

Born at Oxford, England, in 1835 his first paper, entitled "On the Land and Fresh-water Mollusca inhabiting the neighbourhood of Oxford" appeared in 1857 in the Proceedings of the Ashmolean Society, and was followed by others, printed in a number of scientific journals, on palæontological and zoological subjects, whilst yet in England.

Dr. Whiteaves visited Canada for the first time in 1861; returning to this country in 1862 he resided in Montreal and in the following year was appointed recording secretary of the Natural History Society of Montreal and curator of its Museum, in which position he remained for twelve years, publishing during this interval valuable palæontological papers, as well as reports on the results of deep-sea dredging operations conducted by him in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

In 1875 Dr. Whiteaves first became connected with the Geological Survey, and in the following year succeeded the late Mr. E. Billings as Palæontologist to the Survey. With the acceptance of this position Dr. Whiteaves had opened to him an enlarged field for work of which he has taken full advantage as his long list of papers and official reports published during the last thirty-two years fully testifies. His reports, both palæontological and zoological, have gained for him a world-wide reputation and have placed him in the front rank of eminent men of science whilst they have brought Canada more than ever forward in the scientific world. His writings are noted for their accuracy and for the succinct and terse language used in all descriptions. His recently issued Part IV of Volume III of "Palæozoic Fossils" reveals a descriptive power perhaps surpassing that of any of his previous publications, an augury it is hoped of many more years of industry and zealous work to be performed, work rendered increasingly valuable with the accumulation of data and a rich, ever widening experience.

Sir William Dawson and Professor Frank Adams the only other recipients of the "Lyell Medal" in this country. Professor John Morris was the first to receive it in 1876 and in the list of awards of later dates are the names of Dr. Joseph Leidy, Professor Henry A. Nicholson, Professor Rupert Jones, Dr. A.