

9 April 1970

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

First of all, I wish to thank you for receiving me on that very snowy April 2nd.

Since then, I've managed to plow through Dr. Charles F. O'Brien's thesis. The first 30 pages provide an evaluation of Sir William's work and a concise biography which is quite readable. The remainder of the volume makes pretty heavy reading. The note on Sources and the Bibliography are excellent. The one important body of materials which he did not have access to consists of the two boxes of official McGill papers, and from what I've seen of them so far, they would have added only in a minor way to his work. The work would have benefitted from a glossary of terms used in science and theology in the Victorian period, although one cannot call this critical since most of the terms are described in the text at least once. To keep up with them however, is rather difficult without marking up the book. The second fault would be that there is no index, which would have been helpful in supplying the reader with ready access to such definitions as a glossary would have provided. Dr. O'Brien makes it very clear, that Sir William's contributions were much more important in other fields than in that of the controversy between science and religion, as for example in his management of McGill, his contributions to the educational process in Nova Scotia and Quebec and in his emphasis on the practical applications of science and technology. He certainly developed a high regard for the subject of his research.

I've also read with great interest and pleasure your 1960 "This is the Life of my Father, Bernard J. Harrington," and "Through the Years, B.J. Harrington's Letters to His Wife". Both make valuable contributions. There is new material here on the paper mill at St-Andrews East, and the Philadelphia Exposition. After reading the post-honeymoon letters of B.J. Harrington from Philadelphia, I managed to save from the discard pile, in a house in Westmount last week, the printed volume with illustrations of the buildings at that Exposition.

We will prepare a preliminary list of this latest deposit you have made, as soon as possible, but I'm afraid it will take some time to complete it. This note then, will serve as an acknowledgement of the materials in tin box numbered 695. The Accession No. assigned is 1010.

I have not yet completed my research on the B.J.Harrington portrait, so I will have to write to you later on about my findings.

My reading of the B.J.Harrington letters to your mother, confirms a conviction already arrived at that her role as it related to the conduct of affairs at McGill was such that her letters should in due time join up with those of your father. I do hope that you will find the time to survey them in the near future.

During the next few weeks we hope to duplicate two brief guides to portions of the Official Papers of Sir William Dawson, and as soon as they are ready I will forward copies to you.

With sincere appreciation for your gifts to the University Archives, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John Andreassen, University Archivist

JA/md

Mrs. Lois Winslow-Spragge 2 Parkside Place Montreal, Quebec.



27 January 1970

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

On Friday last, I began discussions with the Acting Dominion Archivist, Dr. W.I.Smith, concerning a cooperative microfilming project to bring together the papers of your uncle, George Mercer Dawson. Dr.Smith will be responsible for filming the papers, wherever situate in Ottawa, whereas I've tentatively agreed to do the filming job on those located here in Montreal. We haven't attempted to formalize the project as yet, until we have more facts under control. I thought you would be interested in learning that this first step toward putting together an important source collection in viable form, had been taken.

Sincerely yours,

John Andreassen, University Archivist

JA/md

Mrs. Lois Winslow-Spragge 2 Parkside Place, Montreal, Quebec.



16 January 1970

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

I write to express sincere appreciation to you for taking time out of a bitterly cold winter's day to discuss the placement of your family papers with the McGill University Archives. It would now seem appropriate to make a matter of record, the status of affairs as of this moment.

- 1. We have completed the listing of the Accession 909 which you turned over to me in 1968. The typing and editing of this list is now about 80 percent completed, and a copy will be forwarded to you sometime in the next few weeks.
- 2. Yesterday I returned to you the ribbon copy of your account of the correspondence between John William Dawson and his future wife; and the account of the family trip to the Middle East in the 1870s. These two manuscripts have been copied on microfilm and a master negative has been retained as a security measure.
- 3. We have begun work on the listing and description of two metal boxes of Sir William's official files, Accession 927, which were recently located in Peterson Hall. It will be quite a while before this group of papers can be completely described, microfilmed and indexed, but we are underway. A copy of this list will be made available to you as soon as possible.
- 4. This will acknowledge your gift of three additional cardboard cartons of Sir William Dawson Papers, received on January 15th. We have given this group the temporary accession number 976. We will prepare these papers for security microfilming in the Spring, and prepare similar descriptive inventories just as soon as possible, but I'm afraid that this kind of work cannot be, nor should it be done in haste, considering the importance of the materials.
- 5. We discussed your intention to make available to the McGill University Archives, the three boxes of your father's papers and those of his immediate family, and I can assure you that they will fill an obvious gap in the holdings on which a sound history of McGill University will be based.

