

JUNE 21ST, 1927.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling,
Bateman's,
Burwash,
Sussex, Eng.

My dear Mr. Kipling:-

Having reference to your forthcoming visit to our Dominion, my Executive Council has asked me to extend to you its felicitations and to express the hope that the honour which you are conferring on our country and its educational institutions may not be without much happiness and some satisfaction to yourself.

In this connection, may I take the liberty of respectfully suggesting that, in the distribution of your favours, you kindly take into consideration the invitation which is hereby submitted to you of addressing the People's Forum of Montreal.

For your information, let me say that the Forum is absolutely non-sectarian and non-partisan; its sole aim and purpose being to stimulate popular interest in public affairs, science, art and literature. In our efforts along these lines we have had the most valuable assistance of many distinguished Englishmen, as well as from men and women of outstanding ability from our own and other lands.

There is no membership and no admission charge to debar anyone who wishes from attending our meetings. In this way it is possible for many who cannot afford to belong to exclusive clubs to get intellectual and spiritual contact with the leaders of modern thought.

Our President, Professor W.T. Waugh, is Chairman of the Department of History, McGill University.

General Sir Arthur Currie, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University (who has kindly agreed to address one of our meetings during the coming fall) is writing you a supplementary letter, in the hope that it may be possible for you to accept this invitation.

Hoping that we may have the pleasure of hearing from you, favourably, in due course, I have the honour to be,

Respectfully yours,

Hon. Secretary.