

In concluding these observations on the character of Mr. Logan's labors in conducting the Geological Survey, carried on as it has been with unusual earnestness and zeal, I cannot do better than refer to a quotation from the *London Quarterly Review*, October, 1854, which occurs in the Report of the Committee above named—and in doing so, express a hope that in this instance the old adage will not hold good, that “a Prophet has no honour in his own country,” for, in fact and in spirit, Canada is Mr. Logan's country. He was at one time applied to by the East India Company to undertake an examination of their territory for Coal; a work for which, by his past investigations, he was peculiarly fitted. The field of research was new, and India was then attracting much more attention than Canada. The emoluments would have greatly exceeded those of his present office; his staff was to be ample, and of his own selection; unlimited aid was to be afforded by the Indian Government; and although he felt quite convinced that the investigation would lead to a very extended reputation, yet being influenced by a rooted attachment to this country, and feeling that he was in some degree pledged to it because he is a native Canadian, the munificent offer of the East India Company was not accepted. The quotation above referred to reads as follows:—“In Canada, there has been proceeding for some years one of the most extensive and important Geological Surveys now going on in the world. The enthusiasm and disinterestedness of a thoroughly qualified and judicious observer, Mr. Logan, whose name will ever stand high in the roll of votaries of his favourite science, have conferred upon this great work a wide-spread fame.”

As I have already said, the services rendered to the Province by Sir W. E. Logan in London and Paris would alone suffice to entitle him to the unanimous acknowledgments of his country; may we hope that the Legislature will give substantial expression of its approbation, as well as of its appreciation, of the justly merited distinction which Her Majesty has conferred on the representative of Canadian science; and there is no manner, I feel assured, in which this could be done more acceptably to Sir W. E. Logan himself, and more creditably and lastingly beneficial to the Province, than in extending to the Survey increased support, and in placing at his disposal ample means to enable him to carry on this most important service to a successful termination. By such means the wealth and character of Canada will be equally advanced. Science will receive such valuable contributions as, we believe, no country, at so early a stage of its existence, has ever before rendered to it; while the practical returns will prove a hundred-fold in their additions to the material wealth and resources of the Province.