

of biology above mentioned, I must unhesitatingly opine that the better policy of the Society lies in the latter direction, and that the Society would be strengthened by making a thoroughly representative Section V, as suggested in my motion.

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

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DR. MACALLUM,

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TORONTO, April 7th, 1910.

MR. ERROL BOUCHETTE, F.R.S.C.,
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DEAR SIR:—

I am in receipt of your communication of March 28th, accompanied by a statement and copies of the resolution, and of a letter of Professor Wesley Mills, all dealing with the question of the sub-division of Sections or the creation of additional Sections in the Royal Society.

I hold that the time has come for the formation of a new Section devoted to the Biological Sciences, Section IV to be devoted wholly to Geology and Paleontology. At present there are quite a number of Biologists in the Dominion who ought to be Fellows of the Society and yet, although there are supposed to be three or four Fellows elected annually to Section IV, there is a competition for those vacant places amongst, not only Biologists but Geologists and Paleontologists. The result is that there is a congestion of candidates, and in consequence Section IV does not adequately represent the Biological Sciences as they are in Canada. The formation of a new Section devoted to this department cannot, I think, long be postponed, and the solution should be attempted now in order to avoid difficulties which will inevitably develop.

As regards Social Science and Economics, the conditions are of a similar character although upon this point I cannot speak with the same certainty. There are, indeed, quite a number of Economists of a representative character outside the Society, and the latter consequently loses by their absence from its roll of membership.

The claim that Biology and Geology should be grouped together in one Section for the reason advanced by Professor Wesley Mills might with equal force be applied also to unite Sections IV and III, because the Biological Sciences are as closely associated with Chemistry and