- 6. We would be delighted to have the four volumes of water colors totalling some 80 paintings. Meanwhile, we have made arrangements for the color microfilming of these paintings, and as soon as the necessary film, filters and other minor adjustments in the camera have been made, I will call you with a request that we go ahead with placing these paintings on color transparencies. The roll of film will carry up to 800 color pictures, if the exposures are made in a straight run.
- 7. I've begun the exploration of publication possibilities for a selection of the water colors, and I'll keep you informed of progress or lack of it.

Dr. H. Rocke Robertson came by this afternoon to check on certain records, and while he was here, I had an opportunity to show him the three major Dawson Collections now being processed. He expressed appreciation for your thoughtfulness and appeared very much impressed with the collection.

Again, I'd like to thank you for a charming break in a day that is often too filled with busyness, rather than accomplishment.

Sincerely yours,

JA/md

John Andreassen, University Archivist

Mrs. Lois Winslow-Spragge, 2 Park Place, Montreal, Quebec.



19 August 1969

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

I must apologize for the delay in responding to your very interesting letter of 21 July. I'm particularly interested in the letters you have found from Sir William to his son George.

I must also apologize for the Annual Report mistake when I used the "George Newton Dawson Papers" title instead of the correct one. There is an explanation. My first published work in the Ohio Archeological Quarterly and in the Mournal of Southern History was the diary of William Newton Mercer from Baltimore to New Orleans in 1816. I hadn't realized that my mind unconsciously tripped me up when drafting and proofing the report. The archival copies of the Report have been corrected.

We have had time only to make a cursory examination of the two tin boxes of Sir William's official papers found in the basement of Peterson Hall some weeks ago, but they appear to be all official College and Normal School papers plus a bound volume of his reprints relating to McGill and labelled Educational Papers J.W. Dawson, beginning with his "Inaugural Discourse" of 1855 and ending with a confidential "Appendix to Memoranda of Juhe, 1892 on the subject of Free Tuitions in the Faculty of Arts". I might add that so far, we have noted very little of his correspondence with scientists in Europe or the United States.

Special Publication No. 7 of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia listing available microfilm s of correspondence in its collections, notes Sir William as a correspondent. The Guide was published in 1967, but I've just recently obtained a copy.

I do hope that when you return to Montreal, you can visit the University Archives and see some of these materials.

Mrs. Lois S. Winslow-Spragge Cedarbrae Almonte, Ontario

John Andreassen, University Archivist



July 9, 1969

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

I wish to thank you for your letter of 1 July and the enclosed typescript of "Dawson Letters - Europe and the Mid-East 1883-1884" 55 pp.

We will prepare a microfilm copy of this very interesting account today and place the script with the earlier material in the Archives safe.

I marvel at the experiences recounted and those which most interested me were the disembarkation at the port of Haifa, and the flight down the pyramid.

According to Cyrus McMillan in $\underline{\text{McGill}}$ and $\underline{\text{Its}}$ $\underline{\text{Story 1821-1921}}$, Sir William was born at Pictou on 13 October 1820, p. 223, so he would have been 63 years of age at the time of this European-Near-East tour.

We are taking off for a month's holiday, rather a month's rest, this weekend. I will be in touch with the office from time to time, however, and handle any correspondence.

I do hope that you have enjoyed your summer at Almonte and that the remaining summer months will be marked with moderate temperatures.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

John Andreassen, University Archivist

Mrs. Lois S. Winslow-Spragge, Cedarbrae, Almonțe, Ontario.

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June 18, 1969

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

May I apologize for the delay in replying to your letter of 6 June? There have been a few mitigating factors such as the need for a year-end report, the initiation of the microfilming laboratory and attendance at the York University meeting of the Canadian Historical Association.

I'll be delighted to read your manuscript of the Middle-Eastern tour. My only concern is about the eccentricities of the mail. I do hope that you have a carbon copy.

A very good 35 mm. microfilm copy has been made of your Manuscript for security reasons. It has been designated Accession No. 925, should you have reason to refer to it in future.

