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Dear Mr. Taft:-

Sir Arthur Currie who has been indisposed for some time has handed over to my Department your letter of June 13th. I regret very much if the delay has caused any difficulty, but for many reasons it has been impossible to avoid.

I have made several inquiries as to the proposal you make. I know that the custom is a well recognised one in France and indeed I made such an experiment myself while studying at a French University.

In Canada we have found conditions to be quite different. The number of highly educated French people is not large and the number of these who, owing to slenderness of means, would be willing to accept boys as paying guests is still smaller, and the number of these last who have large enough houses is smaller yet.

Another difficulty in the way is that the whole system is one entirely unknown to our French-Canadian people who are extremely conservative. The possibilities are thus still further reduced.