

December 3, 1929

Mr. J. A. Forcier,
Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan.

Dear Mr. Forcier:

Mr. [REDACTED] arrived in Cincinnati on Saturday night. I immediately put him in the hospital under observation and will probably keep him there for a week to ten days. His condition at present is entirely satisfactory. In fact, it is so satisfactory that it is difficult to arrive at certain conclusions as to the cause of his illness, though I believe we shall be able to do so in due time.

I wish to thank you for making it possible for him to come to Cincinnati. It is not that his illness is of serious import to himself at all, but the importance of his case to me resides in the fact that this is the first instance of a case that has resembled poisoning from lead in handling Ethyl Gasoline, and it is of the greatest importance to establish a diagnosis in his case one way or the other. I might say at this time that I am very doubtful, despite the opinion of the physicians in Gravelbourg who saw him some time ago, that his condition is due to lead poisoning. From the story which he has told me I am inclined to the belief that his symptoms follow on a severe exposure to gasoline vapors. Whether or not this is true we should be able to prove in our subsequent studies. At any rate it is a very important matter to run the thing down as thoroughly as possible.

I am enclosing herewith a check covering the amount of money which you have advanced Mr. [REDACTED] to get him here.

Very truly yours,

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