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 May 25th 1936.

John P. B. Bennett,
 Hotel Chateau.

Dear Mr Bennett,

your very comforting
 letter, received and after reading, and rereading, I felt
 you at least are my friend.

So I made up my mind to write you again,
 you said in your letter, you were sorry you could not
 think of anything permanent, in which you could help
 me in placing my husband. Well, would you be kind
 enough, in giving me a recommend to Mr Sydney Kidd,
 of the Royal Trust. In that way, I think I could place
 Mr McDonald in a position of Trust. He does not drink
 or smoke. He is not lazy, or I would never have married
 him. His record in the Parks under Mr Wardley, has been
 acknowledged. In so far as being a capable manager of men.
 Also he has a good education. His family in Prince
 Edward Island are a good respectable stock. Surely in this
 large Dominion, something could be allowed for his type.
 If we as citizens of the Dominion, have to beg to live it is
 lowering our Independence. It seems hard for me to understand.
 I went to see Alex McMillan. To find out when the road work
 was going to start, the Lake Louise Jasper highway. And he
 plainly told me. Any man who voted for Bennett, would not
 get a job there, if he could stop them. Are we playing
 politics, or are we on efficiency. It is too small, and I
 would rather eat potatoes three times a day than give up

my freedom to vote for Bennett, or any one whom,
my mind considered worth my vote.

I told him a piece of my mind then,
I told him Bennett did more for the West and West
people than any man in the Dominion. And they
would be glad to have Bennett speak again.

Without him the West would go to ruin. So I presume
as long as they can stop me, I'm just out of luck.

So I thought rather than lower myself, I'd try some
one else. If a pick and shovel job, means crawling on
ones knees. Then as far as I am concerned they can
keep it. Yes, Mr McDonald may be called to go back

around the 1st of June. But things are so uncertain,
that I thought, with the house, and if he could make
round \$75 or 100 per month. I could be sure of my living.

If you will write to Sydney Kidd yourself, or some one in
authority. I will see you will not regret it. I only got
married to protect my property. Taxes are paid up to date
and, as you say it was a struggle for me to raise my
children. Both of them did well for themselves. But they
have their own home interests. Leaves me getting on in
years at the threshold of desperation.

After practically twenty six years in this house I hate the
thoughts of losing it.

Yes, I voted for Bennett. I'm not going to lie about
it either. So I'll leave it in your hands. Offer honest
labour. And I know I am not begging you for money. Nor I
ever did. Today Mr Bennett, the people of the West need you
Please do not think I'm losing any of my old fighting
strength. But I get so disgusted at the ignorance of these

would be politicians. Another supposed friend of yours,
 up and told me. "Well Jean you did work for Bennett."
 "What has he ever done for you." I say I never asked him
 to do anything for me. So I let it go at that. But as
 time goes on, I feel I cannot keep the farce up. I come
 to you now in all sincerity. I know you even in the
 opposition. Have Power, have Influence, have sympathy.

Please apply it in this case. It will not cost you
 anything. Now I am not interested in my husband going
 to the Jasper highway. He may have too. But why should
 he, just to get money to pay the taxes to the City of Calgary,
 6 months isolation in camp. Then walk around for
 six month, only making enough to keep himself. Really
 Mr Bennett it is a crime. No wonder people think in
 terms of Communism. But like Shakespeare I do not
 wish to go into the ranks of the unemployed and repeat
 what you always told me. The Labor movement is not
 true to its best honest workers. They are self-seeking and
 intolerant. So I feel while I'm writing this, I'm back in
 your office arguing the old story of the Poor. I trust this
 finds you well. And you are saving your health for an
 other election. you will come back again. Much stronger
 than you ever were. And I hope I am here to vote for
 you again. Albert's religion I'm afraid is going to ruin
 the Province. I might have believed in him, if he had
 been like the Christ. (preached without shakels) So be it.
 God night God guide you. My earnest wish
 Jean M Donald.

Personal
and
Confidential.

Ottawa,
1st June, 1936.

Mrs. Jean MacDonald,
313 - 15th Avenue, East,
CALGARY, Alberta.

Dear Jean,-

I have just received your letter and, for your very personal and confidential information, I may say to you that I immediately got in communication with Mr. Wardle and he instructed his Engineer, who is going West, that Mr. MacDonald was to be given employment as foreman, for he mentioned that he has been an exceptionally good man and was particularly skillful in the handling of men.

I enclose you a letter to Sidney Kidd, to whom I have also written. So far as I know, he has no work that would give him an opportunity to secure the salary that his merits warrant but I have sent a letter to Mr. Kidd, referring in the highest terms to Mr. MacDonald, in case he requires his services.

Your letter was most comforting. I repeat what I have so often said to you, - that I know of no one who writes a more understanding letter than you. You have had your difficulties but you have brought up your two children in a manner that is highly creditable both to you and them. I only hope that I may in some way be able to show my appreciation of a friendship that has lasted for many years and to which I attach the greatest value.

Believe me, with all good wishes and kindest

regards,

I am,

Ever yours sincerely,

RBB/B

Ottawa,
1st June, 1936.

Sidney Kidd, Esq.,
Manager,
Royal Trust Company,
CALGARY, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Kidd,-

This may serve to introduce to you Mr. Jack MacDonald, who was born in Prince Edward Island and whose reputation for hard work and ability in dealing with men have secured for him the highest commendation from those with whom he has been associated.

In looking after some of your properties you may require the services of one of Mr. MacDonald's qualifications. If so, I can recommend him to you without hesitancy as a hard-working man of integrity and character, and I would greatly appreciate your giving him any consideration you reasonably can.

Yours faithfully,

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Ottawa,
1st June, 1936.

Personal.

Dear Sidney,-

I gave a letter of introduction to Mr. Jack MacDonald, of Calgary, who is a native of Prince Edward Island but has lived in the West for a long time. He worked with the Department of the Interior as foreman on the roads and is very, very highly spoken of, both because of his own hard work and his ability to handle men. I do not know whether you have anyone looking after your various properties but in the event of your requiring anyone I am sure Mr. MacDonald will give you every satisfaction.

I hope your health is good. I heard you were not very well. Try and keep as much outdoors as possible.

We are certainly living in difficult times. I had hardly expected that the Alberta Government would take the steps they did in connection with bonds. The effect has been very bad and has brought disaster to a great many poor people. The end, of course, is not yet.

Yours faithfully,

RRB/B

Sidney Kidd, Esq.,
Manager,
Royal Trust Company,
CALGARY, Alberta.

The Royal Trust Company

EXECUTORS AND TRUSTEES

115 EIGHTH AVENUE WEST

Calgary

18th June, 1936.

The Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett,
Leader of the Opposition,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Mr. Bennett:-

I have delayed acknowledging your letter of the 1st June as I was expecting Mr. Jack MacDonald to call upon me, but up to the present, I have not seen him. You may be sure I will do anything I can for him although just now it would be impossible for me to place him with The Royal Trust Company.

As you say we are living in difficult times and with the present Alberta Government we hardly know what to expect from day to day. The uncertainty has a very adverse affect upon business generally and discourages capital from coming into the Province. In fact many investors are withdrawing their funds and securities from Alberta.

I thank you for your kind inquiries with regard to my health and I am pleased to say that I am very much better. I trust you are well and are standing up under the strenuous session.

Yours faithfully,

Samuel Hughes