

August 1, 1918.

Dear Sir,-

Replying to your communication of the 30th ultimo, I have to say that it will be necessary to renew the lease of the three upper floors in the Booth Building for the use of the Department of Indian Affairs. I note that the lessor provides heating and elevator service: I have several times complained about the unsatisfactory elevator service, and have lately been in communication with the Deputy Minister of the Department of Public Works on that subject; he has written to the lessor, suggesting that more competent operators should be obtained for these elevators, and I think that this should be made a special condition of the lease. No doubt, owing to the difficulty of obtaining competent operators, the individuals engaged have been in some cases almost objectionable, although in others they have been quite satisfactory. Considering the rental which is paid, better wages should be offered to these operators and an effort made to engage competent men or women.

The Chief Architect,  
Dept. of Public Works,  
Ottawa.

Yours truly,

*[Signature]*  
Deputy Superintendent General.

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