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Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

Long ago you asked me for date of James Dawson's death. I finally happened on it in the Accession folder for No. 909-A and the data is enclosed.

There was a story in the local press last week-end on the GMD children's book, which if you didn't note, I can provide.

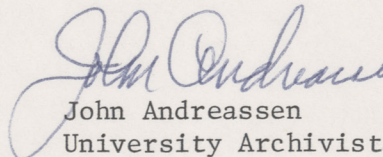
My Seminar has begun and in due time, most of the remaining Dawsoniana will have been described in near-print Guides.

I assume that you have seen the attached press release.

One of my regular assistants, Dr. Daniel Hickey left for a professorial job at the University of Moncton on June 1 and my other assistant, Miss Sandra Guillaume has become the Assistant Archivist at the University of Toronto. I have two new assistants, Robert Michel, a Ph.D. candidate here at McGill in History and Grant Armstrong, an M.A. candidate in History of Education. The summer has been a bit hectic for these changes.

I do hope you have had a wonderful summer and I do hope to see you soon after your return to the City.

Cordially yours,

  
John Andreassen  
University Archivist

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Mrs. E.S. Winslow-Spragge  
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Handwritten initials and signatures at the top of the page, including "J.G.", "A.A.", and "E.H.". To the right, the word "communiqué" is written in a serif font above the large, bold, stylized "McGill" logo, which is underlined.

For Immediate Release

THE NAMING OF ROCKS AFTER SHIPS THAT FOUNDERED ON THEM IS A GROWTH INDUSTRY...

So says James Dawson, great-grandson of Sir William Dawson, McGill's Principal 1855-1893. In a forthcoming address, he will be exploring the dangers of modern ships navigating from ocean charts as much as a century old. "Any chart based on surveys before 1970 carries with it a risk that surveyors may have missed some dangerous wreck or obstacle to navigation... even nuclear submarines have recently touched bottom, albeit with minimum publicity".

"OCEAN... ology or elegy?"  
Room 45, Burnside Hall, McGill University  
4:00 p.m. Monday, September 30, 1974  
Admission free No tickets required

The speaker, James Dawson, is a native of Montreal educated in Britain and France who is now a leading Lloyds marine broker in London specialising in insurance of ocean engineering projects, submersibles, habitats, deepsea mining vessels, survey ships, divers etc. He is a member of the Marine Technology Society, Undersea Vehicle Safety Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C.

He will be available for interviews after his talk and probably on Tuesday, October 1st. Enquiries should be addressed to Professor Trevor Lloyd, Director of McGill's Centre for Northern Studies and Research telephone 392-8082 or to his assistant, Anna Hercz at 392-8202.

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