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WINONA, ONT.

June 20th, 1931.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
57 Castle Frank Crescent,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I was telling you briefly over the telephone just now our situation here in regard to the discontinuance of the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Railway service at the end of this month. I thought perhaps it would be well to go into it a little more in detail, as I understood from you that it had not been brought to your attention before.

This H. G. & B. road was put down in 1895 or '96 connecting with the two railway systems, the Grand Trunk at Winona, which is two miles distant, and the C. P. R. at Hamilton, about eight miles distant. We immediately commenced to build and to set up our business here. First the fruit business, shipping fruit to the Western Provinces and to the Maritimes and a little later building a Jam Factory and building up the largest Jam business in Canada with the exception of the consolidated Dominion Cannery. This necessitates bringing in about fifty carloads of coal annually and for the factory, bringing in sugar syrup and glucose in tank cars, the equipment for using which has cost us a lot of money.

Now, with this service discontinued, we would be compelled to truck our coal from Winona, two miles, as there is no question about keeping up connection with the C.P.R. at Hamilton, the distance is too great, and we would be compelled to get our glucose and sugar syrup also in by truck which would necessitate the construction or purchase

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