

NOVA SCOTIAN INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE,
HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA,
CANADA,

December 13th 1889

Sir J. W. Dawson, C.M.G. &c -

Mac Siu William:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. and thank you very much for your readiness to allow the Institute to have the honour of enrolling your name on the list of its Corresponding Members. According to our laws the form of proposal & election must be gone through and the Secretary will then send you notice of your election.

I shall have much pleasure in sending you Vol. VII parts 1 & 2 which are lacking in your set of our Proceedings and though such things require a formal vote, I knew the temper of the Council well enough to assure you beforehand that they would not think of allowing you to pay for them. Vol. VII Part 3 will also be sent you shortly on publication.

Our Institute has been in a slumbering state for many years, making no progress & hardly indeed holding its own. Having been elected President I am making an effort to get it into proper working order - First, as an organ of interest every person in the Province interested either in pure or Applied Science to join us, in the hope that here & there we may secure one who will be stimulated to enter upon research. Secondly, as

our Library has never been properly cared for, as we apply
to all Societies with which we have exchanged publica-
tions, to complete our sets of their Transactions &c, offering
to complete their sets of our Proceedings, so far as possible,
in return. And so far we have met with a most cordial
response. Thirdly we are ~~now~~ extending our Exchange
List this year to from 100 to 350 and intend next
year to extend it still more. Fourthly when we get
our membership sufficiently large we are going to affor-
ce some forms of Collective observation, by appointing
Committees of members in different parts of the Province
to collect evidence of seasonal & sub-seasonal, facts about
migration of birds, local disappearance of species of
plants &c, pulling at the head of each Committee some
members well versed in the subject who will detail
the observations & report on them, I think in this
way we may get some very valuable results.

McGill
Library

I find in our Library are publications of
the Redpath Museum - in the *Bozou Canadensis*. If
there have been any subsequent publications we should
like very much to secure them and would be glad
to send to the Museum our back publications in
return - I have placed the Redpath Museum on
the list of institutions to which our Publications are
regularly sent. If you would prefer having them sent
to the McGill College Library the address can be
changed.

I am yours very truly
J. G. Macgillivray