Rev R. S. McKenzie
Sec'y Ent'l Soc'y Canada

Sbourg, C. W. Aug. 22. 1866

My dear Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst. duly came to hand — I regret very much that my prolonged absence from home has up to this time prevented my replying to you.

I am very glad to hear that you propose forming a Branch of the Entomological Society of Canada in Montreal — We have often thought that there were sufficient Entomologists there to form a flourishing & useful Branch —

I enclose a copy of the Constitution & Rules of the Quebec Branch of the Society from which you will learn its objects & mode of conducting Branches but are all of opinion that it is much better to form one strong & general

Society in this Country, & having a number of small ones working independently. There is some prospect now of a Branch in Ottawa, & possibly one in Hamilton also - Should these be organized, in addition to one in Montreal we shall be able to start an Entomological periodical of our own, which has long been a great desideratum. As soon as Confederation takes place we hope to get a grant from the Legislature, & thus be pretty well off - at present of course, we are not able to do very much.

The Society has a stock of the best German Entomological pins on hand for sale to members at cost price, & is getting a fresh supply of sheet cork. It is also engaged in publishing lists of all the known Canadian species of Insects. Two

copies of which I send, have already been published on Lepidoptera. One on Coleoptera is in hand & will be ready before long - The other orders will be set about as soon as we have sufficient materials -

Should you desire any further information, I shall be most happy to render all in my power. Hoping soon to hear that your efforts in establishing a Branch are quite successful,

I am remain

Yours very truly

Charles J. S. Bethune

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P.S. Please return when convenient the M.S. Constitution of the Quebec Branch. The General Constitution has not been published yet, as it requires further amendment.

Rev Dr Bethune
St. Credit
July 8th 1869

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Dear Sir

Mr. J. P. B. Henshaw / 56 Chestnut St., Boston, Mass. / writes & ask me the price of your pamphlet on the Reptiles of the Island of Montreal, having seen an little notice of it in the Canadian Entomologist. Would you kindly send me a reply to his query?

I was much interested in your list, & should like to send you some of the species taken here not included in it. I have been however, so excessively busy of late that I have had no time to prepare them; I shall take the first opportunity of looking up some for you.

We should be glad to rank you amongst the members of our Ent. Society – not that we can offer you any strong inducements – but we are anxious that all working Entomologists in Canada should unite in helping & advancing our favourite pursuit.

Believe me

Yours very truly

Charles J. Bethune

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