

basis. He had successfully carried out the work of his predecessors, Sir William Logan and Dr. Selwyn, in investigating the resources of Canada, both far and near. His death is an irreparable loss to Canada, to science, but especially to the Geological Survey Department.

Dr. Dawson was by nature of a retiring disposition, though exceedingly sociable and amusing as well as always interesting in company, yet more so in the case of geologists, and above all in the field. He was unmarried, and a foremost member of the Rideau Club, where he was most popular and highly appreciated. He proved to possess a perfectly inexhaustible fund of ready knowledge upon questions of Canadian or of world-wide interest.

His writings are to be found in the Annual Reports of the Geological Survey department, in the Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society of London, in the American Journal of Science and Arts, in the Canadian Naturalist, the Ottawa Naturalist, &c. In 1894 he was unanimously elected President of the Royal Society of Canada, the theme of his address being "The Future of Science in Canada." He was Associate Editor of the Journal of Geology of Chicago, and for three years he was President of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, during which term he did all in his power to advance and promote the interests of the Club. His was a life constantly devoted to the best interests of his official work. He combined indomitable energy with will power which did much to keep up his vital strength as against what might be termed a weakly physique. Close attention—possibly too close attention—during late years, to office work, and a lack of outdoor physical exercise, which he was wont to enjoy in his arduous mountain climbings and in his explorations of many unknown regions of this great Dominion, possibly combined to weaken his constitution.

He was called away most suddenly and will be missed by all who knew him personally or through his writings; but he has left behind him a noble monument of his industry as an explorer and of his skill as a practical geologist both in his official work and in the personal influence which he exerted in the advancement of science and scientific thought for twenty-six years.

As a geologist Dr. Dawson's reputation was world-wide. He was one of those investigators into the realm of geological science