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Froy Madison Co. Illinois
Dr. C. J. Engelman Sr.

Sir by kindness of Dr.
L. S. Decoy of your City. I am referred
to you as one likely to favor me with
the information I am in quest of.

I desire a description of the Canada
Thistle. such as will enable a novice
in botany to know when he meets
the plant. There are Thistles in our
neighborhood and the question is are
they any of them Canada Thistles. There
is not one in this community that
can positively say yes or no. That the
so called Canada Thistle is a perennial
and all others are biennial I have found
by reference, but that is all I can learn.
Hoping you may be able and that
you may have leisure time at command
-and to answer my query



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I have the honor to be very
Respectfully
Joseph Lawson

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