

In the performance of these important duties, the assistance of my son has been required; and, in many instances, Members of the House of Assembly, Magistrates and others, have kindly given their aid. It becomes me to express my obligations to the Honorable CHARLES SIMONDS, Speaker of the House of Assembly, and to the Honorable J. S. SAUNDERS, Surveyor General, for assistance, and such general information as the exploration required.

A Geological Map of New-Brunswick, will be, with this Report, laid before Your Excellency: the labour of the past season being added to that which was before completed.

A work which had been commenced on the Economical Geology and Agriculture of the Province, is also advancing; and the analysis of the different classes of soils has been continued.

It has been found impossible, in the present Report, to give much more than the topographical part of the subject. The remains of animals and plants, discovered in the rocks, are too numerous, and frequently too complex in their characters, to admit of accurate description, immediately after they have been found. Many of the fossil remains discovered in the Province, have been submitted to the examination of distinguished persons in England and the United States, by whose aid, I hope, at some future time, to be able to assign to each of them, their proper place in the great scale of nature. A few of them are very rare, if not entirely new.

A considerable acquisition has also been made to the collection of mineral substances belonging to the Province. My labours have exceeded those of any former season in these pursuits, and much remains to be performed, when sufficient time shall be afforded to enable me to discharge the less important part of my duty.

It must be pleasing to every person who is interested in the welfare of New-Brunswick, to know, that the Province contains abundantly, in her agricultural and mineral resources, the first principles of wealth, greatness, and independence.

To me it is highly gratifying to observe, that the geological reconnoissance of New-Brunswick is gradually advancing the interest of the Province; and if the present Report shall meet the expectations of Your Excellency, my highest ambition in geological pursuits will be fully gratified.