

McGILL UNIVERSITY

Office of the Principal
and Vice Chancellor.

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Dear Sir,

I understand that Their Imperial Majesties the King and Queen of Siam are coming to Montreal on Friday to witness a Lacrosse Match which is to be played at the McGill Stadium at four o'clock.

I have the honour to suggest that on their way to the Stadium they should pay a brief (unofficial) call at the McGill Library to view the Gest Chinese Research collection. This Library is said to excel in quality and quantity any other Chinese Library outside China and I venture to think that Their Majesties would be genuinely interested in it.

My reason for making the suggestion is that we have set up at McGill University a Department of Oriental Studies, presided over at present by Dr. Kiang Kang-hu, an eminent Chinese scholar. Besides giving instruction in the Chinese language, philosophy, history, and literature, he lectures in a general way on all Far Eastern affairs. We have established this Department because of our conviction that it is well for us to know something of the civilizations of the Far East, their history and development, and we feel that because McGill has shown this interest it is not asking too much that Their Majesties lend this encouragement.

Their visit need not take up more than fifteen minutes and can be conveniently carried out on their way to the Stadium. It can be announced as a visit to view this special collection, and there is