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Ottawa, December 14th, 1906.

Dear Mrs. Bate,

Your very kind letter of the 3rd inst. addressed to me at Lethbridge, has been forwarded to Ottawa, and I have only just received it.

I need hardly say that it has brought me very great pleasure, and that I appreciate sincerely your kind congratulations.

The strike at Lethbridge was certainly a very serious one. More serious in some respects than the strike at Nanaimo a year ago. What a pity it is there should be any strikes at all. Perhaps some day we will find some means which will prevent them altogether.

It is a great pleasure to feel that one's work may be of service to others, and certainly life has nothing better to offer in the way of reward than such kind words of appreciation, as you have expressed. I would have you know that I am very grateful for them, as well as for your kind wishes .

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