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Dear Sir William,

I have called a Council meeting for the 17th inst. to consider the time of the annual meeting, & to count up the votes for the new members. By the way Selwyn refuses to vote because he knows nothing of the candidates — a crotchet of course.

I am in doubt whether we should put off the annual meeting of the Royal Society on the responsibility of the mere suorum of the Council we are a few to have. Give me your opinion.

Toronto University has  
now on its course, a short  
Constitutional History of mine  
which Dawson is bringing out. The  
Johns Hopkins people have paid  
me the compliment (for the  
second time) of asking me to  
publish a monograph of mine  
on "The Federal Experiment  
in Canada" in their Historical  
& Political Series. I shall  
read an abstract of it before  
the American Historical  
Association in Columbus, Ohio,  
in the course of the year.

Is it not a little discouraging  
that Canadian history students  
who have done less useful work  
in the same line of study  
to public life honored by

Imperial distinctions. For instance  
Mr. Pollock, who has <sup>just</sup> succeeded  
to the Exchequer (Lord Cairns)  
has been <sup>already</sup> made C.B., in preference  
of course to K. C. B. I suppose  
I am not considered an Englishman.

Yours sincerely,  
Jno. Geo. Bowdler

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