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Mr. Peter Brannan,  
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Parliament Buildings,  
Toronto, Ontario.  
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Dear Mr. Brannan:

Your letter of the 4th of January, suggesting some sort of organization of the provincial Hansard Chiefs and Staffs was referred to me by Mr. Barnhart, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, when I came to function with the commencement of the Saskatchewan Legislative Session last week. After some preliminary discussion I think your proposals have some merit.

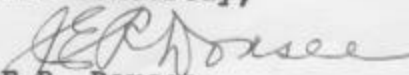
However, may I point out that in Saskatchewan, as I imagine in several other provinces, our operations are only part-time, that is, we only operate during and for a period after each session, and not on a year-round basis. Our indexing operations are relatively unsophisticated and the staff mainly comprises part-time stenographers and tape operators.

One other point should be made. There is, at present, no specific vote of money for anything further than the routine permanent recording of the debates of the Legislature. If your proposals were implemented I presume some additional funds would have to be obtained through the Speaker's office - such approval, at present, I have no assurance of.

However, I can see some advantages in your suggested pooling of ideas and possibly annual conferences. I should be glad to hear further of your proposals and the responses of the other provincial Hansard groups.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,

  
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