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Ottawa, Ont., February 4, 1919.

Dear Mr. Lemieux:-

I received your letter of February 3rd this morning and, for your information, enclose herewith copy of the Consolidated Orders Respecting Censorship which govern the issuing of warrants forbidding the possession of literature within Canada.

With respect to the Western Clarion, the Secretary of State issued his warrant under the Order in Council enclosed on October 8th 1918 and notice of the issue of this warrant appeared in the Canada Gazette of October 19th.

The Secretary of State has not issued a warrant in respect of the Liberator, but certain copies of this publication have been declared to be objectionable matter and they have been forbidden admission into Canada by the Customs Authorities.

Perhaps I might draw your attention to the fact that it is within the competence of any magistrate to declare that a publication contains objectionable matter as defined in the Consolidated Orders Respecting Censorship without the issue of a warrant by the Secretary of State. The Order in Council distinctly defines what objectionable matter is and if people are found with literature containing objectionable matter in their possession, it is their own lookout.

Trusting that this information is what you require, believe me.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Press Censor for Canada.

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