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The discussion of questions of names in Geology is usually unprofitable and often invidious, and is useful only where justice to the claims of original discovery or the right understanding of natural facts is affected by such questions. I have, as a rule, avoided controversies of this kind, and in my geological work, extended over fifty years, I have refrained as far as possible from any reclamations as to my own rights, being disposed rather to allow others to take what I might have regarded as my own, than to make any objection, except where some important truth was endangered. I have, however, been less reticent as to the claims of my friends, and especially of those who have passed away.

In the Presidential address delivered before this Society in 1879, I entered at considerable length into the questions then raised as to the validity and importance of those great and important discoveries of the late Sir William Logan, which led to the establishment of the Quebec Group; and in a later address to the Royal Society of Canada,<sup>1</sup> I took

<sup>1</sup> Presidential address in Section IV. Points on which American Geology is indebted to Canada. 1886.