

shaken by no wind of self-interest, or gust of blinded passion,—that his views are obscured by no mist of prejudice or error. I therefore trust that you will not attribute my giving some account of myself to any less creditable motive than a desire to satisfy you that you are not listening to a man who has never seen a blade of grass grow, or slept under the impervious shades of the eternal forests.

From my youth upwards, I have been occupied in the study and practice of agriculture. I have, since 1848, prosecuted my calling as a civil and agricultural engineer with perfect success; and under my immediate direction upwards of a million sterling has been expended on the drainage and improvement of agricultural lands alone. I have been taught every branch of farming, experimentally, practically, and scientifically; and I have farmed extensively on my own account for many years. I have received, in short, a first class agricultural education, without which no one is in a condition to form a just opinion of the pastoral and agricultural capabilities of any country, whether new or old. And I may also add that I have been employed professionally by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of British Columbia, and by the British North-American Boundary Commission, as well as by private individuals in both colonies. In conclusion, I can safely affirm that I have no possible inducement to advance statements unwarranted by facts, or opinions which are not well grounded. What I assert I have seen with my own eyes, or know of my own knowledge, and I have no interests to promote save those of truth, and the prosperity of intending emigrants.