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38 The Common ^{B.N.A.}
Woolwich

9 Septem: 1876.

Dear Sir,

As Mr. Geo. Dawson,
who was recently
geologist to the North
American Boundary
Commission, is a
candidate for the
office of Paleontologist
on the Canadian Geological
Survey —

it is my
pleasing duty to
say in his behalf

that I have never

The Hon^{ble} David Laird
Minister of the Interior

met a gentleman better
entitled to consideration
on the score of love of
his profession, indefatigable
zeal, official bearing,
and conscientious regard
for public interests.

Although my knowledge
of the science of which ~~is~~
I believe him to be an
able ~~a~~ master - would
not justify my passing
a personal opinion
upon his merits in this
respect — I may
nevertheless, ^{unhesitatingly} give them

excellence, for the results of
his labors during the
boundary marking expedition
— embodied in his elaborate
published Report — have,
~~since my return to England~~
elicited — ^{here} since my return to
England, expressions of very
high praise from most
eminent professors.

The Report to which I
refer discloses an extensive
and familiar knowledge of
the subject — and the hurry
and difficulties of the
circumstances under which
it was made are evidence
that Mr Dawson is endowed

with rare power of quick
and accurate observation,
and of generalization,
and that he is possessed
of great ~~strength~~ ^{energy} and endurance.

Believe me

Yrs
D. R. Cameron

Late North American
Boundary Com^{rs}

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