The Arthur Pequegnat Clock Company

CANADA'S ONLY CLOCK MAKERS

BERLIN, CANADA Jan 26

Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King,

Ottawa, Can.

Dear Mr. King,

Minister of Labour, Respectly Tur King + a seat in Parliament - waluloo horth

The reduction of 2 1/2% in the duty on clocks fell as a bomb in our midst. As it was, we had to struggle hard to keep our heads above water. It is a victory for the clock manufacturers of the U.S. They have done their best for the past thirty years to kill every clock manufacturer who had the audacity to try to make clocks in Canada, and they have succeeded in every case, even when the N.P. duty of 35% was in force. We are the first concern who have been able to withstand their efforts for any considerable length of time, but with the aid rendered by the Government in reducing the duty, they will certainly succeed. I am very sorry that things have taken this turn, as I can assure you that if we should be forced to discontinue the manufacture of clocks, you will not see another clock made in Canada within the next generation.

Looking over the list, I am pleased to notice that none other of the many manufacturers of Berlin have been hit, but then arises the question, why should I be the one to suffer

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