

PRELIMINARY REMARKS.

IN presenting the following Report, it is proper to state, for the information of those who are unacquainted with the author, Mr. Charles Robb, of Montreal, that he is a distinguished mining engineer, whose many years of experience in the practice of his profession, and well-known independence of mind, judgment and integrity, eminently entitle him to respect and confidence. Sir William E. Logan,* the celebrated director of the Geological Survey of Canada, which has been going on under order of the Provincial Government for more than twenty years, places him first among those to whom he acknowledges his obligations for valuable information respecting the "locali-

* We trust that we are not violating any confidence in saying, that we have seen a testimonial given by Sir William, of which the following is an exact transcript:—

“MONTREAL, 30th August, 1866.

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DEAR SIR, — It gives me much pleasure to say, that I am well acquainted with Mr. Charles Robb, mining engineer, of Montreal. I consider him a reliable person, one of strict probity, and possessed of good judgment in a professional capacity. He takes great pains to ascertain the truth, and he gives his opinion with honesty.

I am, dear sir, very truly yours,

WM. E. LOGAN.