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My dear Sir William

I was in Quebec on Friday and Saturday but unfortunately missed Mr. J. S. Hall, who had left for Montreal. I made enquiry about the P. O. Bill. And found from Mr. Robertson that it was by no means a certainty that it would pass the House - though he thought it would.

Then comes the Council -

I saw Starnes and Rhoss, and others - Starnes says it will pass the Council - but is he to be relied on? Rhoss showed me a letter written to him by Mr. Joly urging in the strongest terms that justice should be done to the Protestant Unionists in passing this Bill.

Rhoss evidently did not like the letter - which calls on him and David Ross to do their duty in demanding from their colleagues the support of their party in the Council - Rhoss says that had we elected ourselves in the Council last year as we did in the Assembly

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The Bill would have passed - but I
 place no reliance on his statements - for altho'
 he is a man of perfect truth and honour
 in ordinary life - he has become warped
 in politics. Robertson tells me that he
 has spoken very plainly to the late Premier
 D. Ross. and Ross in reply intimates
 that if Laval obtains similar powers for
 this B. - er. letter - it will be an excuse
 for him to change his mind. He was
 strongly against us last year. I hope
 Selman is all right. and will attend:

I will write to the Bishop of Quebec. and
 get Irvine to see his friend Mr. Neame
 who was strongly for us last year. I think
 Government will do what Mr. Toly asks. we
 are safe. but not otherwise. How to reach
 the Govt. I don't know. What does Mr.
 Leupolme say? Yours very truly

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Sir Jm Dawson. Montreal