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My dear Sir William,

I came last week
to Ottawa to look
after my own
business, as the
Prospect seemed
dark in case I
left it to others.
I arrived last
Saturday after
a pleasant run
without stopping.
Because, as I wrote

to your son, before
I will consent to be
defeated, I will pe-
tition to be heard
at the "Bar of the House."
But the Lord seems
to be planning the
matter ^{for us}. Mr. Mead
I met here but
Principal Grant
of Kingston. He
informed that the
Royal Canadian
Literary Society meets
here next week.

that Dr. Wilson is
the President, and
that you will be
here. Principal Grant
will use his influ-
ence to have the
~~the~~ business of the
Memac Dictionary
considered at your
meeting and feels
satisfied that your
influence will be
used to induce the
Government to go on
with the matter, and

Hon. Mr Foster and
Hon Mr Wrennan
and others recom-
mend that we calmly
wait till after your
meeting.

I find that I have
a brief article on
"Gloascap" prepared
by request for the Halifax
Herald, brought with
me for revision. If
it were proper and
suitable I would like
to read it at your meet-
ing, but I am told
notice should have
been given ^{before hand}. But I
knew nothing of the
meeting. Yours truly
Silas L. Rand