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being granted, and the line of attack, if I am not mistaken, will be that the project did not really originate with the people, but that the Society is simply furthering the ends of one or two members of the Government. Such a line of attack would, of course, be wholly incorrect, but it is most desirable that even the appearance of co-operation, now that the project has taken the shape of a formal appeal to the Government itself, should not exist.

If I might make one suggestion, it would be that you do not limit yourself too much in the matter of time for furthering the petitions and the work you have in hand. Were you to spread over a year a canvass so great as that which you have undertaken, it would not be, to my mind, allowing more than what would be absolutely necessary. A long period of time would give you a chance to form local societies and to use this great object as a means to that end. This, I think, is particularly desirable in the Province of Quebec, and the headquarters of local societies for that Province should be in Montreal. My own conviction is that it would be best to have the circulars that are sent out in French, sent out by a branch society located in that city, but of course I may be wrong in this impression.

Senator Dandurand, the Speaker of the Senate, has the cause of peace much at heart. He was, I think, present at one of the Hague meetings, and would, I think, if applied to by your Society,