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October 21, 1925.

Professor F. K. Butters,  
 Dept. of Botany,  
 Univ. of Minnesota,  
 Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Professor Butters:

A copy of the "Activities of the Department of Botany, University of Minnesota, 1924" has just come to my hand. It is with keen interest that I notice therein a reference to your work in the Selkirks, conducted with a view to preparing a Flora of this region.

I have but recently returned from a collecting trip in these mountains, and am therefore very interested to learn what part of the territory you have covered and in what groups you have specialized. My own collecting has been confined to the Bald Mountain area and the high ridges of the Dogtooth Mts. which parallel, and lie across the Beaver River from, the famous Sir Donald Range. This region is one seldom visited, due to its comparative inaccessibility, and it is because of this and the possibility that some of my records may prove new and of interest to you that I am writing this letter.

In addition to my own material, we have in this Herbarium the historic collections made in the Selkirks by Charles H. Shaw, and determined by Macoun. The collections of Miss Edith M. Farr, who named several new species from this general vicinity, are also housed here. More recent material has come to us thru the work of R.E. Cleland and W.R. Taylor, the latter of this department. You will readily understand, therefore, why this region is of such interest to me, and why I desire to communicate with anyone who has botanized there.

It is indeed a pleasure to learn of your projected work. Much water has flowed over the dam since Henry wrote his "Flora of British Columbia;" and Brown and Schaffer scarcely scratched the surface in their semi-popular treatment. Permit me, therefore, to offer you the loan of any material which you may desire to consult in the course of your work. I shall indeed be happy to cooperate in any way that you suggest.

With best wishes for the success of your  
 "Flora", I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator of the Herbarium.

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Minneapolis

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Nov 10, 1925 -

John M. Fogg Jr.  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Mr. Fogg,

Your letter of Oct. 21, has remained too long unanswered. My collecting in the Selkirk Mts. has extended over a long series of years, and first and last I have covered a considerable portion of the range, - the region about Glacier, the high alpine region lying south of Glacier including the Dawson, Bishop's, Purity and Battle Ranges and the valleys in between, - the Beaver Valley from Bear Creek to the source of the Beaver River, - the head waters of the Duncan River, - the north fork of the Illecillemeet and the head waters of Downie Creek, - Beavermouth, the Columbia River from Beavermouth to Gold River, the valley of the latter stream and the whole group

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of mountains about Mt. Leilandford  
I made one excursion many years ago into the Bald Mt. region, going in from Bear Creek, up the Beaver and up Grizzly Creek to the top of the hills. It is a fascinating country, but very inaccessible. Most of my specimens are in the herbarium here, and a very considerable number of duplicates in the Gray Herbarium. There never were very many duplicates, as most of the journeys were of necessity of the back-packing type, but I think I still have a considerable number and would be very glad to exchange them for any specimens from that general region.

We have in our herbarium a nearly complete set of the Shaw plants, and many of the Macoun

to Fogg 10-XI-1925

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collections. Of course I know  
that Miss Fair's collections were  
at Pennsylvania, and I am glad  
to learn of the other collections there.  
You may see me down there  
some time & look them all over.  
Meanwhile, if I am in need of any  
of your material, I will let you know.  
I shall be very glad to learn  
more of what you found in  
the Dog Tooth region. Does the lime-  
stone of the Purcell Range get up  
in there? If it does you undoubtedly  
turned up a lot of Rocky Mountain  
plants that are wanting, or very  
much scattered in the higher part  
of the Selkites -

Very sincerely yours  
Fred R. Burtch

from Fagg

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December 16th, 1925.

Dr. F. K. Butters,  
Dept. of Botany,  
Univ. of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dr. Butters:

I desire to express my sincere appreciation of your interesting letter of November 10th, and my thanks for the Selkirk reprints which you so kindly sent me. Both served to recall many happy hours spent while collecting plants in this region.

Your enumeration of the different portions of the Selkirks which you have visited makes me long to get out there again for further exploration. I had hoped to reach the head-waters of the Beaver this past summer, but got no further than the general region of Caribou Peak. Our party went up on to Bald Mt. by way of the Grizzly Trail, so I can heartily agree with you as to the inaccessible nature of this country. Moreover, being unable to procure a packer, we were forced to double-pack three weeks provisions up the mountain on our backs. Under such conditions, one's collecting is done in a very discriminating manner.

So far I have been unable to work over my summer's material, and thus can not intelligently compare my finds with the results embodied in your reports. I am looking forward to the cessation of academic activities soon to be occasioned by the holidays, at which time I hope to be able to identify most of my specimens. If my completed list seems to contain any elements of interest, I shall take the liberty of forwarding it to you so that you may see what records I have accumulated and whether any of my material is at all desirable.

Once more let me thank you for your kind interest and valuable communications.

Very sincerely yours,