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Description: Letter of Abbott Coan to George F. Shepley about the difficulties recruiting men in the Orono area.