

Tuesday Feb. 10. 1885

Dear Sir William

I have yr note about
the N.S.P. vacancy. Murray's appointment
was outside our regular plan & he was named
as a personal compliment to one who had so
long been identified with Canada. But his
death & that of Barnston leave but 19 in
Section IV. As that there is a vacancy to be
filled, I do not think we should go out of
the Dominion for a candidate such a
course would excite many jealousies. and it
is desirable that the Northwest should be, if
possible, represented. I talked over this matter
with Mr. Bowness at Dr. Bell's home
in Ottawa two weeks since, & Dr. Bell
spoke of Dr. Matthews, a physician at
York factory, an enthusiastic naturalist
and author, as one likely to be of preference

to the Society. So it was that he & I called
on you to speak of his name. It is only by
conferring in this way that we can put upon
good names before the time of meeting. &
I should be glad of any suggestions that
may help us to choose the best man. I
think some one to represent the Society
in the Northwest and among the H.B. Co's
people would be more desirable than a
Newfoundland man who is really out
of the Dominion.

Very truly yours

J. Sterling Hunt

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Dec/55

Sir J. William Dawson