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Personal

Sir Lomer Gouin,
Department of Justice,
Ottawa.

My dear Sir Lomer:-

I had hoped to see you at the Bank this morning because I wanted to speak to you with reference to Dr. Alex. Hutchison, who for 37 years has been in the Medical Services of the Grand Trunk Railway and who for the last 31 years has been head of that Department.

Dr. Hutchison is Professor of Surgery of McGill University and head of the Surgical Department of the Montreal General Hospital. I know him very well and hold him in high regard. There is no doubt about his efficiency, integrity and good character, while his long service as head of the Medical Department of the railway would seem to indicate that he is a capable official.

It has been intimated to me that in the re-organization of the staff of the National Railways Dr. Hutchison may be removed from his present position and I have also heard that the man who is spoken of as his successor is a doctor in Toronto and a brother of one of the high officials of the road. Those who most warmly support Government ownership of railways are loudest in their protestations that political influence does not appear in the management of the railways.

I hope there will be no political interference with Dr. Hutchison's position and I would ask