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These letters concerns the finding of two receipts by Clare Harrington for two boxes of George Mercer Dawson's notes and letters left at the Library at McGill many years ago.

A large gap in G.M.D.'s papers had been noted by several people and frequent inquiries had been made over the years.

The finding of the receipts and subsequent follow-up in 1964 by his niece, Lois Winslow-Spragge, has proved of tremendous interest to many people concerned with G.M.D.'s life.

A.V. Byers  
(Great niece of G.M.D.)

(Copy of letter written 1964)

Dear Dr. Leech,

I thought I would write and give you a little piece of information which I think will be of interest to you.

Several weeks ago, my sister, in going through some letters, came upon two receipts for packages of papers, etc. held at the McGill Library for safekeeping. These turned out to be papers to do with George Mercer Dawson.

My sister had completely forgotten about them as many years had elapsed. I feel sorry that I had not access to them earlier, as it would appear there might be some interesting information contained therein.

I went to the Library today and spoke with Mrs. Smith who is in charge of these things. She showed me the catalogue which had the contents listed under the name of George Mercer Dawson.

I copied the descriptions down and they are as follows:

"74. Dawson, George Mercer -

Diary and general notebook 1873-99.  
Mostly geological correspondence 1883-98.  
Ms. articles on biological subjects 1887-94.  
Poems. 53 leaves. Quarto. N.d."  
CH 418.002 Box

" Papers connected with explorations in the Yukon and with the Boundary Question between Alaska and British Territory (and the Behring Sea Sealing Regulations) 1886-97."  
CH 419.002 Box

She said these things were available to look at, but it would take time to get them from where they were stored.

If Dean Mawdsley still plans to write a further life of G.M.D. there might be some interesting new material here.

Sometimes I feel I must go through these things, but I cannot do it just now. Have you any thoughts on the subject?

I asked if these papers could be taken away from the Library for study and she said only by special permission from Mr. Pennington.

With my kind regards and best wishes for Easter.

Sincerely,

Lois S. Winslow-Spragge.