

which regulate the affairs of men, that in the summer succeeding my return from Edinburgh, in 1841, I met with two great geologists, whose friendship followed and assisted me through the earlier years of my career. These were—Sir Charles Lyell, who more than any other man gave form to modern geological science; and Sir William Logan, who gave the first great impulse to the systematic geology of the older rocks of the North American Continent, and originated the Geological Survey of Canada. To other men who have passed away, and whose friendship I have enjoyed, I owe much: Jameson, Murchison, Bigsby, Miller, Sedgwick, Phillips, the Carpenters, Hall, Agassiz, Salter, Dana, and Hunt, have all assisted me by their teaching and friendly co-operation; but to Lyell and Logan I owe most.

Lyell spent some time in Nova Scotia on the occasion of his first visit to America, in the summer of 1841. Being, at this time, specially interested in the correlation of the coal-bearing rocks of North America with those of Europe, he naturally visited the Pictou coal district. He had letters of introduction to gentlemen connected with the General Mining Association of London, then working the principal coal-seam of the district,