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Dean Sinclair Laird,  
MacDonald College,  
Ste. Anne de Bellevue.

My dear Friend:

I know you are awfully busy and have already done a great deal for me but I am going to ask another favor of you.

You are aware that the district of Victoria, in the Legislative Council of Quebec, is vacant, owing to the death of Hon. Geo. R. Smith of Thetford Mines, who represented that seat for 12 years. The District of Victoria represents the western part of Montreal and the Cities of Westmount and Lachine. Some Montreal men are putting up a big fight to be appointed to this, claiming it as their district.

Fairly speaking, they have no foundation for their claim as ten of the present Members of the Council reside in Montreal and Quebec and represent Rural Districts, some of them as far down as Gaspé.

The Prime Minister is disposed to appoint me to the Council providing I can strengthen his hands from the Montreal District. So far, all the Montreal Members of the Legislature have favoured by writing, my appointment as the oldest continuous English member of the House.

If I could have a letter of recommendation to the appointment from four or five of my colleagues on the Council of Public Instruction, it would be of great assistance to me. I have in mind yourself, Sir Arthur Currie, Doctor Rexford, Howard Murray and Mr. Robert Bickerdike. If these gentlemen would be kind enough to send a personal letter to the Prime Minister, recommending my appointment, so that he might receive it not later than Saturday of this week, as the question may be decided at a Cabinet Meeting next Tuesday, it would be of great assistance to me and very much appreciated.

My appointment to the Council, as a member of the Protestant Committee, would assure the political contact and influence between the Government and our education work as long as I lived, as the day may not be far distant when English Speaking Members of the Lower House may have difficulty in being elected.

If you would be kind enough to try to get in touch with these gentlemen at once, you would be rendering me another good turn.

Sincerely yours,  
(signed) W.S. Bullock.

Dr. Parmelee has written a good letter to the Premier supporting my claim.