From the Honorable Mr. Justice Aylwin.

MONTREAL, 27th February, 1861.

SIR,—I have examined the specimen of the General Geography, Maps, and Illustrations, which you have sent me, and which you intend shortly to publish under the editorial superintendence of Mr. Hodgins.

It gives me much pleasure to state that the book is one which is worthy of Canada, and that, both as a scientific production as well as a work of art, it is deserving of all praise.

You have my best wishes that this cheap, useful, and attractive publication may be universally adopted throughout the Province, in the instruction of youth, and that your public spirit and enterprise will be adequately rewarded.

I am, Sir,

Very truly yours,

T. C. AYLWIN.

Mr. John Lovell, Publisher.

From the Honorable Mr. Justice Badgley.

MONTREAL, 1st May, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—Few branches of education are of more practical importance than Geography, and in proportion to its advantages, commendation is deservedly due to any one who improves the means for extending its usefulness. We have hitherto been mainly dependent for a School Atlas upon an English book, which, though perfectly accurate in itself, is upon so small a scale as to try the eye too much in its examinations, or upon an American compilation containing much that is not only unnecessary but offensive to those who are not intended to be American citizens. Your School Atlas, for a copy of which I have to thank you, comprises the accuracy of the English books with the additional advantage of enlarged size, and distinctness of execution, whilst it has none of the national peculiarities of the United States book. I trust that you will find its sale to be as remunerative, as I am persuaded it will be found to be extremely useful not only to our youth but to ourselves, children of a larger growth.

Your obedient servant,

W. BADGLEY.

Mr. John Lovell, Publisher.

From the Honorable Mr. Justice McCord.

MONTREAL, 1st March, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—After a careful perusal of your "General Geography," I have much pleasure in recording my opinion that the object of its talented Author, as set forth in the Prefatory Notice, has been very happily accomplished, and that henceforth our Schools will be supplied with a Geography in which the various countries of the world have had a fair and impartial share of notice. As regards ourselves, it is the first work of the kind in which the magnificent Colonies of Britain have had justice done them, and we should therefore testify our appreciation of such justice by a liberal patronage.

The views and typography are well executed, and the whole work (the maps, perhaps, excepted) is highly creditable to your well-known establishment.

Wishing you every success,

I am, yours truly,

J. S. MCCORD.

Mr. John Lovell, Montreal.

\* The information (so far as the principal cities of the world is concerned) will be found in the explanatory table to the *Clocks of the World*.

† The Counties and Townships have been carefully given in all the Maps published by the Educational Department at Toronto, for the Schools of the Province.—PUBLISHER.

From the Honorable Mr. Justice Morin.

QUEBEC, 25 April, 1861.

MONSIEUR,—Je recommande avec plaisir la nouvelle *Géographie* en langue anglaise, que vous vous proposez de publier, la considérant comme très utile, et comme étendue et compacte à la fois.

J'ai l'honneur d'être, Monsieur,

Votre très-obéissant serviteur,

M. John Lovell, Montréal.

A. N. MORIN.

From Sir W. E. Logan, F.R.S., G.S., Director of the Geological Survey of Canada.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OFFICE,  
MONTREAL, 1st May, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—I have partially examined the advanced sheets you were pleased to send me of your Geography, and it gives me much satisfaction to state that in my opinion the work is well calculated to be of most essential service in that branch of instruction to which it relates. It is a vast improvement upon such works as have heretofore been in circulation in the country, and it is pleasing to observe that you have given to Canada and the British North American possessions generally, of which so little is said in other geographies, that just degree of notice to which by their importance they are entitled.

It is very evident that a great amount of labour and expense have been bestowed on the work. The definitions and descriptions are concise and clear, and the wood-cut illustrations are not only well executed, but most of the vignettes appear to me to be in good artistic taste. The shading of the maps may perhaps be considered rather heavy, but having seen some of the maps coloured, (which they are not in the advanced sheets), I can perceive that by this the shading will be greatly relieved, and the maps rendered much more distinct.

Wishing you every success in your important undertaking,

I am, dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

Mr. John Lovell.

W. E. LOGAN.

From the Rev. John Bethune, D.D., Rector and Dean of Montreal.

MONTREAL, 23rd April, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—I have looked over your General Geography, a copy of which I received from you some time since. I think the work a very important one as a standard educational book. It reflects very great credit on the Author, and Publisher, and certainly deserves support, in such a very expensive enterprise, from every person who feels an interest in the progress of Canadian educational literature.

I am, dear Sir,

Faithfully yours,

Mr. John Lovell.

JOHN BETHUNE.

From the Rev. D. Granet, Superior of the Seminary of St. Sulpice.

MONTREAL, le 1er Mai, 1861.

MONSIEUR,—J'ai lieu de croire que la *Géographie Générale* que vous allez publier sera un ouvrage agréable et utile tout à la fois.

Les cartes coloriées représenteront toutes choses bien plus distinctement que celles qui ont déjà paru.

Pour moi, je souhaite voir au plus tôt votre consciencieux travail livré au public, qui lui fera, je n'en doute point, en Canada surtout, un bienveillant accueil.

Je suis, avec beaucoup de considération, Monsieur,

Votre très-humble serviteur,

M. John Lovell.

D. GRANET.

From the Rev. Charles Lenoir, Director of the Montreal College.

MONTREAL, 24 April, 1861.

MONSIEUR,—J'ai reçu votre traité de *Géographie Générale* que vous m'avez fait l'honneur de m'adresser.

Après en avoir pris connaissance, aussi bien que de tous les éloges flatteurs avec lesquels il a déjà été accueilli, je ne puis, pour ma part, que vous exprimer ma parfaite satisfaction et vous féliciter pour la publication d'un ouvrage qui fait autant d'honneur à votre presse qu'il doit procurer d'avantages au pays. S'il m'était permis d'exprimer un désir, ce serait, comme on vous l'a déjà témoigné, de le voir publier en français pour l'utilité d'un plus grand nombre.

Veuillez me croire, Monsieur,

Votre très-humble et obéissant serviteur,

M. John Lovell.

CHS. LENOIR.

From the Rev. Frère Turibe, Director of the Christian Brothers' Schools in Canada.

MONTREAL, 16th April, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—Every schoolmaster has an idea of what a perfect elementary text-book on Geography should be. Your work approaches more nearly to my ideal standard than any other book which I have ever seen. It is a work of prodigious labour, and of conscientious effort at accuracy of statement; and therefore well merits the patronage of the classes of students for whom it is intended. I shall consequently introduce your book into my Schools, and shall, without hesitation or reserve, recommend it to my Brothers in Canada.

I am, &c.,

Mr. John Lovell.

F. TURIBE.