

great satisfaction that the letter which led to the connection of this distinguished officer with the Institute has been found. It will be read with interest.

SIR—Enclosed I beg to hand you copies of the Royal Charter of the Canadian Institute, of the regulations and by-laws adopted in accordance with it, together with a list of the present members.

By a perusal of these papers you will perceive that the Society has been established for the purpose of promoting the physical sciences, for encouraging and advancing the arts and manufactures, and for effecting general objects of a kindred character.

As Secretary, I submit these papers at the request of some of the members, who are most anxious that the Society should be strengthened by your name and influence. They are aware that the Institute being still in its infancy, cannot in itself offer any sufficient inducement to you to join it, but they venture to urge this request, being desirous of securing the co-operation of those whose position will give weight to their proceedings and increase the utility of the body.

They have accordingly directed me to request that you will permit them to nominate you to the highest office in their gift, (1st Vice-President) the Charter having appointed Mr. Logan, the Director of the Geological Survey to the office of President for the first year, and I am charged to add that your acceptance thereof will be very gratefully acknowledged by them.

I have the honour to be etc.,

SANDFORD FLEMING, *Secretary*.

(5.) Letter in the handwriting of the Honourable Robert Baldwin, the Premier of the Province, dated April 24th, 1852. It relates to his own membership and expresses the desire that his son, Mr. William Willcocks Baldwin, be elected a member.

(6.) Note in the handwriting of the writer, without date, but from the context it evidently was prepared directly after the second conversazione in April, 1852. It is in substantial agreement with the facts collected from other sources and from memory, as they are submitted in the sketch in this volume (pages 1 to 24.) The only additional interest it can claim is in having been prepared when the facts were fresh in the mind of the writer, and in having been found after the lapse of nearly forty-eight years.

(7.) These and other papers, of no great importance, found with them, shall be sent to the Secretary, and along with them the original letter from Mr. Robert Stephenson, accepting the invitation to the banquet given him in the old Parliament Buildings, Toronto, August 26th, 1853, referred to on page 23. This letter has recently been placed in the hands of the writer by Mr. Thomas Ridout, Honorary Secretary of the Banquet Committee.