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President, Canadian Pacific Railway,
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My dear Mr. Beatty:-

I am writing to you with further reference to our conversation of yesterday on the advisability of the C.P.R. undertaking to make a collection of everything which illustrates what - for want of a better title - I might call the Water Life of Canada, from the earliest times down to the present day. There is, apparently, no such collection anywhere else and the subject is of immense significance because Canada grew as much by way of the water as by land. It is hard to estimate adequately the advantage of water transportation over land transportation in the days when there were no rails and the roads were few and bad.

I think this suggested collection should consist of,-

1. Documents
2. Books
3. Maps
4. Models
5. Other cognate objects.

If we had the space at the McCord National Museum and available funds we would undertake this work, but as we have neither I am making the suggestion to you, believing that your Company