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Professor J. C. Fields,
Royal Canadian Institute,
198 College Street,
Toronto.

Dear Professor Fields:-

I have just received your letter of June 6th asking whether I would consider an invitation from the Spanish Government to hold the next meeting of the International Geological Congress in Spain.

I have no authority to accept any invitation. This would have to be passed upon by the Council of the Congress, who are now scattered over Europe and America. The next meeting of the Congress was definitely fixed for Brussels in 1917. It was, of course, impossible to hold it in Brussels on that date, but I do not know whether the acceptance of this invitation entails a postponement to a later date, or not. Furthermore, the whole question of the status of the various international congresses has been brought up for re-consideration by the War.

If the Spanish Government chooses to extend an invitation to the Congress to meet in Spain, I suppose that I might endeavor to submit this to the Conference for a decision, but I certainly could not myself accept any invitation on behalf of the Congress.

Yours very sincerely,

Acting Principal.