

who sought not only to point out the at once practical and economic side in the resources of the earth's crust of Canada, his native land, but one who diligently and intelligently hammered away at the numerous problems of pure geological science. They are numerous the problems in the geology of North America which are as yet unsolved; and, wherever an element of doubt came in, as to the truth or validity of the results propounded by this or that investigator, or whenever intricate bits of geology presented themselves to his mind and eye for investigation, he made it his sacred duty to closely examine and carefully study their various relations in the field as well as in the office, thus seeking to ascertain all the facts of the case to enable him to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion of the difficult points involved. He never rested until the problem which he had before his mind was solved. In other words he was *thorough*. His reports, maps and papers are models of excellence and description. He had a facile pen, an intellect ready and lucid, which could grasp the situation at a glance. His love for thoroughness and the best possible work came forth time and again in his endeavors, as the head of the Geological Survey of Canada, to present to the Hon. the Minister of the Interior, and to Parliament, the reports under his care, as well as the innumerable correspondence of the department making enquiries on the resources of every quarter of our great Dominion as models of care and attention. The reports issued during his régime as Deputy Head and Director can truly be said to be the pride of the Department. As regards quality as well as quantity of work brought forth and exact information published and disseminated by him during the six years and two months of his administration, it can not be denied that they were both unparalleled in any previous period in the history of this now old and established institution.

A cursory sketch of the various regions examined by Dr. Dawson during his connection with the Geological Survey of Canada will serve to shew the amount of territory which he covered and the nature of his extensive researches.

After completing his explorations and surveys in connection with the British American Boundary Commission, and writing his priceless memoir on the same, he contributed several reports which