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The Right Honourable W.L.Mackenzie King, P.C. C.M.G., L.L.D.

on occasion been spent and justifiably spent by the Canadian Government on a single delegation to a conference in a foreign country. In the present case a dozen delegations from as many different countries would get a concrete vision of Canada which they could not otherwise obtain. They would see Canadians as a nation at home in their natural setting and not be dependent for their ideas of Canada on a passing contact with a small group of Canadians seen abroad. We do not need to be ashamed of our country. It can stand scrutiny at first hand. The deductions, too, at first hand of such a body of men, carried back to their native countries would do more to make the advantages of our country known to those whom we would wish to have attracted to it and to give us prestige in the eyes of those whom we would wish to think well of us than any other form of advertisement which could be devised for the same outlay.

The amount which I would suggest as a minimum grant from the Dominion Government is \$20,000. The money would not be needed until 1924. None of it would be spent on entertainment. The major expenditures would be for transportation and printing. It is estimated that the printing of the more important papers presented at the Congress will require \$10,000. Members of the Cabinet will themselves have some idea as to how far \$20,000 would go in transportation alone when there is question of crossing the Atlantic, and when we would wish to have the majority of the European countries represented, each by a group of its most distinguished men in the Mathematical Sciences. The men in question are as a rule in receipt of moderate salaries. Some of them are in straitened circumstances as a result of the war. Few of them could afford to defray the expenses of the journey to Toronto without the aid of a subvention.

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