

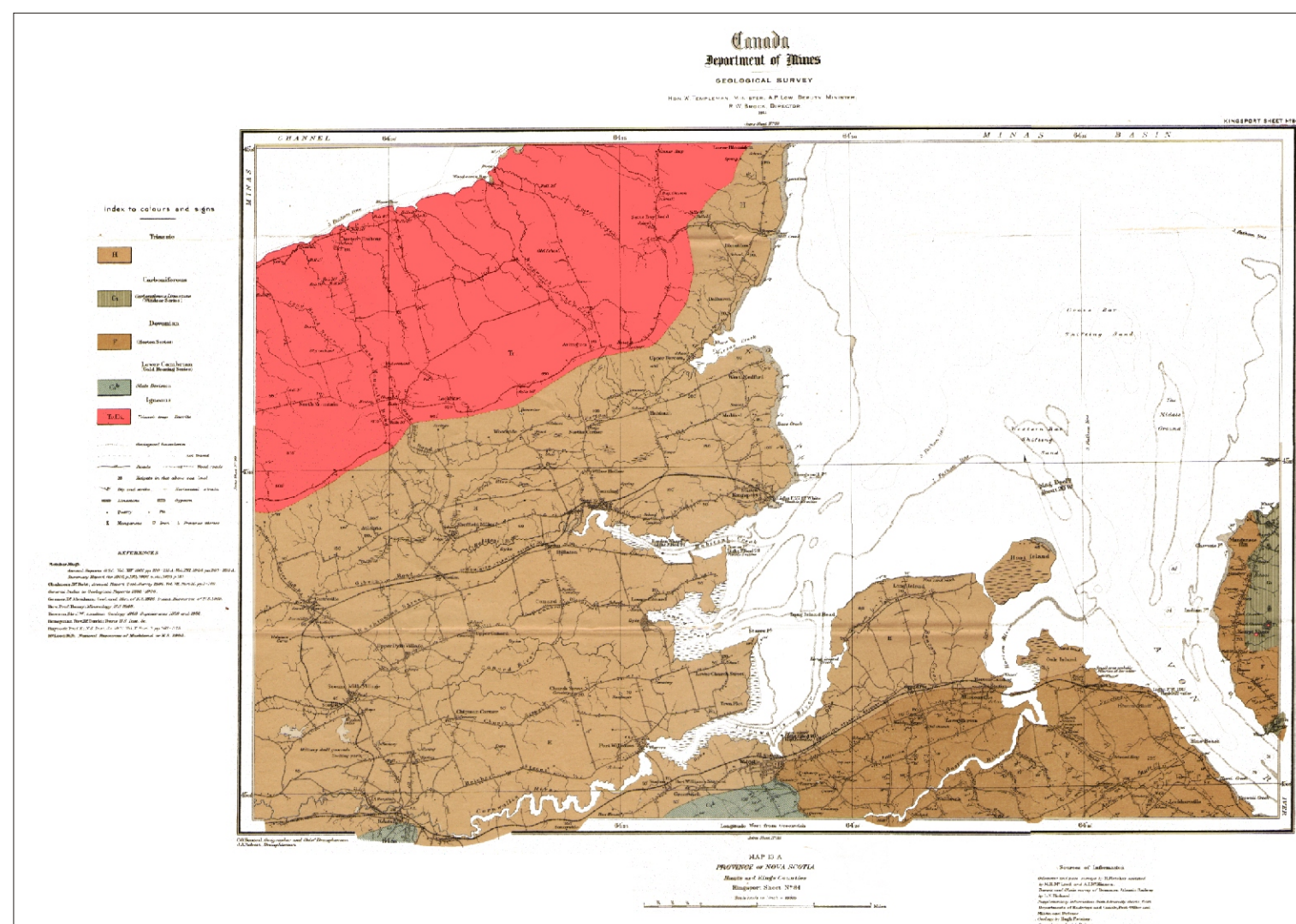
Sir Hugh Fletcher and the Fletcher Geology Club

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Sir Hugh Fletcher
1848 - 1909

Born in London, England on December 9th, 1848, Hugh Fletcher immigrated to Canada with his father when he was 12 years old. The son of a mining engineer, he obtained his education at the University of Toronto in 1870, receiving prizes and awards in modern languages, natural science, and general proficiency. His first practical experience in geology was from his father's work in the gold mines at Tangier, Nova Scotia.

