

August 26th, 1930.

My dear Mieville:-

You have doubtless heard of the negotiations in progress concerning a "Peace Gift" to be given to Canada by representative Americans and placed in the McGill grounds. The date of the ceremony is still uncertain, indeed, the arrangements have not advanced so far as to enable us to be sure of it coming off this autumn. We are, however, making plans on the understanding that it will be ready.

The presentation consists of a statuary group executed by Mrs. Whitney, an American lady of great wealth and artistic ability and constitutes a drinking fountain. The gift is being sponsored by a representative committee of American citizens.

This would, of course, be an occasion at which we would like Their Excellencies to be present, if it is at all possible, and we hope very much that they will be able to come.

The date at present in mind is the eighteenth of October. The ceremony would be formal and short and would take place on the arrival of