

Sudbury, 18th June, 1917.

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"Dear Sir:—

"I had the pleasure, while in Toronto last week, of hearing your address, given at the Empire Club, on German activities in the United States, and the exposures made through the efforts of your paper.

"As the representative of the District of Sudbury in the Ontario Parliament, I have been much interested in the nickel agitation, which was the subject of considerable discussion in Canada, since the outbreak of the war.

"One of the interesting features which arose at the time this discussion was going on, was the article in the Providence 'Journal' with reference to Canadian nickel going to Germany, and in some quarters an interpretation was put upon your articles that since the war started, the International Nickel Company were permitting nickel, the product of Ontario mines, to get into German hands for shipment to Germany.

"I have no hesitation in saying that, knowing as I do some of the representative men of the International Nickel Company, including the President and Vice-President, and the spirit of friendliness which they have, to my knowledge, manifested towards the Entente Allies from the inception of the war, I could not, and up to the present do not believe that the heads of this concern have been a party to selling nickel to German agents or to Germany, while holding out to the Canadian Government to the contrary.

"I shall appreciate it very much, if you feel at liberty to say just what were the facts discovered by the 'Journal' in this connection.

"Half-truths are sometimes worse than a full measure of falsehood, and I should like, as a public man in this community, to be in possession, should occasion arise, of information which would enable me to do full justice to a business concern's integrity or to the people, where it is deserved, or on the other hand, to know the facts in the public interest.

"Thanking you in anticipation of your reply, and assuring you of the deep interest and appreciation which we, as Canadians, feel in the work you have done in this war.

"I am, yours very truly,"

CHAS. McCRAE.