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✓ Canadian Manufacturers' Ass'n
✓ Combines Investigation Act
✓ Dept. of Labour
✓ Hours of Work Bill
✓ Industrial Disputes Investigation Act
✓ Working Hours Bill (1907)
✓ Labour Trade Labour Congress
✓ Royal Commission on Industrial Training & Technical Education
Ottawa, May 4, 1910.

My dear Allan:

It has occurred to me that perhaps you would be agreeable to writing a short article drawing attention to the work of the member for North Waterloo during the session of Parliament just closed, and that perhaps the speech from the throne could be made the occasion of this. You will notice on looking it over that the speech makes special mention of two measures for which I am primarily if not wholly responsible, namely, the decision of the Government to appoint a Commission to enquire into Industrial Disputes, and the enactment of the Act to provide for the investigation of Combines, Monopolies, Trusts and Mergers. These are both important features of the address, and having been regarded as important enough to be mentioned there, it will be seen that they are looked upon as among the most important measures of the present session.

The decision to have a Technical Education Commission appointed came, as you will probably remember, after a hard fight in the Commons and an endeavour on the part of the Opposition to make out that the Government was not in earnest in the matter. It is something for which both the Manufacturers' Association and the Dominion Trades and Labour Congress have been petitioning parliament during the past eight or ten years and have not been able to secure until the present time. You will remember that in the appropriations I secured \$25,000 for the work of the Commission, and that its members are to have power to take evidence in different parts of Canada and also to travel to European countries and Great Britain to secure the latest available information of service to our industries and industrial classes.

The Combines Bill was a very important measure,-- next to the Naval Bill the most important measure of the present session, and of all the legislation, one of the greatest immediate service, perhaps, to the mass of the people. The Bill was not only introduced by myself, but was also my own drafting. It passed both the House of Commons and the Senate without a single division

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