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To His Honor,

The Honorable AUGUSTE REAL ANGERS,

Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR :

I beg to submit the *Description of the Surveyed Townships and Explored Territories of the Province of Quebec, taken from the official reports of surveys filed in the Crown Lands Department, as well as from those of the Geological Survey of Canada and other official sources.*

The object of this publication is to supply information with regard to the agricultural, forest and mineral resources of the Crown domain.

The Crown Lands department has been in the habit, especially for some years past, of publishing certain extract from the reports of surveys and explorations ; but there is in the vaults of the department a multitude of reports, which have not yet seen publicity, although they contain much valuable information. As for those which have been published, it is not an easy matter to procure them all without a certain amount of labor which few persons care to undertake, and it is moreover almost impossible to co-ordinate, them so as to be able to form an opinion of the value of any particular region as regards either the quality of the soil, the character of the timber or the existence of minerals. Lastly, the reports of the Geological Survey of Canada, especially the earlier issues, contain information of great value respecting parts of the Crown domain generally little known. These early reports have become extremely rare, so that there hardly remained any other way to bring them to the knowledge of the public, except to reprint them.

I venture to hope that, in making the value of our public lands better known, this book will have the effect of stimulating the demand for these