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Dear Professor Victorin :

I sent you a wire on Saturday telling you that the plants from the Boyce Thompson Institut will not be ready for shipment this week. However, it will be perfectly safe to make an arrangement with a trucking Company for any day of next week. The plants are first all taken out, sorted and labeled, with which the men expect to get through by Friday. On Thursday or Friday we expect to have the Inspector out there to look them over and to give us his certificate. The packing will, probably, take a little over two days, and we should like to wait with it, until we know the exact date on which the truck will call for the plants, so that they will not have to be longer in the cases than is absolutely necessary. For instance, if you tell us that the truck will come on Wednesday, we will start packing on Saturday. If you say Thursday, we will start on Monday. Please, let me know, therefore, as soon as you know when the truck will call.

I studied some more the quarantine regulations which you sent me and found the following paragraph which seems to me of importance :

Les végétaux entrant au Canada seront examinés par un inspecteur à un port d'importation avant qu'il leur soit permis de se rendre jusqu'à destination, à moins d'ordre contraire de la part de l'inspecteur.

Les végétaux autorisés à se rendre jusqu'à destination pour l'inspection ne seront pas déballés avant l'arrivée d'un inspecteur.

That means that one can get permission to take the plants right to the place where they are to be planted and have them inspected there.

This would be a great advantage, especially when the plants come by truck. It would do away with the unpacking and repacking of the plants at the quarantine station, where always some of the labels get lost; would save time and possible injury to the plants, and would also save expense.

I think it would be worth while to get this permission.

How much do you have to pay for the truck? Do you think that enough will be left of our money that I can come to Montreal for a day? I shall have to line out a few instructions, if I can not come myself.

If you want me to come, you have to send me a wire, as soon as the plants are there. If I get the wire before noon, I can leave here the same evening. If the wire comes in the afternoon, I can not make the connection and have to wait 24 hours.

Very sincerely yours

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