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April 9th, 1917.

F.A. Acland Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Labour,

O T T A W A,

Dear Mr. Acland:-

Would you kindly have Mr. Everett Colby of Colby and Whiting, Law Offices, Essex Building, Newark, N.J., furnished with one or two copies of the latest report on the Works of the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, and of any other available data which would throw light on the recent operations of this law.

I enclose for your information a copy of a letter which I have just written Mr. Colby in answer to a question he has raised respecting the article on the Canadian Act, which has recently appeared in the Survey. Do you not think it might be a good step to have a careful analysis made by the Department of the disputes which have not been referred to a board, with a view to seeing what percentage of them have had to do with the question of union recognition, and what percentage of the strikes which have arisen in such cases have been failures, giving in both instances particulars as to the numbers of persons affected, and the proportion they bear to the numbers affected in disputes which have been referred under the act.

I presume you have seen the Survey article referred to. It is the one which appears in the latest number for the month of March.

Yours sincerely,

Enclosure.

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