

## THE LATE GEORGE MERCER DAWSON.

The world of science and especially of geology received a severe shock on the evening of Saturday, the 2nd day of March 1901, when the news of the death of Dr. G. M. Dawson was announced. This sad event was altogether unexpected and leaves the ranks of the Canadian Geological Survey minus one of its most distinguished men, one who had always taken a foremost part in carrying on the good work of his predecessors in the position of Director.

Not only as a geologist, but also as an ethnologist and naturalist Dr. Dawson was well known, and his too early loss will be felt by the whole scientific world.

The immediate cause of the death, was a severe attack of capillary bronchitis which set in subsequent to a somewhat protracted but apparently only slight cold. Dr. Dawson had been attending to his official duties all day Thursday Feb. 28th and had thus been only a whole day absent from the Department when he breathed his last at five minutes after six in the evening, at his rooms in the Victoria Chambers, Ottawa.

His loss to Canada cannot be overestimated. His place can never properly be filled. He will be missed most by the various members of the Geological Survey of Canada with whom he was in constant communication regarding the advancement and welfare of every part of the Dominion of Canada.

The early training he received with his father, Sir William Dawson, at McGill University, subsequently in London, England, at the Royal School of Mines, eminently fitted him for the distinguished positions which he held during his lifetime and at the time of his death, as Director of the Canadian Geological Survey.

By his demise there is removed from this sphere of activity one of the greatest lights and intellects of the last progressive half of the century just ended. His numerous and important writings are a monument which will ever be a crown of glory and renown to his life-work, for his industry, talent and painstaking accuracy.

He was a Nestor in Canadian geology and the grasp which