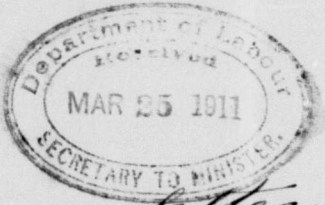


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Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,  
Minister of Labour,  
Ottawa, Ont.



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Dear Mr. King:-

I received, yesterday, a letter from the Surveyor General, offering me a contract for the coming summer. I must thank you, very, very, much for the contract, for I know quite well, that I would have tried in vain, had your strong arm not come to my assistance, or rather your kind interception on my behalf.

The contract offered me is hardly what I expected, but it may possibly be a better one. It is in Northern Manitoba, at the head of Lake Manitoba. I was looking up the Survey reports, and the sections just south of mine seem very favorable, but I could not obtain any information of the townships themselves, and as several of the surveyors who were up in North Manitoba (but not in this particular section) last year, had pretty hard luck, I wouldn't mind knowing something of them. The ninth base line has been run through the centre of the portion granted to me (that is, townships 32 and 33 of ranges 9 and 10) and the department would therefore have a good idea of the nature of the country. I wrote to Mr. Deville, acknowledging the receipt of his letter, and asked him for some information as to the country, and the means of transportation, but, I am told, he will not give the information until the final acceptance of the