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Principal & Mr. Selwyn
My dear J. Dawson

I wrote a few days ago

to Mr. Maccom sending him our reports containing the B.C. maps &

Tables sent him a copy of my geological index chart with notes.

I yesterday rec'd a letter from Dana re the proposed nomenclature. He does not like the term Cambro-Silurian as I use it. & says "Properly it signifies a formation or system made up of the whole Cambrian & Silurian rather than an intermediate one"

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Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the report of the B.C. Geologist. I have the honor to inform you that the report of the B.C. Geologist is now in the hands of the Hon. the Secy of the Interior and will be forwarded to you as soon as it is received. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
G. H. Thompson

Selwyn
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I fail to see why it should not be equally applicable to a part of each. He also objects to the "Ages" and wishes Systems to be used as the most comprehensive term.

Palaeozoic Systems & Cambrian Series but seems
in some doubt Silurian }
Swonian }

Whether group or series should be used as the larger term. Which is the most correct might perhaps be determined by the derivation of the words, this I have not looked up. - But it seems to me to be of but little importance so long as a definite constant, and fully understood meaning is attached to the terms used. - I will send you copy of Dana's letter

Yours sincerely

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