

Ottawa, April 2, 1929.

The Commission on the Natural Resources of Manitoba met this day at 2 o'clock p.m.

There were present:

Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon, Chairman of the Commission.	
Hon. T. A. Crerar	} Commissioners.
Charles M. Bowman, Esq.	
Hon. A. B. Hudson, K. C.	} Representing the Government of Manitoba.
Professor Chester Martin	
A. R. McMaster, Esq., K. C.	} of Counsel for Dominion Government.
C. P. Plaxton, Esq. K. C.	

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, Mr. McMaster.

MR. A. R. McMASTER, K. C. : Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, since our adjournment Mr. Halpin has drawn to my attention two matters in which I think my conjecturing as to the identity of persons referred to in the extracts I was reading was astray. You will remember that I expressed the opinion that the writer of one of the letters was Sir William Dawson, after whom the Dawson trail was named, and who was afterwards Principal of McGill University. Mr. Halpin has pointed out to me that from the extract which I read it would appear more likely that the Dawson who was the writer of the letter was Rev. Aen. McD. Dawson. I said in my remarks:

"I do not know whether that was Sir William.

'Rev.'-- I guess that is for William. I think it is more likely William M. Dawson."

I was mistaken, I believe. The writer of that letter, no doubt, was Rev. Aeneas McDonnell Dawson, who was a well known and highly respected member of the Catholic Church in this city, where he was pastor of an important parish. He had, I understand, some relations with the West, and his name,

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