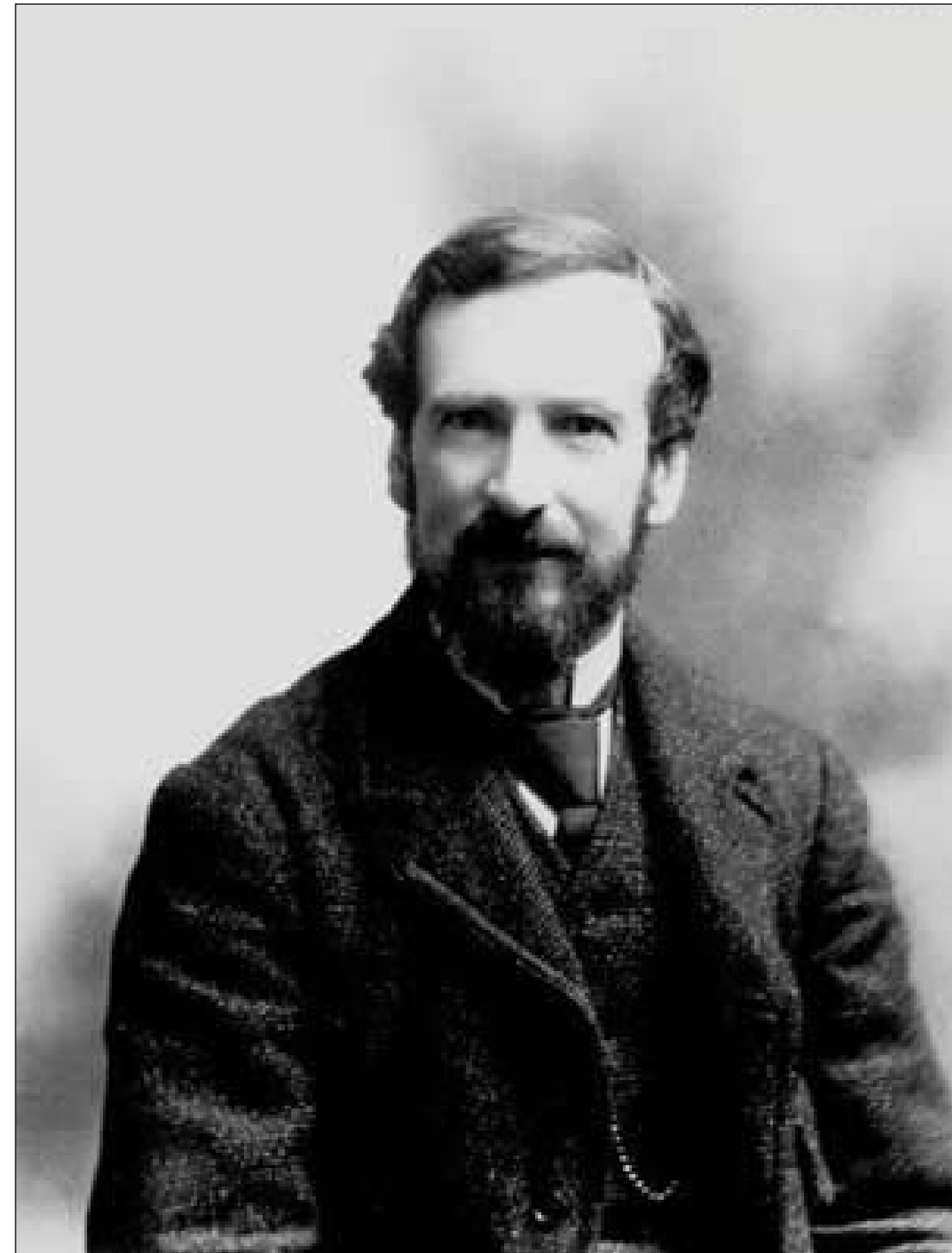
Hugh Fletcher spent most of his career, from 1875 until 1909, on coal measures in Cape Breton Island and Nova Scotia. His work also included the survey of the counties of Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou, Antigonish, Guysborough, Kings, Hants, and a portion of Halifax. His work is characterized by detail and accuracy. He worked closely with E. R. Faribault and between them they have produced seventy, one-mile map sheets as well as plans and sections at scales of up to one inch equalling 500 feet.



A map by Hugh Fletcher of Kings and Hants Counties, 1911

Fletcher aimed at mapping all of Nova Scotia to combine all of his career's work within one report. However before he could achieve his ultimate goals, "he died, as he would have chosen, in harness, and amid the hills of his well-loved Nova Scotia." (Brock, 1909)

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Sir Hugh Fletcher
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Memorial plaque to Hugh Fletcher,
Unveiled at Nova Scotia Technical College,
Halifax, on May 21, 1926.

The Fletcher Geology Club: 1950 - Present

The Fletcher Geology Club was formed in 1950, in affiliation with the N. S. Mining Society. The club received its name because of Fletcher's major contribution to the understanding of Nova Scotian and Cape Breton Island geology. His attention to detail is reflected in the quality of his maps.

As developing geologists, it is important that we have a role model, and in Hugh Fletcher we have found one. His sense of responsibility, professionalism, and ability to stand firm in his beliefs are admirable characteristics in a person, and thus the Fletcher Geology Club has striven to be the embodiment of these characteristics and instill them within its members.



Fletcher Club B.B.Q. Fundraiser, Greenwood,
Nova Scotia 1999

The Fletcher club is headed by six executive positions that are responsible for organizing field trips, conferences, social events, fundraising, and intramural sports teams. The Fletcher Club lends help and support to the Canadian Blood Services Blood Drive, and has been doing so twice a year since October 1949. As of this fall there have been approximately 29,000 donors as a result of these clinics.

The club is the link between the students and the professors and has succeeded at creating an energetic and enthusiastic environment within the department. Traditional events including the Year End Banquet, and the annual Christmas party, held at a professor's home, have helped to create a more interactive and relaxed learning atmosphere.

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