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The subject of this brief notice, who for twenty-five years controlled or advised the undertaking of all the official geological work performed by the Dominion of Canada, died of paralysis at his home in Vancouver, B.C., on Sunday, Oct. 19th, 1902.

Death doubtless came as a happy release to one who had passed the allotted age of man, and who, owing to weakness and the ever-growing infirmities of age, was deprived from taking that active part to which he had been so long accustomed, and which was so essential to his happiness and well-being. His passing away, however, though not unexpected, came as a shock to his family, and especially to his daughter who resided with him, and on whom devolved the care and attention during these declining years, of him who had been one of the world's greatest geologists. His former colleagues, especially the older members of the Geological Survey, grieved for the loss of one who had been a friend and old-time co-worker, at the same time feeling that science had sustained a distinct loss.

He was born at Kilmington, Somerset, Eng., July 28th, 1824, and was the son of the late Rev. Townshend Selwyn, Canon of Gloucester Cathedral, by his wife Charlotte Sophia, daughter of Lord George Murray, Bishop of St. David's, and granddaughter of John, fourth Duke of Athol. Instructed at home under private tutors, he was afterwards sent to Switzerland, where he completed his education. His early inclination towards the study of natural science, and especially of geology was soon