

June 30, 1933

Mr. C. L. Horn,
President, Federal Cartridge Co.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Horn:

Our present stock of ammunition suitable for collecting purposes is running quite low, and I wonder, in view of your personal interests in our work, if you could have some shells loaded up particularly for our use. We need 410 caliber, 2 1/2 inch cartridges loaded with heavy charges of number 12 shot and with non-corrosive primers. We have been using especially loaded Remington clean-bore cartridges, but would be glad to ~~consider~~ you if you can furnish us shells of equal killing power. Could you make us a price on 500 or 1000 of the load specified? We could also use a limited number of cartridges with dust shot for the collecting of very small birds - if you happen to have any available or if it would not be too much trouble to load some.

I am not sure that you people deal with highly special loads of this sort or not, but would be glad to hear from you on this subject.

I might remark that I was very much pleased with the interested and conservative attitude which you displayed during our recent conference at St. Cloud. I will confess that previously I had thought of you as being only a business man with no particularly great interest in conservation itself; I have a very comfortable feeling at the present time that such is not the case at all, and will make a particular effort to keep you informed on all of our major research findings as fast as they are published.

Sincerely yours,

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Paul L. Errington,
Asst. Prof. in Charge
Wild Life Research

P. L. Errington's letter is not to be interpreted as disagreement on my part with the views you expressed on high speed ammunition. Scientific collecting, however, is not a sporting proposition and the difference between ordinary shells and those with special type difference between a specimen in the field and one that is lost. Personally, then, as you said, I would like to see low powered ammunition come back; especially, nevertheless, I need the most effective I can get.