



The Dominion Executive Committee

OFFICE OF SECRETARY: ~~159 GEORGIA ST. E.~~
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Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd. inst., we beg to point out that, far from us persisting in the determination to misunderstand the principles of the **Canadian Press Censorship** and the action of the Government in suppressing the "Western Clarion", it is you, in our opinion, who persist in ignoring the facts of the case and our repeated request for specific information.

We might possibly assume one or more points for which the "Western Clarion" was summarily deprived of its right to existence. We might, possibly, assume ninety-nine points and then be wrong. It might be the hundredth point which called for its official execution. We do not know, and we are not prepared to take action upon assumptions. You, at least, are the people qualified to know and it is from your department ~~where~~ ^{we} seek for this information, which, we contend, up to date, has not been furnished us.

If you remember, we requested information as to whether or not the paper was suppressed for quoting from other periodicals which are still permitted free circulation. This question has not been answered. The voluminous extracts from the paper which your department submits as objectionable matter does not supply us with the reason for the suppression, else why the eight months delay in taking action on your part.

We demand only the application of the principle in British Law that the accused be furnished with a properly formulated charge, that the specific point, or points, in which we have erred be brought to our attention. You persist in ignoring these requests.

Either you can answer and will not, or else you cannot. To no other conclusion will your replies to our various letters allow us to arrive.

And finally, we wish it to be distinctly understood, that we are not willing to be suppressed because our analysis of history, our teachings of economics and sociology, does not altogether coincide with the view of these sciences adopted by your department. Failing some definite charge or information upon this matter we will take the matter to the highest court known, that of public opinion, in which we cannot and shall not be denied a hearing.

Sincerely Yours

C. Stephenson