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Dear Mr Racey,

I am aware that I have left your kind letter of Sept. 30th, unanswered for rather a long time, please excuse this. I have actually been very pressed or would have attended to it earlier.

This seems to be a very appropriate day upon which to write to Vancouver, as we are hearing of the tremendously loyal and affectionate greeting the city is extending to the Royal Visitors. This haertens one graetly in these very difficult days, with a hostile world-half growling and threatening. Here at Home we are about to be immersed in the throes of a general election, and one can only hope that the British people will return to sanity and heave our present feeble directors out, they have done enough damagein the six years we have suffered them!

Well now to ornithology; I shall be able to send you the following:-

Sparrow-Hawk Accipiter nisus ad.♂

British Redshank Tringa totanus britannica breeding birds, a pair, if possible.

Turnstone Arenaria interpres, in breeding dress. I hope to be able to spare a specimen at any rate.

Dunlin Calidris alpina alpina, and schinzii. I will see what material I have to spare in summer plumage.

Golden Plover Charadrius apricaria apricaria. I rather doubt whether I have spare skins nof these.

Bar-tailed and Black-tailed Godwits; can probably find specimens, also I think of Melanitta fusca.

I will look out such skins as I can in the near future and will despatch a parcel to you. Of the smaller passerine species I would welcome further specimens of the Longspur, Calcarius lapponocus, Shore-Lark, Eremophila alpestris, any race, Crossbill Loxia leucoptera, Certhia americana, Sitta canadensis, also Carduelis flammea.

Of the larger species I could do with the example of Oidemia deglandi dixoni, also Bucephala clanga islandica; I do'nt know whether you get any specimens of the Pomatorhine Jaeger, of the Long-tailed Jaeger, both are difficult to obtain here.

Did you get my last parcel safely, the one containing

the Rook, the Spotted Woodpeckers and the Razor-billed Auk. I hope so.

Thanks for the note re the remedy for crude oil. I shall lay some in, if it is possible to get it on this side.

I had meant to say that the American Goldeneye interests me as exchange material. Also American Pintail.

Yes it is true that we have considerable shortages here, particularly tea; from the stamina aspect it is my opinion that good protein food is certainly deficient here, meat has been scarce and of poor quality; but then our very capable meat traders are precluded from the exercise of their skill and knowledge, and incompetent state buying etc is substituted. It is only another instance of the futility of the govt. claiming to be able to carry out other peoples activities as well as the man trained in his own branch. Where we would have been without the help of our kind friends on the other side of the Atlantic I do'nt know.

Shall hope to hear from you soon,

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,