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THE MCCORD NATIONAL MUSEUM

When there is no Vision, the People Perish.

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MONTREAL

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Dear Sir:-

In the first place I desire to say how admirably your assistant, and his friend from your office, presented the Company's case when I had the pleasure of seeing them on Friday evening. I think it is natural that the Honourable Hudson's Bay Company should desire an exhibition at Lower Fort Garry on the Two Hundred and Fiftieth anniversary of their Charter. Allow me respectfully to present some thoughts bearing on the subject. I enclose an extract from the Montreal Gazette, of the 26th July, 1919 - something upon me and my work, and an account of the Museum written by a man of far more than Canadian reputation - by which you can learn something of your present correspondent, and what he has had the good fortune to have done for Canada. It is humbly the most advanced work of the kind in the Empire. Both the Company and this Museum desire to educate - it is only a question how best to do it, and how to do it to benefit the greatest number. An Exhibition, or Museum, should be at the most important school centre possible. What I would earnestly like the Company to do would be that after a reasonable time at Fort Garry it would honour this National Museum by placing therein - always, of course, to the credit of the Great Company - the objects assembled at Fort Garry, and I would see that the Exhibit would be kept together as a unit. You will assemble, naturally, Western Indian objects. The Indians from Cape Breton to the Great Lakes are here represented as they can be in no other place. I can never have any rivals, my work has been too