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Dear Col. Bovey:

Your letter received and I thank you very much for the trouble you have taken in this matter. Apparently you have got it down to its proper basis and I feel that it is much more sensible to have this originate from Montreal than from any place in the U.S. I gather that from now on the arrangements are to be made direct between Mr. Bagnall and yourself, and that I am not to bother myself any further. Please do your best to include St. John, N.B. as mentioned in the last clause of your circular. If you are expecting me to make any further arrangements please let me know at once and I will do my best to help out. I am very interested to know what your reaction is to a certain other little idea which I have had with reference to Imperial Unity. It would be of great assistance if we could get the type of intercorrespondence going between our various schools in the various parts of the Empire and in England, such as is promoted by the League of the Empire. I mean to say if we could have all the children in say a certain public school in Montreal corresponding with children in schools in various parts of the Empire. This could take place in the English literature period and I think could be made to form a very valuable part of the curriculum besides definitely promoting the cause of Imperial Unity. I communicated with certain people in England on this subject and they referred me to the League of the Empire. I have no quarrel what so ever with the League but I do not think that this subject should be handled on that basis. I think it should be worked in as part of regular school curriculum and that it should take a compulsory form and I do not think this compulsory form would in any way detract from the benefits which should accrue from such a proceeding. This may strike you as rather a wierd and fanciful matter but as I am specializing in the education of children here at Harvard and as I come in contact with the advanced American methods of forming every curricula I assure you, I see nothing impractical about the subject and I think it ~~could~~ be made a great success only it must be given official backing and it is quite senseless to expect any such unofficial organization as the League of the Empire to handle such subjects. Do you think this is worth seeing further? If so I will be glad to take it myself or to have it taken up by any person in Canada whom you consider advisable.

Very sincerely yours,  
G.H. Estabrooks