

*MEMOIR OF SIR J. WILLIAM DAWSON*

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It is with deep regret that we record the death of Sir William Dawson, which took place at Montreal on the morning of November 19, in the eightieth year of his age. In him Canada loses a distinguished geologist and naturalist, as well as one who was intimately identified with educational work of all kinds, but more especially with higher education in the province of Quebec.

Sir John William Dawson, having been born at Pictou on October 13, 1820, was a native of Nova Scotia, a province which has produced more than its share of the Canadians who have risen to eminence in the various walks of life. His father, James Dawson, was from near Aberdeen, Scotland, and came to Nova Scotia to fill a position in a leading business house in Pictou, and on the termination of his engagement began business on his own account, becoming in the course of time one of the chief ship-builders in that part of Nova Scotia. James Dawson had but two children, of whom Sir William was the elder. The younger died at an early age, leaving Sir William thus the sole survivor of the family.