

the 1st of July, 1882; and Mr. Broadbent was appointed Museum Assistant (Mineralogical section) from the same date. Mr. Grignard was transferred, on the 5th of July, to the Dominion Lands branch. Dr. G. M. Dawson was absent in Europe, on leave without pay, from the 1st May to the 31st of December. While there he studied the processes in use for the manufacture and utilization of lignite as fuel, a subject of considerable importance in connection with the development of the vast deposits of this material in the Canadian North-West. The result of Dr. Dawson's observations will be given in a future report.

Approximately stated, the expenditure during the six months, ending 31st December, 1882, has been, under the divisions named, as follows:—

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| Salaries and wages.....                | \$ 16,474 91 |
| Exploration and survey.....            | 13,480 42    |
| Printing and lithography.....          | 633 46       |
| Purchase of specimens.....             | 2,170 00     |
| Purchase of books and instruments..... | 332 62       |
| Chemical and laboratory apparatus..... | 101 84       |
| Stationery.....                        | 242 25       |
| Fuel.....                              | 598 95       |
| Incidental expenses.....               | 596 24       |

\$ 34,630 69

The correspondence of the branch shows 1,445 letters sent and 1,938 received.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ALFRED R. C. SELWYN, LL.D., F.R.S.,

*Director.*

The Right Honourable the Minister of the Interior,  
Ottawa.