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BERLIN, ONT.



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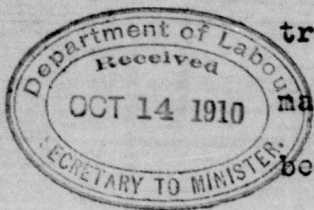
Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your esteemed enquiry of July 11th.,
beg leave to state that we appreciate your effort to
get the consensus of opinion from the different manufacturers
regarding reciprocity between Canada and the United States.

We presume your enquiry is probably confined to
our line of business, and will reply as such.

Having been to Boston a number of times, and
looked into conditions there, as well as at other large
Shoe Manufacturing Centers in the States, we have made it
somewhat of a study, - for other purposes than that relating
to your enquiry, - we have found that there is sufficient
capacity among the shoe manufacturers in that country, to
make sufficient shoes in six months for what they require
in a year. This being the case, you can readily see that
the manufacturers of this Dominion would not have fair competi-
tion, should the duty be lowered to any extent, in the shoe
trade, particularly, as well as in some other lines of
manufacturing. You no doubt are aware of the fact, that,
better than to have the plant idle part of the time, it is



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