

THE TAFT SCHOOL,
WATERTOWN,
CONNECTICUT.

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Col. Bovey

Sir Arthur Currie
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My dear Sir Arthur:

I write to ask your help in an experiment I propose to make in the teaching of French to boys in the Taft School. I am anxious to find three or four families of culture in the Province of Quebec who can take for the summer months one boy apiece. These boys cannot afford the time or money to go to France. They have begun French here and have made some progress in the grammar and in reading. Of course this amounts to very little, compared with what they would learn in a French speaking family.

For the success of the experiment it is necessary that the family should be a family of culture and should speak correct French. French should, of course, be the language habitually used in the family as they could not be expected to change their custom in this regard to accommodate the boy. The family ought to be in a French speaking community. I suppose that there are a goodly number of such summer places. My idea is that a boy should live for two months or ten weeks in such a family, eating, drinking, and living French, so to speak, that his reading should be supervised, and that in every way he should devote his time to the French language. This year I have offered