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Banner: Life of a Rock Star

### George M. Dawson

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George Mercer Dawson, 1885

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**More on George M. Dawson (1849-1901)**

George Dawson (standing at center) and his survey party, Fort McLeod, British Columbia, 1879

Source
When George Dawson was a child he had a severe illness that stopped his growth. As an adult he was only around 4 feet 8 inches or 4 feet 10 inches tall. The illness also left him with a hunched back and recurring pain throughout his body. This did not stop him. He received an advanced education from Britain's leading scientists and in the 1870s worked on the Canada-United States boundary survey. He described the geology and natural history he observed in great detail. He then went to work for the Geological Survey of Canada and explored British Columbia and the Yukon. After working as assistant director for 12 years, he replaced Alfred Selwyn as director. Dawson was one of the most popular figures in Canadian science. His early death, at age 52, came as a shock and disappointment both at home and abroad.

In His Own Words

[Untitled poem fragments]
"Contorted beds, of unknown age,
My weary limbs shall bear,
Perhaps a neat synclinal fold
At night shall be my lair.
Dips I shall take in unnamed streams,
Or where the rocks strike, follow
Along the crested mountain ridge
Or anticlinal hollow;
Or gently with the hammer stroke
The slumbering petrifaction,
That for a hundred million years
Has been debarred from action i¿½
Where long neglected mountains stand
Just crumbling into shreds
And laying bare on every hand
The treasures of their beds i¿½"

(George Dawson, in British Columbia, 1878)