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June 10th, 1940.

The Minister of National Defence,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Canada.

Honourable Sir:-

Under cover of a letter from your Department dated May 21st, 1940, I was informed that there is no way in which the Government can utilize the property the subject matter of our correspondence, which I offered on the 5th day of September 1939, to the use of the country for the duration of the war. My disappointment is exceedingly great, therefore I shall take the liberty of again bringing this matter to your attention, upon the plea that it is my firm belief each person should during this total war, fulfil his obligations to our cause, greed and lust for personal gain should be extinguished.

Let me say that upon this property stands the greatest acreage of privately owned apple orchard in the county of Annapolis, now showing a prospective crop for the season of 1940, of approximately ten or twelve thousand barrels of apples, which crop under the terms outlined in the Order-in-Council, passed April 26th, 1940, will eventually pass into the hands of the Nova Scotia Marketing Board, a body corporate and become a moiety chargeable against the gross Federal commitment of approximately \$2,467,125.00 or as may be.

The gross out of hand charges from first to last on each barrel of this crop can be reasonably figured at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per barrel, or a total outlay in excess of \$15,000.00. I object to my orchard being a cause for the depletion of the government treasury to this extent for private purposes. It is scandalous that so great a sum should be cast to the four winds of Heaven,

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