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Dear Allen:

Under separate cover I am mailing you to-day a copy of a Canadian magazine entitled "The National". I found in it an article on basketball which I thought might interest you as it was some information about Dr. Naismith that I have not seen in any other article.

My purpose, however, in writing you is to ask if you think it would be possible for you to secure a fairly large photo of Dr. Naismith. We propose to build a Field House here some time soon and I am now gathering historical photographs so that we will have something to put on the walls when we finally go into our new building.

Has any photographer in your city the negative and could I secure from them a photo which would be satisfactory to frame? If so, I would appreciate you sending me their address so that I may order the photograph at once.

Mr. T. D. Patton, who I understand is the only living member of the team in Springfield of 1891, is a personal friend of mine and I often see him in Toronto. Through him I secured a copy of the photograph of this first team as well as a copy of the rules that were printed at that time. Both of these we now have, with a good deal of other basketball data, being preserved in our own library here where they can be