

Montreal, 9th October 1869

Dear Sir.

I have been requested by the Imperial Austrian Government to report upon the plant called "Indian Rice or Water Oats" *Zizania aquatica* which grows in large quantities upon the borders of the Lac des Deux Montagnes & all along the Western Peninsula. It seems that very good paper has been manufactured from the fibres of that plant & its acclimatisation is desired by the home authorities. With that view I have been called upon to make a report upon the nature & growth of the plant, the soil it requires & other particulars connected therewith. I have gathered all information on the subject I could, & shall also send some specimens of the plant. Still I am sure that the opinion of no one has more weight

than that of yourself & I should feel very much gratified if you would give me a short description of the plant & other matters connected with the subject, provided I do not trespass too much upon your valuable time.

I have the honour to remain

your obedient servant

The Austro-Hungarian Consul

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E. S. Barrett
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