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The Roxborough, Ottawa,  
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Dear Mr. Proudfoot:

Knowing the during the whole of this month you will be in the thick of the campaign, I hesitate very much to ask any favour from you at this time, but knowing how true a friend to my father and myself you have been in the past I cannot refrain from writing you with reference to the decision reached at the last meeting of the benchers of the Law Society to leave over to a meeting on Friday, June 12th the matter of filling the position of Lectureship in Criminal Law Evidence, Construction of Statutes and Constitutional History, which my father has held in the Law School during the last twenty-one years.

As I gather there was some difference of opinion among the benchers as to his re-appointment, and it was decided to advertise for applicants and to take definite action at the next meeting. The consequence of a failure to secure the re-appointment would be so serious to both my father and myself that I feel I cannot refrain from making a special appeal to his friends and mine at this time. The objections I understand to my father's re-appointment is his advancing years. I do not think that any exception has been taken to the quality of his lectures or to the faithfulness with which he has discharged the duties of this position. I fear that in the case of one or two political consideration may be playing a part, though of this I would not like to speak too surely.

One thing I cannot help mentioning that is that the failure to secure the re-appointment is that as my father has become more and more dependent upon the Lectureship the failure to secure the appointment could not do other than have very serious consequences to my mother as well as to himself, and might mean to me personally a burden so considerable that I would be obliged to withdraw altogether from public life.

I have at the time the care of an invalid brother who is in the Sanatorium in Denver, Colorado, suffering from

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