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Dr. J. D. MacLean,
Commissioner,
Canadian Farm Loan Board,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Dr. MacLean :

I have read an article in this morning's paper, in which an attack has been made on myself by Senator Lendrum McMeans. I do not know where Senator McMeans got all his mis-information, but I feel that you should know the facts.

First of all, he states that I took part in the Winnipeg Strike in 1919. When the strike took place in Winnipeg in 1919, I was one of the Provincial Officers of the Great War Veterans Association, and in that capacity, along with other members of the executive, sought to keep the returned men from becoming involved. I was always strongly opposed to that strike, and my efforts were extended entirely in an effort to keep the Veterans out of it, and entirely in my official capacity as an executive officer of the Great War Veterans Association. This was the only connection I had with that trouble, and this can be borne out by any of the men prominently connected with the Association at that time.

Senator McMeans states that I took a prominent part in the 1930 General Election. In 1930 I was working for the Holland-Canada Mortgage Company. I never attended a single political meeting during the entire election, and not a single one of my fellow employees had any idea of how I was voting or of what my political feelings were.

Both of these statements by Senator McMeans are incorrect, and it is difficult to understand why a man of his ability should make statements of this sort without making sure of his facts. I would court any investigation.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) J. H. Martinson

Superintendent

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