



Life of a Rock Star

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"Long before the Guess Who, the Tragically Hip, or Billy Talent arrived on the scene, Canada had only one successful rock group. Comprised of geologists, chemists, paleontologists, and the odd botanist, this band of rockers toured the country from coast to coast. This is their story."

So reads the opening page of **Life of a Rock Star**, a Web site for youth about geologists, released by Libraries and Archives Canada. The site was named "the year's best educational resource" at the international Museums and the Web 2006 conference. Look for it at <http://collectionscanada.ca/rock/index2-e.html>

Life of a Rock Star tells the extraordinary story of William E. Logan, Canada's first "rock star," and of the scientists who were the original members of the first Canadian "rock group." Under the banner Geological Survey of Canada (GSC), they studied the geology of Canada's varied terrain. The work of these nineteenth-century scientists played a vital role in the scientific, economic, and cultural development of our nation, yet few Canadians are familiar with the GSC. Even fewer know the human side of the story – the tales of life in the bush, of disappointment and discovery, and of coal and dinosaurs. Life of a Rock Star was developed to spark an interest in this national "rock group" and its accomplishments, while increasing knowledge about the natural and Earth Sciences.

Teachers will appreciate the Educational Resources section, which provides classroom activities specifically designed for students in Grades 7 and 8 on the topics of Earth Sciences, the exploration of Canada's resources, and the development of the GSC. For an in-depth study, another Web site, **Written in Stone: Sir William Logan and the Geological Survey of Canada**, provides access to digital copies of original documents created by the GSC's first "rock star." Go to <http://collectionscanada.ca/logan/index-e.html>.