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Mr. H. Teuscher,
New York Botanical Gardens,
Bronx Park,
New York City.

My Dear friend,

When your letter came in I was just finishing to arrange for the reception of the plants from the Boyce Thompson.

You remember that a sum of \$300. was voted by the City for the purpose. I have going to have the money in a few days, as I think that you will not be anxious to proceed without the funds in hand.

The nursery in Maisonneuve Park is not prepared; so we have decided to have the plants planted in a fenced space in Baldwin Park, where ~~there~~ they will be removed later.

I would like very much that you attend to the matter yourself and come to Montreal for a day with the plants, provided the \$300. cover everything. We had agreed here on the week beginning the 7th of May, for fear of frosts. Is that too late. If so I will take other arrangements.

Enclosed you will find the documents in relation with the permit. Permit No. 16 577 has been reserved. You will see that a small number of species are barred from entrance.

Now to come to the other question, on much greater importance, I will say this. There is some probability that the system of direct assistance (dole) will be soon done with, and that unemployment money will be

voted for public works. This is our chance.

The great difficulty is with your quality of alien. There is some opposition among the Executive of the city; some people cannot believe that we cannot find within city limits an expert on botanical gardens. Of course this is my fight, and I will wage it. Your part for the moment is patience. It would be prudent for you to organize your summer entirely outside of us.

If my health allows me, I will go to New York about Easter, and will write you a word before hand. In the mean time, please accept the assurance that I am doing everything possible in very strenuous circumstances.

Very truly yours,

Fr. Marie-Victorin