

Hon R B. Bennett

313, 15th Ave E, Calgary
Jan 14th 1932,

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Dear Mr Bennett

It was with the deepest regret that I missed seeing you. On Friday before you left. As the matter I asked Miss Miller to discuss with you was really only a letter to get to see you. My main reason to see you was to try to help my friend Mrs Jones she wrote me from Winnipeg by air mail pleading with me to see you and ask you to favor her By speaking to Sir Henry Thornton to save closing the Head office at Winnipeg As her husband is just been moved there and closing the office would mean "his job". Can you do anything Head office was to close on the 14th As I missed you I wrote and told her to get her pass on the Railway and go right down and see you. Wouldn't you see her. She is a lady you know that

And I tried so hard to see you. Surely you are not getting too high and mighty to see me. Really that would be the last straw I'm lonely enough while you are in Ottawa (And besides I am never begging anything for fear from you. Do I? Always trying to make the other fellow happy. It really don't matter about "me" my divorce would be a joke. I felt bad over the matter. As I know if McDonald was married, he could fill a better position. He is an efficient workman. And has the best most contented group of men on the Lake Louise Camp. ^{under him} Dr Stanley is very proud of his reports. So there is better days in store for him, And why should there not. He is a Prince Edward Island McDonald old timer Canadian. As for me God will see me thro. I fear not, my Faith is too strong. Mere man cannot shape my destiny. Mollie has got her divorce "Thank God" And now I may say you looked just wonderful and spoke so well. And I know under the Guidance of the Divine Father you will do your duty. ever your well wishing friend Jean McWilliam

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Winnipeg ⁽³⁾ As altho furniture etc
might be moved free yet it is
very inconveniencing to be chasing
all over, maybe just get settled
there when, he would get bumped
again. I feel now as if there is
little you can do except speak
to Warren about C. D. Gines.
He is efficient and your influence
might result in a permanent ^{job}
headless of their Union for
instance if he had had a pull
last summer, he was qualified to
take chief place at Churchill
while Mary could have either

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Calgary Jan 22

Dear Mr Bennett, M-535-MC

This is to me a
very anxious time, so I do
understand just what
you are up against. I
received your wire Re. Gines
But unfortunately, it was
too late. Same time, I received
a letter from Mary O'Gines,
to say "C D her husband was
moving on the 22nd to Regina
head office I spoke of was
(so she will be alone till April in Winnipeg)

The (2) F. R. G. Gideon Robertson
think is the President of that Union
And, it all comes under Sir Henry
Thornston. Warren is the Western
Superintendent. Order of Railroad
Telegraphers. And Mr Hines being
up to Churchhill was moved to

Winnipeg just after you met us in
Calgary. He thinking his Winnipeg
position would be secure for a year
moved ~~to~~ Mary down to Winnipeg
and took a lease on a house. Just
got nicely down there, when the order
came thro to close out certain office
meant Mr Hines being bumped again
as there was no opening and according
to (Union Seniority Mr Hines) has
the privilege of moving to Regina
and (Bumping) someone else.
(Only inconvenience) Mary and her
daughter are forced to stay at

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Poisoning the Human Race with their
horrible dope. Interfering with the work
of our Heavenly Creator, for material
Benefits, will only bring us Destruction.
The blood, of the Human Race cannot
be tampered with, by Pus or toxins
When Fresh Air, Sunshine, Good Food and
Good Sanitation. are essential. God
Give us men of Vision, to see these
things are given. The World looks so
black. But out of the dark There
comes a Hand, to Guide our faltering
steps. Please take that Hand, that is
offered you, and leave all past regrets
I am watching you Mr Bennett
to save us from utter "Destruction".
Please do not fail us. I pray God
to give you daily strength. Material
things really do not count. Only God
is Love. See only that before it is too
late. Until we meet again.

Ever your well wisher. Jean.

(I am going to get out and advise the Board of husband's)

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S TELEGRAPH



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NIGHT LETTER

Ottawa, Jan. 22, 1932

M-555-MC
See 1931

Mrs. Jean McWilliam,
318 - 15th Ave. E.,
Calgary, Alta.

LETTER RECEIVED. NOTHING TO INDICATE WHAT HEAD
OFFICE INVOLVED NOR HAVE I HEARD FROM HINES. PLEASE ADVISE.

R. B. BENNETT

(CHARGE: PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE)

Ottawa, January 23, 1932

Mrs. Jean McWilliam,
315 - 15th Avenue, E.,
Calgary, Alberta.