However, an important development I have to report follows. Some years ago, my predecessor came on an undated note which after study, I'm sure we can place in time sequence, by which Sir William turned over selected papers to the University. A copy of the memorandum is attached. Mr. Ridge made an intensive search for the two tin boxes without success. Yesterday, I came on them and although the papers have not been examined in any detail, it would appear that they cover the period of his principalship. This accession has been designated with the number 927. The third box mentioned in Sir William's memorandum has not yet been identified, although I would safely guess that it has been absorbed in the Library Collections. I will keep you informed of just what we do find in these papers as they are cleaned and listed, preparatory to preparing a security microfilm copy.

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I look forward to reading the new manuscript you have prepared, and know you rejoice with me in our latest "find" of Sir William's papers. Like you, I've had serious gardening problems in St-Eustache because of later than usual frosts, but most of the flowering plants seem to be recovering.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

John Andreassen, University Archivist

Mrs. Lois Winslow-Spragge, Cedarbrae, Almonte, Ontario.

hw: Encl. Copy of Dawson document in the McGill University Archives. Reference: Accession 647/lc.

Contents Tin Boxes.

Box no: 1.

Old papers etc. up to 1885.

Box no: 2.

Later papers as follows -

Normal School and Country Schools Observatory etc. Grounds & Botanic Garden Affiliated and other Colleges Faculty of Arts, etc. Faculty of Applied Science Mining Chair Botany Chair (Elias Gibb endowment) Trafalgar Institute Donalda Course Veterinary Faculty Medical Registration etc. Law Faculty, Bar Act etc. Revision of Statutes English Scholarships in Science Applications & Appointments Appeal of 1881 Diplomas, Robes, etc. Jesuits' Estates Act University Extension Removal Geological Survey etc. etc.

Memo

There is in the University Library a volume of old historical pamphlets relating to McGill previous to 1855, placed there by me many years ago; also a bound set of the Annual Reports to the Visitor.

A collection of printed papers and documents relating to the University will shortly be packed in a third box uniform with the others.

J.W.D. /n.d.7



1 April 1969

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

I want to thank you for receiving me on Thursday morning 27 March, and for your assistance in identifying the sketch of the McGill grounds.

As a temporary accession number for the three boxes of material relating to Sir William Dawson and to his son George Mercer Dawson, which you turned over to me on that day, we will refer to Accession No. 909.

Work has begun on preparing these materials for microfilming. We have ordered acid-free folders and envelopes to protect them and to identify them more readily without handling in future. It will probably be sometime in May before the actual photographic work can begin, but I shall keep you informed of progress on the collections from time to time.

I do hope that Spring will be with us soon and that your concern requiring an early visit to Almonte will be pleasant and reassuring.

On behalf of McGill University, I would like to thank you once again for making these valuable materials available to us for copying.

Yours very truly,

John Andreassen, University Archivist

hw:

Mrs. Lois Winslow-Spragge, 2 Parkside Place, Montreal, Que.



March 7th., 1969

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge:

May I express my appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you and to examine some of your manuscript and art treasures on Wednesday afternoon 5 March?

I do hope that you will give serious consideration to the idea of depositing with McGill University the papers which you have, including the Sir John William and Lady Dawson papers and paintings, the papers and paintings of their gifted children, those of your father, Professor Bernard J. Harrington, and of your own Winslow-Spragge family papers. I know that you will want to continue work on these papers and your own writings based on them for the time being. May I suggest that for their preservation and security you permit us to copy them on microfilm?

We would undertake to microfilm a box of papers at a time on our own cameras, and in this way, only a small portion of them would be out of your custody for little longer than a week or so at a time. I would personally undertake to supervise the microfilming, and the arrangement of the papers would not be disturbed in the process. The films would receive vault storage and, with your permission, positive copies would eventually be made for use by responsible scholars. Even if you were to place the entire body of materials in my custody tomorrow, I would microfilm the collections for security reasons and to avoid wear and tear on the originals when they were made available for scholarly

I am sure that you will want to place some of the paintings in the possession of your children, but before any of the remarkable documentary watercolours are distributed, I would hope that you would permit us here at McGill to make colour transparencies of the major part of the collection also as a security measure. Considerable expense

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would be involved in this kind of a project and we would have to do it over a period of time, in order to pay for it out of budgeted funds.

If you decide to give these ideas serious consideration, you may wish to discuss the matter with some legal or tax adviser, since gifts of this kind can be evaluated and tax deductions can be made.

