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Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that the Dominion of Canada has no official dictionary of the language used by its people, may I suggest to you that the time is ripe for such an educational institution as that over which you preside to undertake the production of such a work?

You are no doubt aware that Dr. Wm. A. Craigie, formerly Professor of Anglo-Saxon at Oxford University, has arranged with the University of Chicago to produce under the egis of this institution a Dictionary of the American Language.

The unique vocabulary used by many of the Canadian people, together with the vernacular, might well be enshrined in a work that would prove a permanent memorial to the erudition of the Canadian people.

On my shelves here, I have but a scant collection of books reflecting Canadian speech and, judging from my own needs, I feel sure that such a work would meet with a very ready support, not merely by institutions of learning, but by libraries and the public at large, and scholars in particular.

Hoping that this suggestion may appeal to you,

Kours very faithfully.

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