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Vancouver, B.C. Canada.
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Dear Dr. Harrison;

I was very pleased to receive your letter of Oct. 21 st. and also your last parcel containing the Rook,, the two Spotted Woodpeckers and the Razor-billed Auk. Unfortunately the container was not quite strong enough to withstand the six thousand mile journey and was crushed flat. However I am relaxing the four birds and will remake them. These are all very nicely plumaged specimens and I am glad to have them.

Yes, we were all very pleased and happy to see and welcome the Royal Visitors. I thought the Princess was perfectly lovely. but the poor girl looked very white and tired out and we felt very sorry for her. The Duke was fine and being more robust could stand the strain of shaking hands with twenty thousand persons across Canada. However they had three days rest over on Vancouver Island and returned looking rested and refreshed. Up to the time of their arrival here more than thirty thousand photographs had been taken of them. I think reporters and aldermen were altogether too much in evidence all over the country.

We are more than pleased to hear the result of your recent election, but the Tories will have a long and hard uphill job to repair in some measure the damage done to the Empire during the past six years. I most sincerely hope that the new Government will do its utmost to better relations with Canada and prevent any further slipping towards our friends to the south who practically control this country financially. The late McKenzie King was much too pro American to suit many of us.

I now have a male Barrow Goldeneye and a male Pintail made up for you, but will not send them until I have a decent number of the specimens you desire to make a worthwhile shipment.

No, the Pomarine Jaeger does not usually come along this coast altho' it has been frequently taken on the Californian coast. I think they migrate far out to sea and we only have a very few records for B.C. over the past fifty years.

Thank you for the information you have given me relative to the food shortages in England and which is as I feared. I do not like to think of so many being so short of necessary supplies and creature comforts.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

K. Racey
Kenneth Racey.

P.S.

Would you like a specimen of our Northern Raven, Corvus corax principalis Ridgway? Can get you one or two next time I go north.

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