



WARTIME LABOUR RELATIONS BOARD
(NATIONAL)

Ottawa, Dec. 20, 1944

Mr. Vincent MacDonald,
Dean of the Faculty of Law,
Dalhousie University,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Vincent:

A copy of Order in Council P.C. 9201 has reached my desk and I am happy to formally learn that you are now Chairman of the Nova Scotia Regional War Labour Board and Chairman of the Nova Scotia Wartime Labour Relations Board. I shall soon have to keep an index of your multitudinous occupations.

I wish to say I am very pleased with your new appointments but I warn you that I shall keep a critical eye on your activities as Chairman of the Wartime Labour Relations Board in Nova Scotia.

Yours sincerely,

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January 3, 1944.

M.M. Maclean, Esq.,
Director of Industrial Relations,
Confederation Building,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

My dear Kay:

Many thanks for your kind letter of congratulation. I am afraid, however, that congratulation is hardly the word as I expect to have some difficulty in dovetailing this work in with my normal activities. However, I shall endeavour to see that the Board approximates to the high standard of the previous Board and it goes without saying that I shall expect a high degree of efficiency from the conciliation officers under your direction.

For use in my classes on Legislation, I should like to have about 10 copies of the following:

- (1) Industrial Relations Regulations (and the procedural rules made by National Board);
- (2) The Wage Control Order;
- (3) The yellow book containing the Wartime Orders relating to the Department of Labour.

Some time at your convenience I should like to have a list of useful texts and periodicals relating to labour as it is my intention to establish a section in the Library dealing with that subject and also, next year, to establish a course on labour law or collective bargaining as the case may be.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly,

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February 26th, 1946.

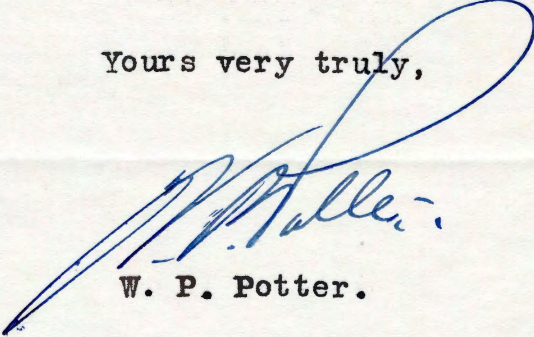
Re: Wartime Labour Relations Regulations
Board.

Dear Vincent:

Sometime in the near future I would like to have a short talk concerning the above matter and the Reasons for Judgment filed by the National Board.

If you have no objection I shall call you by telephone the next time I am in the City.

Yours very truly,



W. P. Potter.

Vincent C. MacDonald, Esq., K.C.,
Dean, Dalhousie Law School,
Halifax, N. S.

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THE REGIONAL WAR LABOUR BOARD
FOR
NOVA SCOTIA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR,
HALIFAX, N.S.

May 14, 1946.

Mr. V. C. MacDonald, K.C., Chairman,
Regional War Labour Board for Nova Scotia,
238 Jubilee Road,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

At the recent session of the Regional War Labour Board the following motion was passed and the Chief Executive Officer directed to present it to the Chairman of the Board with the earnest hope that through his great prestige and ability he may succeed where others have failed:

"In view of the fact that the Chief Executive Officer had on several occasions been instructed to attempt to secure better quarters for the Board, and reports to the Board that after various conversations with the local Resident Architect he has been unsuccessful in doing so, that this Board through its Chairman draw the attention of the Minister of Labour of Canada to the above and request the good offices of the Minister in obtaining quarters more habitable and less dangerous to the health of the Board and its staff than the present."

Yours sincerely,

J. P. Bell

J. P. Bell,
Chief Executive Officer.

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AIR MAIL

May 20, 1946.

Dr. Arthur MacNamara,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

Even before my time as Chairman complaints were made by members of the Regional War Labour Board and by parties appearing before it as to the utter inadequacy of the Board's quarters for the purpose of its work and in particular of public hearings.

At its last meeting the Board passed the following Resolution on the subject:

"In view of the fact that the Chief Executive Officer had on several occasions been instructed to attempt to secure better quarters for the Board, and reports to the Board that after various conversations with the local Resident Architect he has been unsuccessful in doing so, that this Board through its Chairman draw the attention of the Minister of Labour of Canada to the above and request the good offices of the Minister in obtaining quarters more habitable and less dangerous to the health of the Board and its staff than the present".

The Board Room is on the ground floor adjoining a hill in a busy part of the City. It is impossible to get ventilation because of the necessity of opening windows butting on this Street from which come noise and dust. The Board Room itself is less than the size of the room which I formerly occupied in the main corridor of the Confederation Building. We have had and will have increasingly public hearings at which numerous parties, council, company and union officials appear and it is obvious to all that the efficiency and conduct of such hearings is impaired by the small size and location of this room.

Dr. A. MacNamara - p.2.

Accordingly, on behalf of the Board, I request that better quarters be obtained for the Board as soon as possible. Perhaps it would be possible for us to swap our quarters for those occupied by National Selective Service in the same building. At all events something should be done to improve the present facilities.

Yours very truly,

C h a i r m a n .

VCM/EM.

c. Mr. Justice Archibald,
Chairman, War Labour Board,
Confederation Building,
O t t a w a , Ontario.