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Dear Mr. Babcock:-

I am just in receipt of your favour of the 1st inst., and regret to hear you have been on the sick list. It was the first intimation I had of your illness but I take it you are on the road to recovery. Doubtless the doctor will shortly put you on a good diet; after which your complete restoration to health should be rapid.

While I felt sure of your support and co-operation in the work we have in hand, nevertheless I wish to thank you for the letter for Mr. Clanton and for the specific offers of assistance your letter contains. Of course I cannot at this time say whether Mr. Clanton's report will favour the operation of the Seaton lake hatchery this season, nor if those interested will act favourably on such a suggestion if he does advise it. However just as soon as I am in a position to judge I will let you hear from me again.

I quite agree with you that sufficient eggs to operate a hatchery to any extent will not be obtainable in the upper Fraser watersheds this season, nor for that matter during the years 1922, 1923 or 1924. I am not counting on securing a local supply, although of course hope to take advantage of any such when, and if, available.

My idea is that we will have to bring eggs from some outside source, and judging from the good reports concerning the runs to Birkenhead the past few seasons, I expect to get a large percentage of our requirements from that section. Failing this, (and other sections of the Fraser tributaries), I would look to Skeena and Rivers Inlet for the necessary supply. While in Ottawa last March I discussed this with Mr. Found and he assured me of the hearty co-operation of the Dominion authorities even to the extent of transporting eggs by aeroplane service from points where eggs were obtainable to the site of our operations.

But failing securing the desired quantities from B. C. streams I have been promised a supply from Yes Bay and/or Afognak. You will remember that in 1918 a present of 15 million eggs was made Canada by the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries. I have been informed that provided we will use such gifts for restoring the runs of the tributaries lying north of Hell's Gate, (instead

