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Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 24th ult., with the pamphlets came to hand this morning, the mails having been detained by the snow blockade. I am very much obliged to you for the papers and the information in your letter.

In regard to the term "Secretary" I may say that it has been adopted into the new nomenclature of the Geol. Survey of Canada (Report of Progress 1880-81-82 page 49) It is shorter and more convenient than the compound word Post-Secretary and probably for that reason alone will come into general use here as elsewhere. Apart from that I have no preference for it; although it seems to be considered desirable by some

geologists to have an independent  
town, without reference to the Secretary.

I remain

Very dear Sir

Yours very truly

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