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DEAR DOCTOR,

Inasmuch as Dr. Powell has retired from being a candidate in the Bathurst and Rideau Election, I have now the unanimous support of the Profession of the City—excepting three votes—and in appealing to the members in the rural portion of this Division to accord me their support I do so on the following grounds:—1st. Doctor Cranston has held the position now *nine* years, and he has received all the honour the Council can give him, by electing him President, which office he holds, in any case, until the meeting next June, when his successor will be appointed. 2nd. The honours in the gift of the profession are few indeed, and that of being a representative of a territorial division being one of the greatest, no person should be allowed to monopolize the distinction for a longer time than two terms. 3rd. The rural portion of this Division has had the representation continuously for ten-years, or two terms of five years each, and it certainly is only just and fair to allow the City to *select* the representative on this occasion. 4th. It must be remembered that in the election of 1880 the members in the City supported the candidate *chosen* in the country and we now ask the voters in the rural portion of the Division to return the compliment, and it was understood in the contest mentioned that such would be the case. 5th. The members of the profession in the City, from meeting frequently, are in a position to judge who of their number would make a good representative and the unanimity shown in this instance indicates little diversity of opinion.

If elected I shall carry out the ideas advanced in my former circular.

I trust to see you in Ottawa on the 15th inst. at the meeting of the Bathurst and Rideau Division Association, and wishing you a Happy New Year,

I remain,

Yours truly,

A. F. ROGERS, M.D.