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### Letter From John I. Rempel to Alfred L. Shoemaker, January 5, 1959

John I. Rempel

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January 5, 1959.

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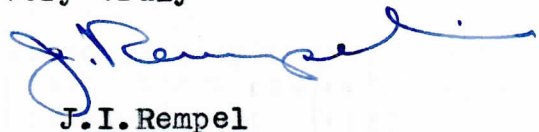
Dear Dr Shoemaker:

Thank you for the "Pennsylvania Barn". A most interesting copy. On your application form it mentions that Architecture has been covered in houses, barns and churches. It also mentions available back issues. Would any of these, by any chance, deal with houses or churches? I would be interested in having them also.

Your invitation for an article to your quarterly sounds very challenging. At the moment I do not feel competent enough on this topic, but, given time, I know that I would greatly enjoy doing some research on this subject, especially since I have already come across several similarities in construction between Pennsylvania architecture and that of the areas settled by German stock here in Ontario. This similarity is, of course, to be expected. It includes similar construction and design details in logwork, stonework and barn design.

If you would give me an idea as to the number of words you would require, and a tentative later date, I shall be very glad to consider it. Especially since I had intended to do some work in this connection at a later date in any case.

Yours very truly



J.I. Rempel