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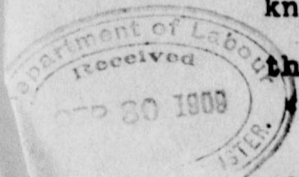
Dear Dr. King:-

Thank you for your kindly note. I hope your Secretary will be able to set some of the French agoing to take up the matter for their people and relieve me of that branch of the work. I wish our friends in Montreal would form a branch of the Association for the Province of Quebec in order especially to organize the French element of our population.

I am sending you herewith a quotation from a letter from a gentleman living in Ottawa who takes an interest in our work. "I must say to you frankly that my sympathies do not go very strongly with the celebration of a peace that is past on the part of a Government that is promoting the growth of the military spirit in Canada by encouraging military drill in the public schools, and by increasing enormously the military and naval establishments of the country in the interest of a flamboyant imperialism. I would be much more interested in promoting some sentiment in the country against these evil tendencies and in favor of a future peace. There is a great deal of practical work to be done by a Canadian Peace and Arbitration Society, if it will only get its fighting spirit roused in the interest of peace."

This extract speaks for itself. I would like to know your opinion or how one can meet, an objection of that kind.

The Hon. Frederick Borden seems to be making every effort to militarize the schools and a certain element is



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