

Physics as they are with Geology and Palæontology. Further, the grouping which at present obtains of the members does not promote that fellowship and intellectual camaraderie on which Professor Mills lays so much stress, nor was that the reason for the grouping which at present obtains. The Royal Society is not a social club. It is merely and only an organization to promote the development of literature and science in the Dominion, and into the question of the creation of new Sections no other consideration should be allowed to enter.

The proposition to make sub-sections of I and II and of IV does not meet the situation for which a remedy is to be found. The membership of Section IV with its two sub-divisions according to the proposition would be just as it is now. There would also be a congestion of candidates for membership in one sub-section and this would make the situation more unsatisfactory than it is now.

I am, therefore, strongly in favour of the creation of the new Sections, one for Social Science and Economics and the other for the Biological Sciences quite distinct and separate from that for Geology and Paleontology. If these Sections cannot be established, I am averse to the sub-division of Section IV, for such a proposal, if carried out, would not only remedy nothing, but make matters worse.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

A. B. MACALLUM.

---

DR. SHORTT.

OTTAWA, June 29th, 1909.

ERROL BOUCHETTE, Esq.,  
Library of Parliament,  
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR:—

I have received your letter of June 19th, with the enclosures. I have carefully considered the resolution submitted by yourself and Dr. Adami to the Royal Society, as also the letter of Dr. Wesley Mills. While I have every sympathy with the point of view and purpose of Dr. Mills' letter, yet I think the object which he has in view might be better served by other means than by confining to one section all the work of the biologists and geologists in the Royal Society. Considering also the large number of vital interests included under social science and economics, it seems to be highly desirable that either a separate