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W. A. Waiser: "The Field-Naturalist: John Macoun's Tenure with the G.S.C., 1882-1912".

In 1882, at the age of fifty, the Dream of John Macoun's life was fulfilled with his appointment as naturalist to the Geological Survey of Canada. Deeply involved in the scientific exploration of Western Canada in the 1870's, the amateur botanist now expanded his collecting efforts to include zoological specimens and surveyed Canada from coast to coast for the next thirty years.

The proposed paper will examine John Macoun's tenure with the G.S.C. In particular, it will discuss the nature and extent of his field activities and his contribution to Canadian natural science as distinct from American work. It will also deal with his relations with other scientific societies and institutions and his role in the development of a Biological Division within the G.S.C. Finally, it will outline the importance that he attached to the study of natural history and the purpose of his own work.

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