My dear Jean:

When I read your letter, it made me a bit sad, for I realized that you were in a very depressed state. I was sorry that I did not see you, and had it been easy to get hold of you, I would have been able to do so. I had a few minutes one evening, but unfortunately you were a great distance away.

Neither your telegram nor your letter indicate just what Hines' Head Office duties were, and I should like to know, for I assure you if there is anything I can do on his behalf I will gladly do it.

With kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

B. B. McWilliam

RBB/MD

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RT. HON. R. B. BENNETT

HOTEL CHATEAU LAURIER, OTTAWA ONT.

AFRAID TOO LATE OFFICE CLOSED ON 15TH OFFICE REFERRED TO COMES UNDER A.

E. WARREN GENERAL SUPT WESTERN DIVISION PARTY MENTIONED IN LETTER

LEFT WINNIPEG FOR REGINA 22ND JAN MARY STILL IN WINNIPEG LETTER FOLLOWING

JEAN MCWILLIAM

7-40PM

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1720-6th Ave E
Vancouver
B.C.
Jan 26.32.

My Dear Aunt!
Just a line in answer to your most welcome letter to hand the other day. We were beginning to wonder why you didn't write. Well it's snowing here to beat 60 but I guess it will melt soon again. This is the second heavy snowfall this month Frank was off work two days last week over the last storm but he worked Saturday & was put on Sunday as special Constable to watch things out there. The Sunday before somebody had got away with a bunch of axes, saws, etc. so they are taking no chances

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Ottawa about a job in Esquimalt. He was brought
 up there & should have as good a chance of getting
 it as anyone. I thought I'd send you the form
 he filled in & if you could pull any strings it
 would help if not you can just close it & send
 it on from there & it should be sent soon
 so I know you will not forget. I had a letter
 from my Mother the other day & they are all
 fine & seem to be working so they are not
 as bad off as most people over there. The world
 is certainly in an awful state. I tried to get
 Langs on the phone the other day & the operator
 said his phone had been taken out so there's
 no trace of him here, perhaps he pulled his
 smart stuff too often. I'm feeling fine again
 & have come to the conclusion that it's worry
 that causes sickness. I dreamt about Mrs Smith
 one night she was in terrible trouble & crying

Jackie went with him & it is like going out in the country & he had a great time. He is looking a lot better. Jean isn't so well so I'm keeping her from school today.

Things are about the same but I got my coat out & they made it look like new I have it nearly all paid, so we won't fuss over things that eventually right themselves, so I'm just taking everything now as it comes & not worrying for some unseen power has always helped me. I'm glad Mollie is free again & I'll bet she will think twice before she steps into it again. Tell her to come to Vancouver next time. I hope the children are well. Did you get the aprons O.K. I hope it will be more next Xmas. Frank is answering an ad to

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so I've been wondering what it meant. I
 couldn't get it out of my mind for days.
 Well Aunt Jean it sure would be great if
 Frank got this job Esquimalt is a beautiful
 place. I was over there last summer it's 2 or 3
 miles from Victoria. Frank's people own
 a swell big house there which they rent
 for \$45 per month & they would probably
 come around better if we were over there.

Well you will be thinking I'm trying
 to write a book but it seems I have more
 inspiration in the morning than any other time
 so I'll close for this time & if this is not
 successful I'll write to George Walker.

Lots of love from Agnes & Frank.
 P.S. This form has to be in Ottawa about the
 4th Feb. so try & mail it right away

Wed 27. Jan 313. 15th Ave E
Calgary Alberta

M-555-MC

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Dear Mr Bennett.

Your letter received many thanks
Mr Gibes is a "train Despatcher". Very
stupid of me not to mention that
I dont think you could do anything
for him. I am afraid it is too late
A&W Warren Western Division Man may
But I really dont just know how it
could be managed Now if that National
Park closes down as I sometimes see
mentioned. How is Mae and I going to
lat eh. The house is only half full and who
are in it are on relief. Not much good to
me is it And the Mortgage Co. Netherlands
Investment Winnipeg wants 8 per cent to
renew the mortgage it is too much Interest
7 or 7 1/2 is plenty under these conditions "Advice"
Can you help here you did once before.
Of course if Mae was in a good paying job
I could manage that. Unless when he
does get a good job he might take funny

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notions and quit me as he is 8 years
younger (I never know do we?) &
would be the last straw on the camel's
back. And I'd try fixing him. Wouldn't I?

