

Ladner, B. C.

7th March 1928.

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Dear Jarvis:-

I enclose herewith copies and extracts of documents in my possession that have a bearing on my resignation in 1904. If these are not sufficient to impress upon you and the banks the injustice of the treatment meted out to me I have ample further evidence to back them up with.

My contention is that the changes and alterations made in plants were in accordance with the understanding on which the B.C.P.A. was formed and on which the underwriting syndicate were induced to make the investment. To substantiate this I enclose (Exhibit A) an extract from the statement I submitted to the underwriting syndicate, and (Exhibit B) Messrs Munn & Larsen's independent statement confirming my contention.

I also enclose copy of the report I submitted to the Directors in October 1902 covering my inspection trip of our northern plants. This shows the condition I found the plants in, my impression of their management, and an outline of what I considered should be done to take proper advantage of our opportunities and investments. This I have marked Exhibit C. I contend it does not show any evidence of extravagant ideas as to changes and improvements necessary.

Exhibit D. is a copy of the recommendations submitted Dec. 15th, 1902 by the Executive Board as to proposed expenditure for 1903. It will be noted that not only were all three members of the Executive responsible for this recommendation, (although later on it was all charged to me), but that the estimated costs were compiled by the District Managers, all old experienced cannerymen who had erected their own former plants and had a knowledge of building costs and plant installations. It is also to be remembered that it was these same men who supervised all the changes, engaged the labour, requisitioned all the materials purchased, and were primarily responsible for such increased costs as were incurred. But it did not suit the Head Office conspirators to charge these managers with the over expenditure. It was I they were after, and sole responsibility was ascribed to me.

As evidence of how the accounts were manipulated to put blame on me and to cover up operating losses by ascribing depreciation and repair and renewal costs to Capital expenditure I enclose, (Exhibit E.) extracts from notes made of board meetings of 20th July 1904. As I had resigned the previous November I had not access to the records and therefore could only point out a few of the erroneous charges but these were specific enough to illustrate how their game was played.

