

Though I have not the pleasure of your acquaintance, you will permit me, with all respect, to offer some observations in the matter, which may tend to vindicate and establish the truth of what you have asserted in your various communications. I really cannot understand how Mr. Walkem (whoever he may be) can seek to lower the social status, at the period mentioned, of the late Mr. James Thompson, senior; but this I know, as a truth, that I have a perfect recollection, when a youth at Quebec, of having read, with interest, *the manuscript volumes of the late Mr. James Thompson, senr.*, and I have ever remembrance of them. I also perfectly remember having read in the manuscript volumes which were lent for his perusal to my late father, Thomas Aylwin, the incidents there mentioned and related, and a copy of which I will endeavor to find here. Without the least desire of being obtrusive, you will believe me to be very truly yours."

But the manuscripts in my possession speak for themselves—four folio and four small volumes.

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The Revd. L'Abbé Casgrain, a member of the Historical Document Committee, to whom the matter was referred, spoke thus in reply to a very lengthy statement of Dr. Miles, the Assistant-Secretary of the Bureau of Public Instruction:

"I hold in my hand the manuscript under discussion. I knew well Mr. James Thompson, junr. He was an accomplished scholar, and spoke French as purely as I do. I have frequently consulted him in my historical researches, and have made use of the information thus received. At a time when little attention was paid to the preserving and recording the events in Canadian history, both he and his father distinguished themselves by their devotion to it. I have had access to their journals. I know well the writing of Mr. James Thompson, junr.; I recognise it in this journal. I would as soon believe that that sun which is now shining upon us would not rise to-morrow as that he would have attached his signature to this memorandum had he not written this journal from *rough memoranda*. But, irrespective of this, I think the journal of such intrinsic value that I think the Society ought to publish it just as we have got it."

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"BROMPTON BARRACKS, CHATHAM, April 27, 1872.

"My Dear Dr. Anderson,—I shall willingly give you all the information in my power regarding the authorship of the account of the expedition to Quebec in 1759.