

MASSEY-HARRIS COMPANY, Limited

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2 - The Rt. Hon. W. L.
Mackenzie King,

October 27th, 1939.

Department, and if possible state what you thought of his ability. This information will naturally be kept strictly confidential.

I should like to take this opportunity to tell you that your nephew has made a very excellent impression on our organization. He has gone through a thorough period of training, and although the work has often been hard, and probably discouraging at times, he has acquitted himself splendidly in the various positions which he has occupied. Our Sales Manager feels that he has an excellent future in this Company.

What is particularly gratifying in connection with John Lay is that he has done all this entirely on his own merit. I asked him when he came here to say nothing of his relationship to you, and I, on my side, have been careful to refrain from any mention of it.

I had arranged to send him to France toward the end of this month, but unfortunately the war has changed our plans. For the present he will either stay in the West or be brought back to Ontario, and if the latter, probably to Toronto, where I hope we can increase his field of activity.

So frequently, trials which we give to men who come into our organization with equipment similar to that of John Lay's, do not work out very well, and it is a matter of great satisfaction to the writer and no little encouragement, to find men who have joined our organization doing as well as your nephew has.

I have no doubt that you are very busy these days, but I hope you are standing the strain without injury to your health.

I was glad to see from a picture of Charlie Dunning in the paper the other night, that

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