

The Honourable L.A.Taschereau, (continued)

and Toronto. In view of what has been said above it might be well to locate the Congress in Montreal if the Province of Quebec felt itself in a position to furnish an adequate subsidy to supplement what will come from the Dominion Government.

The principal expenditures connected with the Congress will be for printing and transportation. It will probably cost \$10,000 to publish the more important papers read at the Congress. The transportation bill will be much higher. Trans-Atlantic rates are at present exorbitantly high. Men of science are as a rule in receipt of very moderate salaries even in normal times. Continental scientists are just now in very straitened circumstances as a result of the war. Few of them could afford to defray the expenses of the journey to Canada without a subvention. Canadians and Americans in attendance at the Congress would receive no subvention. The same would be the case with the Japanese who would probably send a delegation. Transportation expenses would be provided only for those coming from the other side of the Atlantic.

The British representatives to the Mathematical Congress we would expect to come out with the British Association for the Advancement of Science which, as you are aware, is to meet in Toronto in the summer of 1924.

I should like to have opportunity to discuss the possibilities of the Congress with you personally in the near future either in Quebec or Montreal, perhaps in the latter city, as I understand you have frequent occasion to come up from Quebec.

Yours sincerely,

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