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Minneapolis Street Railway Company

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

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Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King,
The Roxborough,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

I judge from your last letter that you have just about reached your home from your trip in England. You must have had a very interesting time and I trust we may hear from it through the magazines or otherwise.

I trust you will pardon me if I write once more to you regarding the thing that is of the greatest interest to me just now. I have seriously regretted that I did not accept the kind offer of the Great Western Sugar Company last summer. But at that time the company needed me very much on account of the peculiar labor condition then existing and for no other reason than loyalty to the company that I was serving I stayed on here. No doubt you have read Mr. Taft's statement regarding the Street Railway Companies and the seemingly hopeless fight they are making to earn a fair return. This company perhaps is one of the most fortunate, but even saying that only means that we have not as yet gone into the receiver's hands. As a public utility concern we are under the thumb of the politicians who neither know nor care about the real problems confronting our business, hence the future looks dark.

With an ambition to grow and to see actual new developments in my work, there seems to be little to look forward to in the Street Railway business. The time seems especially opportune for the man who thinks in terms of the human element in industry to lend his best efforts to establishing the principles of representation and to help re-adjust and stabilize industrial relationships.

I have thought that through your personal acquaintance with the heads of industrial concerns throughout the country you might suggest possible openings which would be worth looking into. I can assure you that there is the kindest feeling existing between the management and myself and it is not for that reason that I am leaving but wholly because I feel that the preparation that I have made for this work can be put to larger use in some other concern where the conditions are not like they are in our particular business.

I feel confident that you will understand me, Sir, in writing you as I have. Rest assured that I will greatly appreciate your counsel or any suggestions that you may care to make.

Very sincerely yours,

W. A. Anderson

Social Service Director.

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