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Ottawa, September 30, 1920

Mrs. John Galbraith,
Newmarket, Ontario.

Dear Madam:

Since Mr. King's departure for the Canadian West, a reply has been received to the communication which Mr. King addressed to Mr. Howard G. Kelley, President of the Grand Trunk Railway System, on behalf of Mr. Galbraith's claim to a pension. Before leaving the city, Mr. King gave instructions to have you informed of the nature of Mr. Kelley's reply when it was received. I have just returned to Ottawa and find Mr. Kelley's letter among others awaiting attention. Accordingly, I send the following extracts therefrom. The letter is dated from Montreal, September 17th:

"This case had been before me some time previous to the receipt of your letter, and at the time I looked into it quite thoroughly. . . The officers of the company desired to retain the services of Mr. Galbraith, if it were possible to do so, but he was unwilling to accept a minor position, and left the service to enter other business. Under our pension rules - which, as you know, received the assent of Parliament - Mr. Galbraith would not have become eligible for a pension for several years. It was not a question of charity, where the company could have provided him with a gratuity for a limited period, because he was, at that time, capable of continuing work as an operator, but preferred to enter another line of business.

"Bringing the case up to the present time, we would be entirely willing to provide Mr. Galbraith with the position of operator at some station where an opening might be available, if he were in a position to accept it;

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