

exhibiting a portion of the stem with fragmentary brachial extensions, the whole organism covering a space of nearly three inches in length. My colleague, Dr. F. A. Bather, has kindly examined the specimen, but without any satisfactory result, on account of its poor preservation; he is, however, inclined to regard it as of Palæozoic age. Further efforts should now be made to obtain more suitable fossils from these interesting limestones of the Malay Peninsula, so that their geological age may be finally determined.

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OBITUARY.

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C.M.G., LL.D., Assoc. R.S.M., F.R.S., F.G.S., F.R.S. CANADA,  
 DIRECTOR OF THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA.

BORN AUGUST 2, 1849.

DIED MARCH 2, 1901.

THIS eminent geologist, whose portrait and life we published in the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE for May, 1897, pp. 193–195, died at Ottawa, after an illness of only two days, at the early age of 51 years, sincerely regretted by a large circle of friends.

Dr. Dawson was the son of Sir William Dawson, F.R.S., for many years Principal of McGill College, Montreal; and was, since 1875, one of the staff of the Geological Survey of Canada, of which he speedily became Assistant-Director, and in 1894 Director. He was educated at McGill College, Montreal, and at the Royal School of Mines, London. Here he obtained the Duke of Cornwall's Scholarship, and the Edward Forbes medal and prize. He was, in 1873, on the North American Boundary Commission. On the Geological Survey he did much personal work in British Columbia and the North-West Territory, covering in his mapping many thousand miles of area. Dr. Dawson was one of the Commissioners for the Behring Sea Arbitration, spending the Summer of 1892 inquiring into the conditions and facts of seal-life, and his services were of the greatest value. He received the thanks of the Governor-General-in-Council, and was made a C.M.G. He received the Bigsby Gold Medal from the Geological Society in 1891, and in 1890 the degree of LL.D. from Queen's University and from McGill University in 1891. In 1897 he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Royal Geographical Society for his work as a whole.

Canada may well be proud of Dr. G. M. Dawson as one of her most brilliant men of science, whose loss she will long deplore, nor will he fail to be remembered in this country also as a son of that great Motherland whose name can never die.

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