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Geol. Survey
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Dear Prof. Laflamme,

You would observe by the paper which you have probably received by this time from Dr Bourinot, that the nomination of the Abbe Provancher for the R.S.C. has gone in all right.

At the last moment, it was discovered that only you and I had nominated the Abbe and, as at least three are required for a nomination, I got Sir James Grant and Mr. Jno. Fletcher to join us in this nomination. You will observe that 12 votes or 2/3rds of the Fellows in the Section will be required to elect him properly — & hope you can

get 8 others besides members to take the trouble to mark their ballots & post them to Dr. Bourinot (2d postage required). If the ballots are marked for him alone, so that he receives the highest number of votes he may be recommended by the Council, as you will observe seeing they do not amount in number to 2/3ds. Under attended to now while the matter is fresh, our friends may forget or neglect to take this little trouble.

By the way, what progress are you making in the scheme for confederating the English-speaking geologists of the British Empire, started by Sir J.W. Dawson and reported favorably to the R.S. by yourself & Dr. Selwyn as well as the originator of the scheme, who brought up the report all ready written in advance from Montreal.

If the old man had considered it properly and come to the conclusion that it should go on, it will not do for him to let it drop now, after making such a fuss and troubling his friends about it.

We are getting along quietly on the Survey this winter — Everyone is busy working out the results of last summer's operations —

I hope you will have a paper to present to Section IV of the R.S. at the May meeting.

With kind regards, believe me, Dear Professor,

Very truly yours

Robert Bell.