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Dear Mr. Paterson:

Your enquiry regarding George Mercer Dawson's typewriter was forwarded by Mrs. Winslow-Spragge to the McGill University Archives for reply.

We have searched without success the George Mercer Dawson collection of papers and those of his father Sir John William Dawson contained in McGill University Archives R.G. 2D, for evidence of a typewritten letter from G.M. Dawson.

I would agree with your intention to write the P.A.C. in Ottawa. Perhaps if you sent along a typewritten page they could readily make a comparison should they turn something up.

You might ask them to check through the records of the Geological Survey of Canada P.A.C. Reference No. MG29. George Mercer Dawson was appointed to the Geological Survey of Canada in 1875 and became its Director in 1895. He may well have used a typewriter in his business transactions.

We are unable to confirm that George Mercer Dawson held the post of Gold Commissioner in the Yukon. However, in his work with the Geological Survey, he was principally engaged in the survey and exploration of the Northwest Territory and British Columbia. In addition, he served as geologist with the [British North American Boundary Commission].

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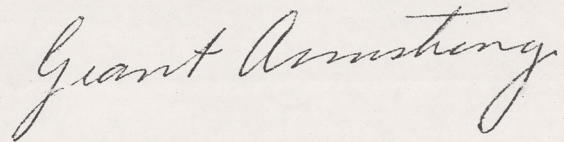
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Should you be successful in your bid with the P.A.C. please keep us informed.

Yours truly,



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