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Ottawa, January 18, 1916.

The Honourable Sir Frederick Borden,
The Old Place,
Canning, Nova Scotia.

My dear Sir Frederick:

The New Year has brought with it no more welcome or delightful surprise than your letter received this morning. You might have refrained from saying anything about the recovery of your health, for I can read it in every line you have written, in the handwriting and in the buoyancy of spirit of the letter itself. I am more than pleased on Lady Borden's account and your own, but also on your friends' account as well. I hope that your spring sojourn in Boston and Washington will afford just the touch that is needed to give you the best of health for the enjoyment of the Acadian summer time.

It was good of you to read through the pamphlet I sent you from Colorado and to have followed with such interest the work accomplished there. I really think a substantial and enduring service has been rendered, not alone to the State of Colorado, but to industrial relations in some of their broader aspects in the United States. I am sending you a statement issued by Mr. Welborn, President of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company to the President's Coal Commission which has recently been visiting Colorado. In a way, it is a summary of the year's work. What I think will interest

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