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My Lord,

I have much pleasure
in stating that all the gentlemen
deputed by your Excellency met
in my house on Thursday and
Friday last, and agreed
to a draft of constitution
and list of names to be
submitted to your Excellency.

It was arranged
that ~~total~~ ^{the} number of names
suggested for membership at present
should not exceed sixty, and
an equality was given to the

French and English names
in the literary sections, while
~~not~~ distinctions of vocal
a language was admitted
in the other sections.

This seemed to be perfectly
satisfactory to our French
friends.

On the question of a
name, the French gentlemen
objected very strongly to "Academy"
while others disliked "Institute,"
more especially as there appears
to be three Canadian Institutes

already in existence. Finally
all seemed satisfied to see
announced as the best possible
title that of Royal Society
of Canada. On other points
there was no material
difference of opinion.

The statement desired
by your Excellency will be
prepared and sent to the
Secretary of State this week,
and the Bureau will have
the Minutes ready in good
time. It was understood

That Mr Bennett and I
with such of the other
gentlemen as can attend
should wait on your Ex-
cellency with the Minutes
and to suggest arrangements
as to the first meeting.

I have the honor to be
your obedient servant
W. Dawson