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Quebec. It will be another week or ten days before they are through.

If you care to leave with me the translation of the petition until such time as an official translator to the Labour Gazette is appointed in our Department, I will be glad to have him go over the circular carefully and revise it for you. We are just waiting for the passing of an Order-in-Council to make an appointment, and have the man already selected, but I cannot just say when it will go through. The translation of the Gazette is being done at the present time in Montreal.

There are reasons which you will appreciate why it is desirable that I should appear as little as possible in connection with any of this work, and only where my connection can be maintained secretly. Were it not for this I would speak to someone outside or connected with some branch of the Service about the translation. Sir William Mulock will point out to you wherein it is wholly expedient I should have as little to do with promoting the work of the Society as possible, and wherein it is important that I should be able, if question on the matter, to say that I have had nothing to do with getting up the petition to the Government or promoting it, beyond what as a private citizen, I would have a right and be disposed to do. The Government is sure to be attacked by someone who will be opposed to the petition

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