One of the simplest forms of a gift of this kind of material I have ever seen is the following: "To the McGill University, to be placed in the collections of the University and administered therein by the authorities thereof".

However, you may wish to use a more detailed form of gift, and I would be pleased to discuss with you some of the things which could be included, such as the kind of published guides which would issue, any restrictions you may wish to include on the use of portions of the material for specified periods of time, and the like.

Do let me hear from you whenever you have had the time and opportunity to give these suggestions the consideration they deserve.

There are a number of things which I would like to mention. I enclose a copy of page 163 of the <u>Union List of Manuscripts in Canadian Repositories</u>, prepared under Dr. W. Kaye Lamb's direction and published by the Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, 1 October 1968. On it are the identified Dawson collections. Code numbers used in that work are typed out on a separate sheet. Please note that the 3 feet of George Mercer Dawson papers are in the Rare Book and Special Collections Division of the new McLennan Library at McGill. I also enclose a copy of <u>Saskatchewan History Vol. XXI Number 1</u>, Winter 1968, with its "Surveying the International Boundary, The Journal of George M. Dawson, 1873" edited by Allan R, Turner, the Archivist of Saskatchewan. Do keep this copy and I will order another for my personal file of this magazine.

In the case of the George Mercer Dawson papers already at McGill, and your interest in making your own George Mercer Dawson papers available to the Geological Survey, which in effect, means making

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them available to the Public Archives of Canada, it would be normal for us to microfilm both collections and make a microfilm copy available to the Federal Government for the convenience of scholars in Ottawa. Microfilm exchanges of this kind are quite usual among cooperating archivists these days.

When the present exhibit of the watercolour plan for the landscaping of the main McGill campus ends some two weeks from now, I will phone you for an appointment in order that you may have a good look at it and an attempt can be made to date it and determine who did it.

It was indeed a pleasure to meet with you, and again, my sincere appreciation for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

John Andreassen, University Archivist

Mrs. Lois S. Winslow-Spragge, 2 Parkside Place, Montreal, Que.

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Redpath Museum
January 17, 1969.

Mrs. Lois Winslow—Spragge 2 Parkside Place, Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge,

I cannot tell you how much I appreciated the opportunity to read your manuscript on the Memoirs of Sir William and Lady Dawson, nor how fascinating I found them. You have done an excellent job in gathering together much interesting information which might otherwise have been completely lost, and the wealth of illustrations and touching personnal details make this a very moving document.

As we agreed by telephone this morning, I have discussed the manuscript with Mr. J.C.L. Andreassen, University Archivists, and have turned it over to him for further examination. You may be sure he will give it the utmost care. Mr. Andreassen was particularly interested in the many sidelights it throws on the development of the campus, and on various people connected with the early days of the University, as well as in the fact that you are now working on papers of your father, Prof. B.J. Harrington.

You will hear from Mr. Andreassen directly, and I hope you can arrange to have him pay you a visit.

Thank you so very much for letting me read the story at this stage. I found it absorbing, to say the least, and it has sharpened my already tremendous respect and admiration for both Sir William and Lady Dawson. I now feel all the more as though I had actually known them personally all these many years.

With kindest regards,

Since the sty,

Alice E. Johannsen Coordinating Director,

McGill University Museums.

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Copy: Mrs. Andreassen

IN BOHEMIA

AND

OTHER STUDIES FOR POEMS

BY

MRS. T. STERRY HUNT
("CANADIENNE")

TORONTO:
WILLIAM BRIGGS
1900

SPRING.

LISTEN! Sweet voices call the Earth
To life and love again,
And stifle, in their wakening mirth,
The dreary Winter's pain.
'Tis the old tale, forever new,
Of Spring descending fair,
Stooping on fragrant winds to strew
The flowers that bind her hair—
And blushing, with a sweet surprise,
When Summer at her side
Starts up to look into her eyes,
And claim her for his bride.

There is no coldness in her smile,
No mourning on her brow:
Even her tears all hearts beguile
To look upon her now.

SPRING.

Surely she is some angel sent
From the far clouds above,
And to us mournful mortals lent
To teach us light and love!
Surely no hearts resist her spell—
The spell of hope and peace;
Surely with her must gladness dwell
And passion's discord cease.

Would thou could'st be, O maiden sweet,
The guardian of our life,
Treading beneath thy happy feet
All earthly care and strife!
Teaching that all is for the best,
That what we think our woes
But lead us sooner to the rest
From whence our being rose;
That love reigns yet, serene and free—
No phantom of the past,
But a true power, whose light should be
Forever round us cast.

