

Dear Mr Watson.

Sept 7/70

I am sorry that I have not answered your letter before this - but I have been trying to obtain (some <sup>2</sup> information <sup>from</sup> <sup>1869</sup> ~~Coned~~) on the subject of "Dawson <sup>Creek</sup>" ~~of~~ <sup>you</sup>.

Don Thomson the author of "New and Meridian" was at my house recently, and as he has been doing a great deal of research for these 3 volumes <sup>which has just completed</sup> I asked him if he could find out anything about the origin of the name "Dawson Creek" and he has sent me these enclosed ~~typewritten~~ remarks which I <sup>have typed for you</sup> ~~forward to you~~.

I want to thank you for the newspaper article you sent me, I find it most interesting & the little black & white sketches with it, showing the progress of times are very delightful -

I was highly entertained by the opening remarks of the article, "Old Geo Dawson" throwing back his head & laughing while he

Scratched his belly" - ! This pictures him  
as being an old fellow probably with long  
space grey hair & rather a plump paunch -  
whereas - He was only 5'2" <sup>(quite young)</sup> when he died &  
was a man of such small & spare proportions  
that I doubt if he had much flesh to scratch  
in the region spoken of. He was also not  
the type of man to turn his head back when  
he laughed. but more likely to give a humorous  
chuckle while his eyes sparkled with <sup>fun</sup> delight.  
However Mr Folke's fictitious description of the  
derivation of the creek's name, makes a  
good ~~beginning~~ & arresting opening to his article.

While on the subject of Geo. Dawson I wonder  
if you knew that there has been a very excellent  
cast made of him by a Vancouver sculptor, by  
the name Elek Jorredy which is <sup>to stand in</sup> the University  
of B.C. <sup>in Vancouver</sup> Mr Jorredy has sent me 2 very fine  
large <sup>signed</sup> slightly colored photographs of this  
work of his - It is difficult to realize what a  
wonderful bit of work he has made, when only having  
a few photographs to work from.  
I hope that you will write me again if you  
have (at anytime) anything interesting to report - and in the  
meanwhile my kind regards - Sincerely  
Luis S. Windus-Spragg

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July 20, 1970

Mrs. Lois S. Winslow-Spragge,  
Cedarbrae,  
Almonte, Ontario

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

Thank you for your letter of July 5<sup>th</sup>. The book "The Life and Letters of G.M. Dawson" arrived today and as you may tell from the enclosed newspaper article there is a definite need for an authentic reference here on this part of our history.

I contacted Mr. Folk who wrote the article and he admitted that the first part about the derivation of the creek's name was fictitious but this is how some of our history is probably made.

If you have the time and inclination to write a letter to the editor or myself it may help to keep our history authentic rather than fictitious.

Yours truly,

D. E. Watson, B.C.L.S.

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June 18, 1970

*Answered  
July 5/70.*

Mrs. Lois S. Winslow - Spragge,  
4049 Cote Des Neiges Road,  
Montreal, Canada

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

Your name was given me by the Surveyor General in regards to obtaining information on George Dawson. The Historical Society is endeavouring to obtain authentic maps, letters, etc. so that historical markers may be placed here in Dawson Creek to outline his contribution in pioneering this land.

Could you inform me as to where I may obtain a copy of "The Life and Letters of G.M. Dawson" or any material relating to his survey of this area?

Yours truly,  
Watson & Stables,

D. E. Watson, B.C.L.S.

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Mrs. Lois S. Winslow-Spragge,  
4049 Cote Des Neiges Road,  
Montreal, Canada

EAKINS.

