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September 5, 1924.

The Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King.  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister;

I have received from the Secretary of the ex-service men, who were acting as part-time Postal workers in Toronto a letter of which I enclose a copy.

As regards the complaint made by the men in question that they were dismissed by reason of going on strike, I admit frankly that I have not very much sympathy with them. I feel that they were very ill advised, and have said so in reply to their communication.

It seems to me, however, that there is something to be said on their behalf. It is not after all a crime to strike, and it would seem hard if these men were to be blacklisted on account of such an action. It would seem reasonable to think that the same arguments which made them in the first place referred candidates for this part-time work, still valid, that is if service during the war is to count for anything.

I do not as I have already said, consider that these men had any right to strike, I do not think that there is any question but that by so doing they terminated their own engagement, but I do feel that your Government would be doing a wise and generous thing if they removed any ban that may have placed on them, by reason of actions which, while they doubtless caused inconvenience, fell, especially as they were only part-time workers, short of being, or criminal.

I am, dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Yours faithfully,