Morgan, H.J. (ed.



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MRS. STERRY HUNT.

From a photograph by Dennison, Montreal.

Anna Rebecca, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Justice Gale, of Montreal, was Anna Redecca, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Justice Gale, of Montreal, was born and educated in that city. Her early years were spent on a farm adjacent to the city, but after her father's death, in 1865, she and her two sisters, the late Baroness von Friesen (q.v.), and the late Mrs. Stuart, of Quebec, crossed the ocean and travelled extensively in Europe. After her return to Canada, she married, January, 1878, Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, F.R.S., a distinguished American geologist, who had formerly been chief assistant to Sir W. E. Logan, the director of the Canadian Geological Survey, and removed with him to Boston, Mass. While living in that city, she was thrown into the society of Longfellow, Mass. While living in that city, she was thrown into the society of Longfellow, Holmes, and others of the literary "lions" of the period, and retains many interesting and pleasing recollections of them. Both before and after her husinteresting and pleasing recollections of them. Both before and after her husband's death, which occurred in February, 1892, she travelled much, and has crossed the Atlantic no less than twenty times. Mrs. Hunt is an able linguist, and possesses literary gifts of a high order. She is the author of one or two volumes of poems of considerable merit. She is widely known and highly respected. Residence: 256 University Street, Montreal.



THE BARONESS VON FRIESEN.

From a photograph taken in 1872. Kindly furnished by her sister, Mrs. T. Sterry Hunt, Montreal.

Mary Louisa, third and youngest daughter of the late Hon. Samuel Gale, a Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada, and his wife, Mary M. Hawley, was born in Montreal, and educated there and abroad. In 1870 she and her sisters embarked for England, and, subsequently, made a tour of the European continent, visiting France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland and Belgium. While on this visit, Miss Gale, met, and was married to, the Baron von Friesen, of Dresden, the ceremony taking place in that city, April 2nd, 1872. By this marriage there was issue one son, Arthur, who is now the Baron von Friesen. The Baroness died at Berlin, December 10th, 1875, aged 26, and was buried beside her husband, who predeceased her, in the Lutheran Rebecca (q.v.), married, January, 1878, Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, a distinguished Andrew Charles, second son of the late Chief Justice Sir Andrew Stuart, of endow the Gale chair, in the Faculty of Law, McGill University, in memory of her father.



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Dear Mrs. Winglow-Spragge: Just a short-"Easter greeting"-note. Hope your winter is over and a fine spring Kamloops had a relatively snowy sight. heaviest on record; but now very springlike with tulips pushi the snow gole, and the hills turning green I mentioned in a letter to a friend of mine, Dr. Rod Robertson, who teaches chemistry how I had become interested history of science in Canada, and h through my interest his Christmas cand he told me of a coincidence -- shortly before heaving from me said several of his colleagues discussing your Father's career at There is a Rod Said that he had go the library and looked up the early

McGill Calanders and read up on the pioneeriz chemistry courses. If I'm not Sure if you were aware of this painting. If you should visit McGill campus I Thick you would enjoy meeting Rad, and he could show you where the painting is hung. (U.B.C. is to "honour herself" in the next convocation by honouring my early geology mentor Dr. M.Y. Williams with an Honorary D.Sc. I believe you know him. Thought you would be iterested to see westerd allege stationery. Best personal regards P.S. I recently acquired a book of points by T. Sterry Hunt's wife.

to learn that your futher was front B.C. B. J. Harrington. Il Twe been interested in the Thistory of science in Canada and collect the Thooks on it as well as on geology. Warrington and Nicholls in A History of Chemistry in Canada (1949) wrote: * "Harrington was endowed with the most versatile talents; the qualities of kindliness, unselfishness and wit, which he possessed to an outstanding degree, endeared him to both staff and students. At one time or another during his stay of thirty-six years, he was responsible for teaching all the chemistry, all the mining, all the mineralogy, and all the petrography offered in the Faculty of Arts." I Kave known him for a long time as the author of Life of Sir William Logan. He must have been acquainted with Alex Murray and he includes several anecdates about Logan by Murray in the Life.
I few years ago I acquired a copy of Pictonians at Home and Abroad by MacPhie with which you are doubtless familian since it contains references to the Dawsons

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