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A CONDENSED SUMMARY OF THE FIELD-WORK
ANNUALLY ACCOMPLISHED BY THE OFFICERS OF
THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA FROM ITS
COMMENCEMENT TO 1865.

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The reports published during the above term are not in any sense annual reports and it is often difficult to follow the annual wandering of the members of the staff, especially during the compilation and publication of the report for 1863. The impression is very general that owing to the reduced grant the staff were employed during this interval mostly in the office on the compilation. The field-work was nevertheless carried on, although the results were absorbed in the published volumes. As the reports previous to 1863 are not available to many, this summary may be considered as a supplement to the preface of the latter volume.

The information is drawn from the reports from 1843 to 1866, the Life of Sir Wm. Logan by Prof. B. J. Harrington, and information from Dr. Robert Bell.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA.

Before the union of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, several petitions were sent to the Governor and notices of bills given in the Legislature of Upper Canada for the creation of a Geological Survey. A vote of £1,500 had been passed in 1841, but the selection of a geologist was not made until 1842, when W. E. Logan received the appointment. He arrived in August at the capital, Kingston, but finding the political situation very complex, he made several excursions at his own expense to various localities. A visit was made to Marmora to see the iron

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