

HOUSE BOAT "BENDEMEER,"
SRINAGAR,
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April 30, 1926

Sir Arthur Currie
Principal McGill University
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

The first Canadian meeting of the American Ornithologists Union will be held, upon invitation of the Minister of the Interior and the Victoria Memorial Museum, at Ottawa next October. This the largest and oldest of the American (and Canadian) organizations and is based upon the corresponding British Union. Many men of international repute belong to both societies.

As I am naturally anxious to have the meeting a signal success, I have contributed to the local fund for entertainment, exhibits, etc and have asked some influential friends in Ottawa to join with the Committee in charge to ask the Govt. and the City Council for substantial assistance. I believe it will be granted. Among other forms of entertainment for this international society, it occurred to me that an invitation from the University to visit McGill would be a desirable one. If you think well of this project - and the Library especially possesses Ornithological treasures that most of the members would like to see - perhaps you will confer with the Chairman of the Local Committee in Ottawa - Mr. Clyde L. Patch, Victoria Memorial Museum, on the subject. I know he will be delighted with your interest in the matter, and it will strengthen his hands in obtaining needed help from the authorities mentioned.

As I wrote Dr. Lomer, whom I have asked to see you about these matters, I am making some collections of oriental library items that will worthily supplement his ~~collections~~ examples of literary art.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours

Casey A. Wood