

The Confession of the Corruption of the Geological Survey

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NORTH-WEST TERRITORY MATTERS.

To Alfred R. C. Selwyn, L. L. D., F. R. S., Director of the Geological Survey of Canada.

1. DEAR SIR.—On the 20th ult. I sent to you my printed letter entitled the "CORRUPTION OF THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN NORTH-WEST TERRITORY MATTERS," with the following note:—

DEAR SIR.—The enclosed printed letters addressed to yourself and Sir J. A. Macdonald are, of course, only preliminary, for I take it for granted that you will respond to my request and join with me in circulating them as described therein.

No other course can save the Geological Survey of Canada or your own reputation. Please telegraph me at once that you agree to this joint action, and prepare any letter you like to follow these which I send to various destinations.

Yours truly, HENRY YOUNG HIND.

Not receiving any acknowledgement of the receipt of the printed letter, or the accompanying packet of references, or to the above quoted note, I telegraphed at noon, on the 30th ult., to you as subjoined:—

WINDSOR, NOVA SCOTIA. April 30th, 1883.

TO SELWYN, Director Geological Survey, Ottawa.

I have you responded to my printed letter of 13th April. Large contemplated swindling operations dependant upon your action. Matter very important. Please answer immediately.

H. Y. HIND.

At 9.30 on the morning of May 1st, I received from you the following telegram:—

TO PROF. H. Y. HIND.

OTTAWA, ONT.

"I have no reply to make to your communication."

(Signed) ALFRED R. C. SELWYN.

While thanking you for your significant answer, there remains for me no other alternative now than to present you and the public with my summary of the matter and to persist in demanding justice in the premises.

2. You, as a scientific man, are aware that I have made no assertion in regard to Professor J. Macoun and Dr. R. Bell, your assistants, which I have not at the same time, or antecedently, proved by printed references or offered to prove in open court. (1) You are further aware, as a scientific man, and the superior officer over Macoun and Bell that there are numerous other shameful perversions of fact relating to the North-West, &c., in the writings of these officers of the Geological Survey (particularly Macoun) which I have not touched upon, but which if fully represented in open court would condemn them as misleaders, or as truthless delineators, or as reliable authorities in certain physical matters possessing commercial value. With regard to Macoun, the statements he has made and to which I have not referred, but which are necessarily familiar to you, would stamp him at once as an impudent impostor clearly protected in his perversions respecting North-West Territory advantages or resources.

3. Apart from your position as Director of the Geological Survey, with your ability to discern and your province to discover and check, both Macoun's and Bell's delinquencies, there is the added fact that after these delinquencies, or rather crimes, had been described in printed letters by me, you permitted Macoun to be appointed to a fresh office in the Dominion Geological Survey: you allowed him to publish his deluding work entitled "Manitoba and the Great North-West," (to which you refer in your recent report); to retain therein and magnify his fabrications and conclusions; to connect others, not correcting previous misstatements; to continue to appear before the public as the acknowledged and respected author of some of the atrocities perpetrated in Government emigration pamphlets, and as the reliable exponent of North-West Territory physical advantages under the patronage of the highest and most imposing authority in the land, thus making this high and imposing authority a party to the imposture on the public.

With respect to Dr. Bell, the Assistant Director of the Geological Survey of Canada, you have permitted his impositions upon the Royal Geographical Society of England for notorious purposes, his misleading statements before the Geographical Society of Quebec, his description of a fictitious Agricultural and Wheat area in the North-West Territories, and other similar delinquencies to remain unchallenged and uncorrected before the public. You have subsequently permitted him, as Assistant Director of the Geological Survey, to be examined in relation to kindred matters before the Parliamentary Colonization and Immigration Committee, and up to the present moment, you have taken no visible public steps to neutralize the evil effects of your Assistant Director's misstatements and false delineations.

4. I have pointed out in printed letters transmitted for your information the various leading infidelities and deceptions of your assistants, and in some instances the nefarious purposes for which these deceptions and infidelities were perpetrated, alleging that among other things they were directed towards the allurement of capital for questionable enterprises, the attraction of emigrants and other similar objects.

5. I have presented you with a loophole of escape, of which you have not thought fit to avail yourself, apparently relying upon certain political and financial forces by which you appear to be sustained and encouraged.

6. I have repeatedly pointed out my object in pursuing the course I have followed for two years, namely, to resist crime and imposture, with its attendant misery or ruin to many, and corrupt success to a few; its negation of truth and honour, and its support of fraud and wrong-doing.

7. In pursuit of my legitimate efforts I have been met with dishonest opposition, and opposition of a character viciously bad and misleading. In recent articles commenting on my work, appearing in the editorial columns of a reported influential financial paper at Montreal, "The Shareholder and Insurance Gazette," the tricks of the misleading editor can scarcely be surpassed in the way of disgraceful perversion of fact or concealment of the truth, but in addition to revilements he adds atrocious hints of grave misdirecting tendencies. (2)

—This unscrupulous finance-monger artfully refers to the United States Treasury Department at Washington, hinting vile things.

What conceivable interests can there be between that vast centre of surprising wealth and management, and the pettifogging deceptions of the Montreal "Shareholder," or the selfish schemes of alien sharpers?

You have broken the seal which gave spurious validity to their "Bombs," and all honest men will thank you for the deed. It is FELONY now, or kindred to felony, to market the impositions of Macoun and Bell, but it would be difficult to estimate the extent and ramifications of the swindling and corruption which have been perpetrated on the basest faith of their false "Reports" and writings, or those of their allies.

(1) See printed letter and arguments, dated Windsor, N. S., May 27, 1881, addressed to the Rt. Hon's. Earls Granville and Kimberley. —Numerous copies of this letter were despatched to interested parties. See also other printed letters referred to in the documents transmitted with my printed letters of 13th April, 1883, entitled "The Corruption of the Geological Survey in North-West Territory matters."

(2) See the issues of the "Shareholder and Insurance Gazette" of Montreal, for April 6th and April 27th, 1883.