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SIR JOHN WILLIAM DAWSON.

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In Sir William Dawson there has passed away the last survivor of that distinguished group of naturalists which in the earlier part of this century achieved for science in America such brilliant results and such widespread recognition—men whose range of knowledge was almost encyclopædic, and many of whom made valuable contributions to science in widely separated fields. The environment of the man of science has now changed, and the older type of naturalist seems unfortunately about to disappear.

Sir John William Dawson 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, having been born at Pictou on October 13th, 1820. He died at Montreal on November 19th, 1899, at the age of 79.

His father, James Dawson, was a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, and came to Nova Scotia to fill a position in