June 29<sup>th</sup> / 1911 (1)

Dear Prof Eakins

I want to thank you so much for your kind letters, I have found them all very interesting, instructive & amusing, I have enjoyed them greatly, especially while I was in the hospital, when they gave me something pleasant to think about. I must now at this somewhat late date try to answer them, if even in part the question is where to begin —

First of all, it <sup>was</sup> good for you to let me have <sup>your 2<sup>nd</sup> last</sup> a copy of your biography of Uncle George. I have read it several times over with much pleasure — considering that as you were limited as to length I think that you have managed well in setting down everything of interest about him — and you give a good idea of not only that he was a clever scientific man. but you tell in how many ways he showed his ability — Had I been able to read this before it was time for you to send it in, I do not think I would have altered anything — I will look forward very much to seeing it in print in this volume you speak of on Canadian geologists —

I certainly did not have any objection to your using me of G. M. D.'s poems which was in my book — and I think it is delightful that you like to speak of G. M. D. as "Uncle George" — that makes <sup>me feel the more</sup> ~~us~~ almost cousins or something of the sort —

I was <sup>extremely</sup> ~~awfully~~ interested to hear what you had done with Uncle George's water columns & sketches, it is surprising

that they photographed so well and that they helped to  
 make your lecture at Sudbury and also your talk at  
~~Shelton~~ at Sutton a little different and more  
 worth while - I have recently purchased quite a good  
 projector for slides and possibly if could someone lend  
 me these slides to look at <sup>in my home</sup> I would appreciate this. I  
 am glad you had a slide made of Grandfather Dawn  
 in his fur trimmed coat this is my favorite picture of  
 him - you speak of also having a slide of Uncle G. taken  
 for an oil painting - is this, I wonder, the ~~one that is~~ <sup>painting that is</sup> at  
 Rideau Club or the Geological Survey in Ottawa (?)

\* I am wondering where you find my Grandfather's  
 personal copy of Uncle G's Boundary Report - this should  
 be quite valuable. Some years ago my copy was valued  
 at \$18.00.

\* I was very pleased to receive the 2 photos that you sent me  
 which you intend to use in your biography - they are both  
 good - but I, like you, incline towards the black & white  
 one & especially as his trousers <sup>in the latter are so modish</sup> ~~fit so well with the~~  
~~attending fashions of today~~ - <sup>The trousers might certainly have been designed</sup>  
<sup>for today quite dashingly!</sup>

I am glad that you & your wife find my father's  
 letters pleasant to read - I myself find so many little  
 parts of interest in them - he certainly enjoyed his friends  
 & people in general held his interest, and his sense of humor  
 made him enjoy their oddities - my father & Uncle G. got  
 on well together - perhaps it was <sup>because</sup> that they both had the  
 same of humor -

Copy of letter from  
 U. W. S. to Prof. Baker.

It gave me great pleasure to know that your thin  
my work over the past years, is now bearing fruit &  
bearing fruit - I had a good laugh over your remark  
about me & Mr Anderson & Mr Trigg & Mr Colloid -  
they are all such wonderful people & it is really  
fine if I can help them in any way -

Sometimes when you are not too busy - I would love  
to hear from your lecture went at Sudbury - & how you  
used the slides -

I only got home just a few days ago & it is wonderful to be  
back, it is so pleasant to sit on my patio and drift along  
with the quiet of nature - I had 3 1/2 weeks in the hospital at  
Almonte & then another week at the Civic in Ottawa, where  
I underwent some grisly tests - thankfully I do not seem to have  
much the matter with me - so I am gradually trying to gain back  
my strength. I am so anxious to get busy with those rocks - I  
have a few ideas & want to work on them.

I hope that you are in a nice part of the country and  
that you are finishing your work in the city, I suppose  
that you will be away all summer - I have not heard  
from Dr Leach yet so probably he is away too.

Well this seems to have turned into a very long letter  
& I trust it won't wear you out <sup>cause you to have my exhaustion for the reading of</sup> reading it -

My kind regards & best wishes ~~to you~~ & I look  
forward to seeing you & your wife in the autumn when I will enjoy  
hearing about your summer's work & what <sup>new additions to</sup> rocks & fossils you  
have found -  
Sincerely, S.W.S.



