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Dear Mr. King:-

I met C.A. Salmonsens, the General Manager of the C.G.E. here, and although I have spoken to him several times, I just succeeded in getting from him some news about Arthur, which I thought I should transmit to you.

Arthur has been on about a dozen different jobs here, and he is very argumentative and discursive with the men with whom he is employed, and has reached the point that he is giving his opinion so freely that a good many of these men do not wish to have him on their work.

He probably does not appreciate that those employed at the C.G.E. are not supposed to voice their opinions as to how to run the Company or how to improve the present methods adopted in the Plant.

A couple of days ago the General Manager found him with four other fellows hidden away in a corner enjoying some jokes, and when he ran into them he asked each one of them if they had work to do and they all admitted that they had plenty of work to do, and there was no reason for their idleness.

I do not like to be a spy on the boy, but Salmonsens thinks that he has the impression that he is being rather privileged, because he thinks powers higher up are likely to protect him, so I have the feeling that he should be quietly reproved by someone who is in a position to do it. If you think it wise I will take him in hand.

He is reported to have first-class ability and a great deal of ingenuity, but he has the boy's weakness of not having a very deep sense of responsibility.

King, Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie (MG
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