

Tashme, B. C.,
February 22, 1946.

Dr. John Davidson,
Botanical Department,
University of British Columbia,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

My apologies for my long silence. I had been wondering how you were but owing to to busy routine work I had been unable to correspond.

I have now come from Alberta to Tashme where my parents are residing. Until I came here, I did not know what or where Tashme was but since arrival I have learned that it is near the Skagit River which brings back fond memories.

Now that the war is over, I have come to realize that something must be done about the specimens of butterflies which I had left with you some years ago. First of all, I am anxious to know whether or not those specimens are still left with you for study.

Having come to Tashme, which is near Vancouver, I thought that I could go there immediately but I find that it is not a simple matter.

If there is anyone who would like to accept the specimens, I had intentions of donating them. But as I wish to make some study or research myself, I would like to have those I need for my purpose. But as they were not labeled, I feel that it will be difficult to sort out the ones I require. Also, to have them all sent out to me would involve much difficulty in crating and shipping.

I have desires of re-establishing myself in Alberta but it I am having difficulty in settling down. Although I am so near Vancouver, I am at a loss as to what to do.

Yours truly,

S. Shigematsu