Copy



2 Parkside Place  
Montreal 109 -

Dear Dr Watkins -

I hope you will convey to all how much I treasure the McGill Card with its kind message and signatures of my good friends who honoured me with such a meaningful and unique gift last Tuesday -

I can never express what pleasure it gave me to receive

this brooch, and am amazed  
at the thought and workmanship.  
The interesting natural wood  
container is so in keeping with  
the Dawsonite stone - In fact  
the complete gift is a really  
unusual treasure - It will  
continually bring to my mind  
my many connections with  
you all and with Old Mr Gill  
I will wear this pin with  
the greatest pride, and  
from my heart I thank  
each one of you, and

~~And~~ may the coming year  
fulfil all your hopes  
and desires and bring you  
every happiness -

Sincerely and affectionately  
Lis S. Winslow-Spragg

December 26<sup>th</sup> / 71

Jean & Peter Eakin & W.S. greet friends at  
Biological Congress etc.



McGILL UNIVERSITY

P.O. BOX 6070, STATION 'A', MONTREAL, QUE., CANADA H3C 3G1

Department of Geological Sciences

December 18th, 1974

Mrs. Lois Winslow-Spragge  
2 Parksdale Place  
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

Although we have not been in contact for some time, you have been in my thoughts on numerous occasions. I have been working very slowly on historical matters until recently, being distracted by other more mundane matters.

Historical affairs are looking up at McGill - we have a new philosophy professor, Dr. William Shea, who is keenly interested in the History of Science. He is trying to organize 1) a lecture series on the History of Science; 2) formal undergraduate and graduate programmes in the same discipline; and 3) a research programme in the Archives on Sir William and Uncle George.

I have naturally told him of your labours over the years in preserving, transcribing, and publishing Dawsoniana, and it is my fond hope that you would invite me to present him to you in the not too distant future. Perhaps Mr. Andreassen could be asked to come along at the same time bearing with him his most recent pride and joy - 12 beautifully written and illustrated notebooks filled by Uncle George during his stay in London. Professor Emeritus T.H. Clark unearthed them in the bowels of the Redpath Museum while in the process of putting J.W.D.'s Eozoon collections in order. I imagine that this find will go a long way towards mitigating Dr. Clark's great transgression of removing the Biblical Quotation Plaques at the entrance to the Main Exhibit Hall in the Thirties. (The Janitor at the time was scandalized and preserved them tenderly in his apartment in the basement for years. I regret to say that some iconoclast finally got them - they have totally disappeared after a brief resurrection).

Jean has gone back to work full-time so she is a very busy woman - she sings in the St. Peter's choir and is a director (all in

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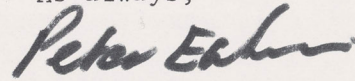
Mrs. L. Winslow-Spragge:

December 18th, 1974

French-Canadian French!) of the Quebec Rabbit Breeder's Association, plus of course, two active children, a lazy and demanding husband and twenty-three rabbits to look after at home.

All our very best wishes for the season, and hopes that this letter finds you well.

As always,



P. R. Eakins

PRE/smj

P.S. The "Dawson" diffenbachia is still thriving in the Geology Department - it is nearly six feet tall!

P.R.E.

DEPARTMENT OF  
GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES



MCGILL UNIVERSITY  
MONTREAL

March 24th, 1971

Mrs. L. Winslow-Spragge  
2 Parkside Place  
Montreal, Quebec

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

Thank you very much indeed for a precious copy of your uncle's biography. I assure you that it will both be treasured and put to good use.

As soon as the session is over I hope I may visit you and discuss various aspects of an anecdotal history of the geological sciences at McGill. Attached is an example of the biography questionnaires I am attempting to complete on Sir William Dawson, Dr. G.M. Dawson, and Prof. B.J. Harrington, all of whom will occupy major parts of my history. Perhaps you would be kind enough to go over these when I have completed them from the printed records available. Might I also be so bold as to suggest that you complete the questionnaire on yourself, as I am certain that McGill would certainly want to have it in its archives as a valuable document.