Well let us hope something turns up to
help out financially or I'll be a "Red"

Say Mr Bennett I have enclosed a
clipping. Will you please attend to this
they've got poor old John Sullivan in the
jail for one year. Why old John has been
a kind of a Moses to the foreign element
a good hearted idealist nearly 60 maybe
over. An Irishman with the beautiful
soft hearted brogue. Good nature bursting
all over. Ever loved by the poorer classes
and the foreigners. Give the old man his
freedom. And the fairies will twirl your
locks at midnight. We accomplish

nothing by shutting the poor old soul up.
Why he would not harm a child
you be big hearted enough to let him off. Or
yet the sentence reduced else he will likely
die in Prison. Trusting you will believe
what I say, about Sullivan.

Faithfully yours
John

313. 15th Ave E. 75580

Jan 28th 1932

Papers enclosed forwarded to communication 4/2/32

Dear Mr Bennett.

This is something you can do personally for me. I hesitate to trouble you But I know you would wish me to come to you.

The girl who writes this letter is my sister's girl I brought her over when she was just 17. years of age. She has two fine children, and while I have been out of touch with her. Last fall while in Vancouver I visited them she is married to a splendid ^{type of} young man The town of Stratford Ontario. Was named after his forefathers

Will you please grant him this position. 75581
Then I will have some place to go to, when I feel
that depression coming over on me. And I need change.
Agnes is a friend of George Walker C P R. Lawyer
Yld George used to send her (Roses with Love) he he.
hence the reference to George.

I entrust this to you. And remain

Yours very sincerely

Jan.
P.S. you will be pleased to know Mollie
has got her Divorce Becomes Legal in March.

I also hear you are going to have big doings soon in
(not you. But Mrs Yerridge) Washington. (Congratulations)

Winnipeg, Man. 75583
Feb. 4, 1932

Hines

My dear Mr. Bennett:

(I'm enclosing telegram to Jean which she sent me in letter received this morning. However, reductions have been made in Winnipeg Dispatch's office, and consequently I will be a grass widow in a few days, as Mr. Hines will be leaving to relieve some poor unfortunate of his position in another office. Having twenty years seniority, he will still hold a position.

(Of course, Mr. Bennett, there are people, who have enjoyed more advantages in life than we, on the bread line.

but we are still selfish enough
 to hope our hour never comes.
 Have associated with Jean
 long enough to know the why's
 and wherefores of the present
 economic condition.

It would be delighted to have
 Jean walk in on me at Winnipeg.
 Can you not arrange to send
 her on a trip as far east as
 Winnipeg? I know she was
 very disappointed on not getting
 the trip over to the old country
 in charge of deportees last year.

The change will do her
 worlds of good, as she appears
 very depressed carrying on her
 work among unfortunates in
 Canada. And then you know
 how and why she misses

Knowing that you are
in the best of health and
spirits, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Mary C. Hines

242 Ash Street.

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M-555-M^c

Ottawa, February 9th, 1932

Dear Mrs. McWilliam,

When I received your letter of January 28th, I sent on to the Civil Service Commission the application form which you forwarded. You understand, of course, that I would be contravening the law were I to attempt to interfere in such a matter as this, which is one placed by statute wholly within the control of the Commission. You understand also, I am sure, that had it been possible for me to do anything, I would have been glad to do what I could. However, the application went forward in order and will be considered along with the others received.

I was very glad to hear from you and interested in the news your letter contained. I hope everything will continue to go well with you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Jean McWilliam,
313 - 15th Ave. E.,
Calgary, Alta.

MC:DIB

Enclosing letter from Premier Brownlee re McCainsland.

M - 558 - M^e

Ottawa, February 9th, 1952.

Mrs. Jean McWilliams,
313 - 15th Ave., East,
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Mrs. McWilliams:

The enclosed letter, which
I wish you to treat as confidential, is self-
explanatory.

Yours faithfully,

MB/AM

Ottawa, March 17, 1932.

Dear Mrs. Hines:

I have been so rushed I have not had an opportunity to send you an acknowledgment of your letter of the 4th of February, with regard to Mrs. McWilliam. I think I fully appreciate not only your own position but that of Mrs. McWilliam, and under present conditions it is extremely difficult for me to be of any service. Your husband at least will, I understand, continue to be employed, and when the present depression lifts, I trust it may be possible for him to make arrangements that will be more satisfactory.

I am afraid there is nothing I can do to arrange to have Mrs. McWilliam sent on a trip to Winnipeg. There is no work at the moment that could be assigned to her, and as you perhaps know, the railway companies are prohibited by law from issuing passes except in certain cases which do not apply to her. I hope she will not try to personally bear the burdens of too many of those who appeal to her. She has many cares, but Johnny and Kolly are a great comfort to her.

