

October 30th, 1929.

His Excellency,  
Hon. Herbert Marler,  
Canadian Legation,  
Tokio, Japan.

Dear Mr. Marler:-

I acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of your letter of September 27th, in which you inform me that you have done me the honour of giving to His Excellency, Mr. Iyemasa Tokugawa, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan to the Dominion of Canada, a letter of introduction to me. I have written to His Excellency a word of welcome and have expressed the hope that I may have the pleasure of welcoming him some time to Montreal and to McGill University.

I am delighted to learn that you are happy in Japan. The Japanese are a very courteous people and will no doubt be very kind to you, not only because of their goodwill towards Canada, but for your own good sake. At the present moment the Institute of Pacific Relations is meeting in Kyoto. No doubt you will see much of the delegates on their way home. Those conferences are splendid institutions. Much good has already come from the two meetings which have taken place and I hope an equal amount of good will follow the present meeting. Press reports here indicate that the Japanese and Chinese do not see eye to eye with reference to many matters. That was quite apparent at the last conference in Honolulu in 1927. I remember that on the way to Honolulu I had the privilege of reading a paper prepared with special reference to the military consequences that might arise owing to the situation in Manchuria with reference to the interests of the Russians, Japanese and Chinese. On account of the impressions received I repeatedly urged at Honolulu that a meeting be called of some of the representatives of Japan, China, United