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Dear Sir Arthur,

I have taken the liberty and the pleasure 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 you.

May I say to you that Canada is extremely fortunate and complimented in having Mr. Tokugawa appointed as His Imperial Majesty's first Minister from Japan. He has already had a most notable career in the diplomatic service of his country. In addition, His Excellency is a member of one of the oldest and most distinguished families of Japan.

I have been the recipient, since my appointment as Canadian Minister, of very many acts of courtesy and consideration, not only in this country but elsewhere also from many of the Japanese people. Among them none has shown greater kindness than Mr. Tokugawa himself. In him the Canadian people will find a very warm friend, and one whom we may well feel proud not only on official but on personal grounds also to welcome to Canada.

It may be that His Excellency will not, owing to official and other engagements present or send you his letter of introduction from me until some time after his arrival in Canada. In that respect I have begged him to use his own convenience, informing him at the same time, that I would prefer him to do so when his official and other duties will permit him to see something of you, rather than to make a hurried call. When he does present his introduction from me I have assured him as I know you will afford him every courtesy and assistance. I ask this of you not only in my official capacity but also as one who so very fortunately enjoys the advantage of your friendship.

Yours sincerely,

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