With best wishes, I am

Yours faithfully,

... B. Bennett

Mrs. Hines,
242 Ash Street,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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House of Commons
Canada

Confidential

March 29, 1932.

Miss A. E. Millar,
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister,
O T T A W A

Dear Miss Millar:

I am enclosing, herewith, a note I have received from our old friend Jean McWilliams which contains a few gems of wisdom which I thought perhaps would do you some good to read.

Yours sincerely,

GDS/M

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Ottawa, March 30, 1932.

Dear Doctor:

I return herewith the letter of Mrs. Jean McWilliams. The enclosure was not attached.

I find that in almost all the cases forwarded here by Jean, she is barking up the wrong tree. She appeals on sympathetic grounds in most cases, on behalf of people who are not by any possible stretch of the imagination entitled to receive consideration from the Government. I agree that their cases are very pathetic, but there is usually something wrong with them. She used to write the strongest possible letters on behalf of the young man in Calgary who shot and killed the sister of his fiancee, but when I wrote her indicating how surprised I was at the attitude she took that the woman was merely to be shot and forgotten, she informed me she really had no interest. She then concentrated all her efforts on behalf of some returned soldier who is, unfortunately, crazy and confined to an institution. What the situation would be if he was released to go about committing any acts suggested by his unbalanced mind, I do not quite know.

So far as her friend Mac is concerned, the difficulty appears to be that he is to all intents and purposes a single man. If he receives more consideration than he has been receiving, how in the world can it be justified to some of the married men. I like Jean but I do think her sympathies are too often for those who are not overly inclined to help themselves. If you will let me have the enclosures that you intended to send, I will see what can be done. Certainly Jean has a lot of influence.

I hope you had a nice Easter holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. G. D. Stanley, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

M/DE

313, 15th Ave. E. 75591th
Calgary Alberta May 24 1931

Dear Mr Bennett,

I'm enclosing you congratulations on the latest arrival to the Bennett family. No doubt, you feel as proud of being an uncle as I do being a grandmother. Well there are worse things in the world than a baby and I wish the lad great health and I hope he turns out to be just half as good as you. No I am not trying to flatter you But I want you to know how much I appreciate how you have come up to my expectations, during this great crisis and to let you know I fully realise, you are not half through yet. You have a great masterpiece to finish. And I look forward to great things in the name of God, from your hands. Under that name you cannot fail. And I also trust your health keeps apace. Young Walter did well in his exams at Edmonton He is guided spiritually

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and the help you have given him will be paid to you one thousand gold
 That is one thing you never shall regret. I could tell you so much
 of how he gets "Spiritual" guidance. He some day will be a leader
 among men. and will always thank you. My family are well
 through the little help the Camps bring me Donald I am, yet not on
 relief. The house might as well be empty as rents are so low. My taxes
 have gone up this year terribly for 25 feet frontage no lane no backyard I am
 taxed \$134. it is too much, and then still have the \$1500 mortgage
 against the place. I wish now I had not built on, and just paid
 off the mortgage. However I must not grumble maybe a bolt from
 the blue will clear the atmosphere. Let us hope so anyway.

and as I close I do hope you have every success at the Imperial
 Conference and that the Prime Minister of Canada's voice rises far above
 all others and leads the way to better days. That to you is the earnest
 wish of your old time friend, Jean McWilliam.

P.S. Try and rest before the conference starts it will be strenuous for you.

Ottawa, May 30, 1932.

Dear Mrs. McWilliam:

I am this morning in receipt of your letter, and I am more than glad that Walter Smith is giving an excellent account of himself.

I very greatly appreciate the kind terms in which you were good enough to write me. I always feel that I have your good wishes. I should like to have a short holiday before the Conference, but the prorogation of the House does not exactly mean that this is possible.

My sister's boy appears to be a very healthy, sturdy baby who is gaining steadily and who is becoming more and more interesting.

With kindest personal regards to Molly and yourself, believe me, I am

Yours faithfully,

E. B. Bennett

Mrs. Jean McWilliam,
513 - 15th Avenue East,
Calgary, Alberta.

M, RF

313, 15th Ave E, 6854
Calgary Alberta
Aug 20th 1921

Dear Mr Bennett,

I am enclosing M^d. letter to you
I hope you will consider it soon.

As the mortgage company are pushing me
and finance is short, you know when I
tell you this. it is true Trusting you do not
think me to big an nuisance I
also wrote and told the "Old man" to send
you that personal letter. I hope he did so.

Yes you will have your work cut out
I do hope you are given good health
to carry on your business.
Yours truly,
John