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used as offices for the High Commissioner. I think the offices should be of a dignified character, and thoroughly in keeping with the importance of the post you occupy and the national railway system.

If this idea should commend itself to you, I should be very happy to collaborate with you here with a view to bringing the suggested plan about. I have asked Mr. William Phillips, European Manager of the Canadian National Railways, to see you upon his return to Europe, as he is here on a business trip. Meanwhile, I would appreciate any comments you may care to send me upon the subject.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) H. W. THORNTON,

President.

Hon. PHILIPPE ROY,
High Commissioner for Canada,
17-19 Boulevard des Capucines,
Paris.

Dear Mr. Roy—It is with pleasure that I write to you on this occasion. I was very glad to hear from you in Paris and as you doubtless know I am now engaged in an effort to administer the Canadian National Railway System. I had hoped to have an opportunity of seeing you in Paris before I left but unfortunately I was so busy and the pressure on me to come to Canada so quickly as possible was so severe that I was unable to do so.

I am anxious to provide the Canadian National Railways with adequate office accommodation and a proper representation in Paris apart from purely traffic matters. We are already well represented there from that point of view. I want a well-located office where our literature, time-tables and in general the interests of Canada can be exposed to the public. I do not know quite how you are situated with respect to office accommodation; but if desired the fact that there might be an opportunity for co-operation between the Government and ourselves to our mutual advantage. I would suggest the location of a suitable building, properly located and protected, in the Boulevard des Capucines, some distance from the intersection of that street with the Rue de Valenciennes.

The ground here could be acquired by the railway company with suitable and literature of various works in charge of a competent staff; and the upper floor which no doubt would be more suitable to your requirements could be

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