NAME: LAWSON, James Hill **PARISH:** Dundee **ENTERED SERVICE:** 1868 **DATES**:15 Dec. 1840

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*:	Position:	Post:	District:	HBCA Reference:
1868-1873	Clerk		Victoria	B.226/g/16-20
1873-1874	Junior Chief Trader		Victoria	B.226/g/21
1874-1879	Chief Trader		Victoria	B.226/g/22-26
1879-1889	Factor		Victoria	B.226/g/27-36
1889, March	Transferred to Winnipeg as Land Agent			D.18/11, p. 119; A.1/154,p. 122
1891, October	Granted leave of absence			A.6/60, fo. 176-177
1892, 31 May	Retired			A.6/60, fo. 176-177

**An Outfit year ran from 1 June to 31 May*

In January 1872 he is recorded as working in the Victoria Office on "Merchandise Sales Books, Inventories &c." D.38/42, fo. 1

In a report dated 9 October 1874, when he was still in the Victoria Office, Chief Factor William Charles wrote of him:
It would be difficult to find a better or more trusty officer, of steady and industrious habits and very correct in everything he does. D.38/42, fo. 3d.

In the biographical entry on Lawson's son, James Hill Lawson, Jr., in *British Columbia From The Earliest Times To The Present*, Vol. IV, p. 51, Lawson is said to have come to Canada in 1862. His wife, Ann Jennett Macdonald, came from England in the same year. They met soon afterwards and married in Victoria. James Hill Lawson, Jr. was born on 24 Sept. 1875. He was called to the bar in 1897 and practised in both Victoria and Vancouver.

After leaving the HBC, Lawson joined R.P. Rithet & Company of Victoria, a shipping and insurance firm of which he became Vice-President.

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