

CANADIAN LEGATION TOKIO

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My dear Sir Arthur,

It was so extremely kind of you to write me under date of 30th October last and your letter gave me very much pleasure.

I thought you would not take it amiss of me if I gave to Mr. Tokugawa a letter of introduction to you. Not only will it afford His Excellency much pleasure in meeting you but I feel also quite confident that the viewpoint which he receives from you as to Canadian and Commonwealth matters will be of distinct advantage to all of us.

My life in Japan seems to be even more busy than my life in Canada. We have just completed a ten days' official tour to Kobe, Osaka, Kyoto and Nara. I made many addresses and met very many prominent Japanese, Canadians and others, - I think with some considerable advantage to our country, which of course is not known as well in those parts as its position in the world entitles it to be. The preparation of addresses for a trip of that description, added to the work in Tokyo and the very many social engagements, all of which I think you will admit are a part of my work here, have kept Mrs. Marler and myself extremely busy. In addition there has been the settling of the Legation and Chancellery. That as yet is not quite completed. When completed I think they will be a credit to Canada. As to the Legation of course we have taken only a rented house. I have had to make some improvements to it and to its grounds at my own expense. The Chancellery is in an office building. All said and done, however, as regards both Legation and Chancellery, I believe when we are finally settled we will be quite comfortable and appearances will be quite as good as any, and quite superior to most other official residences and offices in Tokyo.