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OTTAWA.

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My dear Harrington

Dr. Selwyn has given me a copy of his paper on the Quebec Group in the Trans. of the Royal Socy. to read for errors. As the paper was "taken as read" and not actually read I had never before been aware of what it contains.

I think it does great injustice to the late Sir William Logan, whose painstaking and honest labors you have so well set forth in your account of his life (which I read with much pleasure.) Much of what is said against Logan is needless for the purpose for which the article purports to be written and shows a great want of politeness for all Sir W's diffusions.

Although Murray Richardson, Webster  
& I are not mentioned, we are  
the persons set down as the  
ignorant - but he did the work.

We enjoyed just the same  
means of learning as he did.  
How strange did he gain the  
vast knowledge &c. of which  
he speaks so strongly. To bring  
this prominently into notice appears  
to be the great object of the paper;  
for the ideas & original ideas it  
contains were all published before  
several times, & Dr. Hunt  
considers them merely <sup>distorted</sup> reflections  
of his own views.

My official position prevents me  
taking up this subject and  
doing justice even to myself to  
say nothing of Sir W. Ryan, but  
I trust some one who is not  
so hampered will notice it.

From the position Dr. Selwyn  
enjoys in relation to the rest of us he  
should be doubly careful.

Mr. R. Nelson Boyd arrived yesterday  
morning & presented your letter to  
me. I gave him full information  
on the points he inquired, showed him  
through the museum, Parliament  
Library, buildings and round town  
generally, and got him a copy of  
the large new railway map of  
the Park Dominion, with which he  
was much pleased as it was just  
what he wanted for his travels &  
to take home for reference.

He took lunch with us and I then  
introduced him to Dr. Selwyn & Mrs.  
Hoffmann, to whom he had letters.  
I gave him letters to some friends  
in the west and saw him off in  
the evening for Toronto.

Michael's wife died on Sunday and he  
took the body to Montreal on Tuesday.

Our offices are getting into disorder as  
they are having new pillars put in to  
prevent the whole building from tumbling  
down and burying the staff under the  
ruins. The lower story shows alarming  
signs of crushing under the weight of rocks  
& fossils above.

With kind regards to yourself & Mrs. Harrington  
believe me  
Yours sincerely  
Robert Bell.

R. Bull

Ottawa

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Re injustice to  
Sir Wm Logan