

Behring Sea seal fisheries. The conditions and real facts concerning seal life were studied by him and have been Britain's most powerful argument in the case. In 1883 he was appointed assistant director to the Geological Survey Department. In 1892, after his work on this commission was ended, Her Majesty Queen Victoria was pleased to create him a C.M.G., and in 1890 and 1891 respectively, Queen's and McGill Universities conferred upon him the degree of doctor of laws *honoris causa*.

In 1891 he was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of England, the highest scientific body in Britain, for his eminent work in geological science. In 1893 he was elected President of the Royal Society of Canada; in 1894, corresponding member of the Zoological Society of London; in 1895, Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; in 1896, chosen President of Section "C" in Geology of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, and in 1897 delivered a masterly inaugural address upon the Archæan geology of Canada. In the same year, the Royal Geographical Society of London presented him with their highest award, a gold medal; and in 1891 had been awarded the Bigsby medal for eminent researches in geology by the Geological Society of London. The recipient of this medal must not be older than 45 years at his last birthday.

As an ethnologist and archæologist, Dr. Dawson stood foremost in Canada and was an eminent authority. Many of his spare hours were devoted to this most important subject. His report upon the manners and customs of the Haidas in the Queen Charlotte Islands and the numerous and interesting specimens he brought with him have laid the foundations of the ethnological department of the National Museum at Ottawa. The Geological Survey of Canada was fortunate in having so able a scientist and geologist as Dr. Dawson for its director. He has done much in disseminating exact knowledge regarding the vast regions of the west chiefly, whilst his attention and care has led him to take a most prominent part in the economic prosperity and development of the eastern or older provinces. His courteous and practical replies to the constant stream of correspondence which, in his position as chief of the Geological Survey department, he received, have done much to place Canada's mining interests on a solid