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Ottawa, April 24, 1920

His Honour Judge John A. Barron,
Stratford,
Ontario.

My dear Judge Barron:

I enclose, for your information, a copy of a letter which I have sent Mr. James M. Riddell in reply to a communication from him to me respecting the case of Mr. G. B. Young, a former employee of the Grand Trunk Railway Company. In his letter, Mr. Riddell mentioned that he was writing me at your suggestion.

The case of Joseph Bullock, referred to in your letter of April 20th, is so similar to that of Mr. Young, referred to in Mr. Riddell's communication, that what I have said to Mr. Riddell in reply will probably serve for an answer to your communication.

I am unable to say what course may be taken by the Board of Arbitration to be appointed by the Government concerning claims against the Company for pension rights by the Grand Trunk Railway employees. No doubt the Board will wish you to give testimony, and possibly might desire to have your co-operation in some part of its inquiries. The whole matter, however, is one which lies quite beyond my control, and I doubt if any suggestion from me would receive consideration.

I have asked my secretary to send copies of Hansard containing the recent debate respecting the pensions of Grand Trunk employees involved in the strike of 1910. You will be interested, I am sure, in reading from Hansard the fuller account of the discussion which took place in the Commons.

Yours very sincerely,