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820 Bay Street, Toronto,  
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My dear Eugene:

I feel very contrite at having asked you to go to the trouble of giving me a report as to the actual facts connected with the present strike situation. It should have been plain to me from the beginning that this would be quite extensive and that you were an exceedingly busy man.

All I can say now is that I am very grateful to you indeed for the tremendous trouble you have gone to. Please do not overwork yourself, and never do anything at my suggestion unless you feel you can do it without overwork.

I will not make any extensive comments on the report you prepared. Needless to say I have read it with a great deal of care. What worries me most in the whole situation is the position of our farmers and other primary producers. The average wage, while perhaps not greatly, if any, over the statistical Federal figures of living requirements of a family of five, are certainly very greatly over what the farmer of Canada receives for what undoubtedly amounts to very much longer hours, and, through a considerable part of the time, just as heavy work. However, that is not just the point at the present time and I am sure I understand the situation far better now than I did before.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

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