

Report of a Committee of the  
Royal Society of Canada  
on Proposals for an  
Imperial Union of  
Geological Surveys and  
Societies.

Your committee have had  
under consideration the proposals  
contained in a letter of Sir  
William Dawson, <sup>Esq.</sup> F.R.S., President  
of the British Association for  
the Advancement of Science  
addressed to Prof George Gabriel  
Stokes, M.A. D.C.L., &c., President  
of the Royal Society of London,

Your Committee

and by it referred to the  
present Committee,  
and a copy of which was sub-  
mitted to the Council of the  
Royal Society at its meeting on  
the 31<sup>st</sup> of March last. They  
by leave of report,

(1) That the objects referred to  
beem of the greatest importance  
to the advancement of Geological  
Science, and deserve the Con-  
sideration of this Society and  
more especially of its Geological  
Section.

(2) That the present year, when  
all parts of the Empire British Empire  
are united in a common desire

To celebrate the fiftieth year of  
the reign of His most gracious  
Majesty, where the public mind  
is impressed with the recent  
gatherings of the resources of the  
Empire in the Colonial and  
Indian Exhibition, when plans  
for Imperial Federation are before  
the public, and when a com-  
ference <sup>of delegates from the Colonies</sup> for the purpose of promoting  
a more intimate ~~connection~~ <sup>connection</sup> is being  
held in London, appears eminently  
favourable to <sup>the realization of the</sup> idea of Scientific  
Union. An Imperial Scientific Union

3 It would appear that the  
first steps towards such union should  
be taken by the Geological and  
Scientific bodies in London and  
that the Royal Society of London  
should be requested to begin the  
movement by writing in the  
first instance ~~the~~ ~~men~~ ~~to~~ a  
Conference of Representatives  
of the Geological Survey of Great  
Britain and of the various  
Societies and Associations in  
Great Britain and Ireland pro-  
ceeding to deal with representatives  
from the various bodies in the Colonies.  
Such a conference might define the  
objects to be attained, might pre-

Have a constitution and arrange  
for subsequent meetings and for  
Reports to be sent in on important  
Questions.

As it appears to your committee  
that when this organism the work  
of the "Imperial Geological Union"  
might ~~best~~ be carried on  
by local and general Con-  
ferences and committees; by ~~the~~  
regular reports from local branches;  
for publication arranged by the officers  
or Council of the Union; by closer  
friendship and conference with  
geological bodies abroad, and  
finally by other methods which would  
develop themselves.

5. In so far as Canada is concerned this work might be aided by the Geological Survey of the Dominion, by the Society and the Societies affiliated with it and finally also by the Universities.

(6) The Director of the Geological Survey of the Dominion has intimated his willingness to cooperate in

leading representatives of the Survey & any conference or convention and also <sup>by furnishing</sup> information as to the work and methods of the Survey.

(7) It appears to you ~~can~~ better that this work might cooperate by appointing <sup>continuing the present</sup> a committee <sup>of its members</sup> & select delegates to represent it in event of a preliminary conference being called in London and by writing all the affiliated Societies about your recent geological work in the Dominion & take similar action.

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The Committee would therefore  
recommend that this report  
with the letter appended be  
printed and circulated to the  
different <sup>local</sup> Societies connected  
with this Society, and that these  
aid and countermand the Societies  
in carrying out the scheme, and  
that ~~this committee be con-~~  
~~tinued with power to add to~~  
~~its members and to represent~~  
the views of the Society by ~~cor-~~  
respondence or by attending any  
conference on the subject which may  
be summoned, but that ~~it~~ <sup>will</sup> ~~be~~  
however be understood that no expense  
shall be incurred without consent  
of the Council of the Society.

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then books  
as may be  
collected  
on the work

a committee  
appointed at

I It appears to your com<sup>r</sup>  
Writter that while the  
~~Arrangement~~ usual language  
of the Missions would be applied to  
English, Communications should  
be received in any language  
so used within the Empire  
and that in this manner  
the English and French Lan-  
guages should be recognized as  
the basis.



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