I am trying to develop a feeling for the personalities and relationships around the turn of the century at McGill and I feel certain you can truly assist me in this regard. Your father, by the way, seems to have been a first class geologist and mineralogist as well as a chemist. Did he consider himself as such to your knowledge?

Do you know anything of the following women (the date is that of their graduation from McGill): Lena MacKenzie Reid (1902), Olive Basken (1928), Doris Dart (1921), Clara Muriel Aylard (1924). I haven't been able to find out anything about them yet.

In terms of timing I have to prepare a biography on Frank Dawson Adams for a convention in May. Can you suggest the name of anyone I might contact who knew him intimately or well. He died in 1942 after a long and distinguished career. Unfortunately he retired from McGill in 1922 and so there are not many people who remember him well at McGill.

Once again my sincerest thanks for your kindness.

Yours very truly,

P. R. Eakins  
Assoc. Prof. of Geology

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STANDARD BIOGRAPHY FORM

History of the Geological Sciences at McGill

AIM: to provide a means of recording the biographical details of McGill geologists, both past and present. Obviously certain sections are not applicable to those living today, but in the interests of ease of getting the job done, one form has been designed for all.

REQUIREMENTS: too little is worse than too much; certainly there is no intention to pry, but on the other hand if questions aren't asked then they won't probably be answered so please ignore any section that you feel is an invasion of privacy. All forms will be deposited with the University Archivist, so please comply as fully as possible in the interest of future generations of McGill geologists and historians.

PHOTOGRAPHS: these would be gratefully received, either for the Department photo album or for possible publication in the history. Photographs should be clearly dated and labelled. Snaps of McGillians at the rocks rather than on the rocks are what is needed.

CONFIDENTIALITY: all material will be treated with strictest confidence, and any questionable points will be cleared before publication. Restrictions on prying eyes can be placed on any or all material deposited for periods of up to 30 years.

CO-OPERATION: this is very definitely needed. Any additional material about yourself or other McGill geologists will be appreciated.

P. R. Eakins  
McGill B.Sc. '48  
M.Sc. '49  
Ph.D. '52

DEADLINE: 1 March 1971

503 Surveys and Mapping Building,  
Department of Energy, Mines & Resources,  
615 Booth Street, Ottawa 4,  
August 31, 1970.

Dear Lois -

I have carried out my commission in regard to the Names Board and Dawson Creek. There has been a slight delay in doing so because guests from Vancouver were in our home during the first part of last week and kept us fully occupied. Then Mrs. T. and I were out of town in the Rideau Lakes District, pardon, Rideau Lakes District, for the balance of the week.

The Names Board had nothing in their official files revealing the origin of the name of the B.C. city but in Volume 2 of Encyclopaedia Canadiana p. 212 there is an account of the naming of the creek and city and it is there stated that these were named after the man who surveyed the district in which these are located.. and the surveyor was George Mercer Dawson, who later became head of the Geological Survey of Canada. Thus our inquiry has put some information into the records of the Names Board that it did not possess previously !

The McRorie girls ( Wilena and Hazel) and I wish to again express our thanks for the interesting, memorable time we had with you a week ago Saturday. We arrived back in Ottawa without mishap. We hope that your damaged knee is now much improved, Lois.

With all good wishes, and hoping to see you all again soon,

Sincerely,

*Don*

Don W. Thomson.

P.S. It was a special pleasure to autograph your volumes 2 and 3 of Men and Meridians.



BOOK REVIEW: Allgemeine Vermessungsnachrichten  
(AVN) No. 7/1970.

Don W. Thomson: Men and Meridians. The History of  
Surveying and Mapping in Canada;  
Volume II.

Volume 2 of this comprehensive history of Canadian Surveying published for the celebration of the Centennial of Canadian Confederation treats with the first 50 years (1867-1917) of the young nation that came into existence through "a combination of British support, American belligerence and Canadian needs". In AVN 12/67, we have referred to Volume 1 as an extraordinary contribution to the history of surveying in the world's second-largest country.

