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Lord Dufferin,

Governor-General of the Dominion
of Canada;

Sir:

The United States Congress having at its last session made an appropriation for a Commission of three Entomologists to investigate the habits and best means of combatting the Rocky Mountain Locust, in behalf of the Commission we take the liberty to invite the coöperation of the Canadian Government in carrying out the objects of the Commission.

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As it seems more than probable that most of the devastating locust swarms which have afflicted Manitoba Colony and the Red River Settlements in British America as well as the States and Territories to the southward, have their source in the region lying northwest of Manitoba, it is perhaps a matter of interest to both governments to investigate the habits of the locust in the northwest north of the 49th parallel of latitude.

Should either of the Commissioners, as is most probable, desire to visit this region, it is requested that the necessary facilities, such as could be given without expense or too much trouble should be extended to the

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a Commissioner on behalf of the Dominion to cooperate with us in these investigations which are calculated to benefit both countries; and we would suggest the name of Prof. G. M. Dawson of McGill College, Montreal, as one eminently fit to be thus commissioned — he already having given much attention to this locust subject. From early in May to the end of June the insects will be rising from the Gulf to the 49th parallel and we should have by your cooperation an opportunity of watching and recording their movements, and of tracing them to their destination in the North West, which may not offer again for many years to come.

It is to be hoped that in this way valuable

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Commission by the officials of the Canadian Government residing in the locust area of British America and information regarding the movements of the locusts during the present year be gathered and transmitted to the Commission. For this purpose a list of the persons in the employ of the Canadian government residing in the northwest to whom copies of the enclosed circular could be sent from the headquarters of the Commission would greatly facilitate the collection of the information desired.

The present year being a most opportune one for the purpose of attempting to solve the question of the northwest limit and range of this destructive insect, we would further urge upon your Lordship the policy and wisdom of appointing

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information regarding the habits and distribution of
the locust north of the United States boundary may
be obtained through the kind offices of the Canadian
government.

We have the honor to be
with great respect
Your obedient servants

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Seller to send papers
noting for a Commission
to study habits of Court
G. H. Downer - suggested

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