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My dear General:

Enclosed you will find the Memorandum  
on the International Mathematical Congress which I was to send  
you.

I am in receipt of cablegram from M.  
Emil Picard, President of the International Research Council  
which reads as follows:

"Transfert Congrès au Canada possible si Canada  
adhère a l'Union Internationale Mathématique.  
Attendre prochaine lettre avant de lancer aucune  
invitation."

This practically assures the Congress to  
Canada. The qualification "si Canada adhère a l'Union Inter-  
nationale Mathématique", I take it, has reference to the ex-  
clusion of the Central Powers and payment of certain dues.

Two days after my conversation with Mr.  
E.W.Beatty, representatives of the Canadian National and Canadian  
Pacific Railways called on me in Toronto. They did not seem  
inclined to give any special rates for the proposed combined  
transcontinental trip for the B.A.A.S. and the Congress. The  
rates quoted were simply the regular tourist rates which are in force  
at the time of year when we would wish to hold the excursion.

From my interview with Mr. Beatty I had  
hoped for better things and had thought that the Railways might  
have asked the Railway Commission for permission to give us a  
special reduced rate. The Commission cannot initiate. A move  
for a special rate would have to originate with the Railways and  
be passed on by the Commission. It would look as though nothing  
would come unless it were found possible to impress the Railway