This second volume, too, offers an unusually great wealth of details. Border surveys naturally were of particular significance in those days, also hydrographic surveys because of the country's nature. In this connection, the American example was often influential, and consequently this volume also contains a chapter on the early stage of surveying in the U.S.A.

One reads with interest and pleasure also the history of the creation of the technical associations and their influence on the development of the discipline of surveying. Remarkable is the early interest in photogrammetry, which led to the publication of Deville's "Photo-Topography" in 1890. The first photogrammetric projects are also presented in a separate chapter, and elsewhere the oldest Canadian aerial photographs - of the year 1883 - are shown. Another Chapter is devoted to the planning of the transcontinental railway (Canadian Pacific Railway), complete with the 1876 map. The hydrographic surveys of the Great Lakes received special impetus from the loss of the steamship Asia in 1882, which was partly blamed on unsurveyed shallow waters.

With a triangulation in Ontario and Quebec, Canada embarked on geodetic projects; in 1916, the first transcontinental levelling chain was completed; in 1892, the difference in longitude from Greenwich was determined, and in 1905, the Dominion Observatory began operating. Finally, this volume also deals with the Geological Survey. There is again a comprehensive bibliography at the end of the volume. The great respect for an extraordinary achievement which the first volume commanded is even further increased by its sequel. It is most unlikely that there is a comparable work in any other country.

H. Draheim.

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Lois Winslow-Spragge,  
" CEDARBRAE"  
Almonte, Ontario.

Letter to L.W.S  
from

Don W. Thomson who  
wrote men & Meridians a copy  
of which he gave L.W.S.

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July 1977

Letters in this envelope are for Dr Leech - and  
Dean J. B. Mawdsley of University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, Sask. . . .

Dean Mawdsley - was a good friend of Dr Leech - He was  
about to retire from the University in Saskatoon, where  
he planned to write a full biography of G. M. Dawson  
Dr Leech brought him to see me several times, and I  
found him a very pleasant man - and offered to give  
him all the help I could with this work he was  
about to undertake - Sad to say, a short time after  
his last visit to me, he had a fatal heart attack -  
and so the biography was never even begun - I was  
sorry about this, for I thought that he would have written  
something very worthwhile -

visited Almonte in 1962.

1113 Greenlawn Crescent,  
Ottawa 3, Ont.

13 March, 1962.

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

Answers to your two letters are long overdue but the matter of G. M. Dawson certainly hasn't been forgotten here. I'll start with your last letter.

Re. a picture of Dawson City. ~~There are~~ two major choices here - is it to be a "boom time" picture or a picture of Dawson today. I think either would be more suitable than, say, Dawson in 1930. I can get you a pretty good picture of Dawson City <sup>in</sup> of the gold rush days from our G.S.C. collection. For a modern one I could try through the Dept. of Northern Affairs & National Resources. Pictures of Dawson City are quite the fashion this year because of the Festival publicity, and gov't depts. here get a constant stream of requests for them from publicists and magazine writers.

As to the Liard Canyon and the "monument" - I can get you photos of the canyon and - I'm almost certain - one of the "monument" itself. The Geological Survey did some work there last season in connection with a possible dam-site and one of the survey assistants

who is now back at school at Queen's took a black & white photo of it. I have written to him about getting a copy. Another of the survey assistants has a Kodachrome transparency of the monument, <sup>I have seen this</sup> but ~~the~~ use as a record is spoiled because a couple of the boys are climbing on it. (it is an obelisk 6 or 7 feet high). Mr. Owen, the B.S.C. party chief, has a number of photos of the canyon (not as impressive as you might have hoped from the scenic viewpoint but damned impressive if you're in a boat in high water!) but none of the actual monument site. The latter is just out of sight around a bend in the most suitable photo and I've requisitioned a copy of that.

