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November 25, 1909.

Dear Sir:

Yours of November 18th to hand and note contents. I conferred with Mr. Meilicke, who was Chairman of the Board, and who is also in receipt of a similar letter from you, and would say in reference to your questions:-

(1) We think that the Law as it stands is a most admirable one and very hard to find room for suggested improvements.

(2) We think that it would be well to have a clause inserted that would have the representatives of the parties to the dispute to reside at least three months in the municipality where the dispute has arisen before they could act. Our reason for this is, that it would prevent agitators from going from place to place stirring up strife for what they can make out of it. Our case here was one in point. The party who represented the labourers came here from Winnipeg and worked up the case among the men, and then had himself appointed to represent them. Then when all was over and he got his pay per diem from the Government, he left and nothing more has been heard from him.

(3) With reference to this question, would say, we think it should be extended to apply to all employments.

We recommend that no Lawyers be allowed to plead nor stenographers be employed in taking evidence. This is highly recommended by our Minister of Labour, and from our experience we commend it to you.

Yours very truly,

W. L. Mackenzie King Papers

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