What can you tell me about this monument? It is on the site of the cairn that G.M.W. built in 1887 when he realized from a noon observation that he was only about one minute north of lat.  $60^{\circ}$  - the B.C.-Yukon boundary. You mention an American being responsible for the monument. Do you know who, and when? The boys last season couldn't read all the inscription - not the name, <sup>or</sup> the date for certain. I understood that they read "Erected in memory of G.M. Dawson Scientist, Geologist, Explorer. This monument was erected in 1906 [?] by ---."

Now as to the map. Your list of names is imposing, some 160 names spread from Labrador to San Francisco and Eastern Siberia! I have now got a base map with

the same height/width ratio as a double spread of your book, and have been experimenting. Unfortunately there are two different and rather incompatible things involved — the transcontinental span and the local detail. On a map 11" x 14" extending from Labrador to the Bering Sea the Northwest Angle district (Lake of the Woods) is not much more than a dot-sized and one just cannot show the relative positions of some ten features in this dot. Even a map extending only from the Lake of the Woods to Alaska would not allow for this detail.

I presume you want to retain the transcontinental span — because yours is a narrative of transcontinental journeys — and am plotting up what seems to be feasible. For the remainder there are perhaps three possibilities — use numbers on the map and a key list (but even this won't work for the Northwest Angle detail), or separate local detail maps, or deletion. I am in trouble about the Bering (Bering) Sea region as my base map's corner is near St Lawrence Island, and the islands to the south are off it. This is another region that would require a special map — about 16 names there.

The name distribution as a whole is roughly as follows:  
 60% western & northern Canada, 16% U.S.A., 10% Bering Sea,  
 2% eastern Canada, and 12% that I haven't yet run down.

In the latter category are names that are dangerously common — e.g. Grand Forks — there are dozens of Grand Forks on the continent. However, as your list follows the order

in which you mention place names, or so it seems, I can locate many in this category from their neighbors in the list - as in this case, the Grand Forks is presumably the one in North Dakota. I will send you a list of the problems & names. A few of them are ones you ticked in red as relatively more important.

They are: Mount Elias - is this mentioned in the BNA Boundary Commission report of 1875. If so, and if you give me the page reference I may spot it.

Georgetown

Harry - is this Fort Harry?

Woody Mountain - same as Wood Mountain?

St George & Fort St. George - these follow Queenelle (modern sp. is Queenel) in the list. Would it be Fort George, which is near Q. I don't know any St George.

Harringly (?) country in Cariboo region - can you give me a page reference in a published report, or something of the context?

What are your comments on older spellings v.s. modern ones - e.g. which form of Queenel would you prefer on the map?

What are the facilities of the establishment at which the map will be reproduced? I have in mind here the matter of name printing for reduction. I can hand letter the names on the map but to do this in the proper map-drafting fashion involves much time. Hand lettering has been dispensed with on our own maps, the names are set

in type - of a size that takes into account the ratio of scale reduction from drawing to published map - and the typeset names are pasted on the ~~map~~ working drawing.

A final question - out of pure curiosity. Was S. E. Dawson, of Dawson Road fame (I see you list Dawson Road as an illustration) a relative of G. M. D.?

Yours sincerely,  
Geoff. Luch

P.S.

Do you think the map should show G. M. D.'s routes of exploration? I have plotted his Cordilleran ones (B.C. & Yukon) for my own interest, you say years from our G. S. C. reports, but this is a different matter from transcontinental trips, of which routes I am not familiar.

G.M.



cc: Mrs. Lois Winslow-Spragge  
Mr. Earl Pennington, CBC Montreal

Please reply to:  
Department of Geological Sciences,  
McGill University, Montreal 110.

April 14, 1971.

Mr. M. Poole,  
CBC-TV,  
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Poole:

Last Saturday afternoon I spent a most wonderful afternoon with Mrs. Lois Winslow-Spragge, in connection with a project of mine - A History of the Geological Sciences at McGill University. As a graduate of McGill and an associate professor in the Department of Geological Sciences, this is not an unnatural interest. McGill has had, or has produced, some of the greatest men in Canadian geology starting with Sir William Dawson and continuing to the present. So hearing about Grandfather Dawson and Uncle George was a treat, crowned with an excellent tea.

I am writing to you to inquire about your projected TV show on George Dawson. I do so with an ulterior motive, as the letterhead and enclosed flyer must imply. If the CBC does a show on George Mercer Dawson it would be a natural for a rerun in Montreal during the International Geological Congress in August of 1972. This Congress is a prestigious event, supported by the Government of Canada and the Geological Survey of Canada, along with provincial governments and mining and petroleum companies. Overall the budget for the Congress runs into seven figures, so I presume the CBC will be interested.

By the way, Dr. Bostock of Ottawa, a retired member of the GSC, is a fund of information. I haven't met him, but I understand he is a grand teller of tales of the Yukon, where he spent much of his professional life. His parents homesteaded in British Columbia at Monty Creek, so he has a strong British Columbia background. He also just happens to be a McGill graduate!

If I can be of any help in promoting the G.M.D. show, please let me know. I will gladly share with you any information I have gathered as well.

Yours very truly,

P. R. Eakins, Ph.D., Chairman  
Exhibits Committee.

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MONTREAL 110, QUEBEC  
CANADA

Copy of letter to Mr Poole  
from Prof. Eakins

Chairman of Exhibits Committee for International  
Geological Congress in 1972.

Re projected T.V. show on George Mercer Dawson,  
Mrs. L. Winslow-Spragge,  
2 Parkside Place,  
Montreal, Que.



1871-1945 EMILY CARR painter / peintre

Canada 6



1122 ELLIOTT STREET  
SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN

Jan 2, 1964.

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

Thanks very much for your kind letter and the very interesting book on Dr. George Mercer Dawson. I have only just received it but I have already read with great interest the first few pages. The illustrations are most interesting and valuable. I am certain the book will interest a lot of people.

I have done some reading of some of your uncle's papers. While in Winnipeg a few months ago I was able to read in the University library there a couple of addresses he gave to the Ottawa <sup>Field</sup> Naturalist Club. — We have not got them in our library here. However, I find that although partially retired I am busier than ever! There seems so much of interest to do.

However, it is my intention to keep plugging  
away & find out as much as possible  
about your uncle. I think he is a fascinating  
personality & I am sure your book  
will help to make him better known  
to his countrymen, - who are now so  
generally ignorant of him.

Thanks very much for your offer of  
help in my efforts. I am sure I will  
need it.

My daughter Ann is the wife of  
Major S.A.M. Chalce and they at present  
live at 1212 Surrey Ave., Ottawa 10.  
In April he is being posted to Palestine,  
and my daughter will then come out here  
for the year. Her twin sister is here so she  
will receive quite a welcome.

I hope you had a very good  
Christmas. I had an excellent one in  
Winnipeg with my youngest daughter &  
her husband & four children!

With best Best Wishes for 1964

Yours sincerely  
Ann B. Matthews



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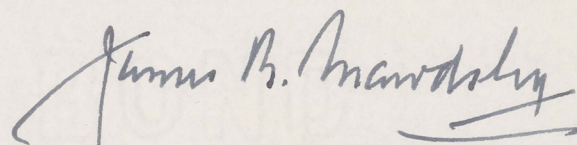
Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

Thanks very much for your long letter with respect to Dr. George Dawson. As you say, nothing is very clear at the moment as to how best one could tackle a biography of him. However, it seems to me that you have collected most valuable information that will definitely be needed for a well rounded biography.

I note that you will be seeing Dr. Leech shortly, and I know he will support me in saying that something should be done.

I think a biography will have to include a certain appreciation of his scientific and exploratory work, but the human side of it is going to be very important. I can imagine that a co-operative effort in the initial stages at least might help to point the way, at least I hope so.

Yours sincerely,

  
J. B. Mawdsley.