

# ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

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May 14th, 1930.

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

Dr. R. A. Kehoe,  
c/o Ethyl Gasoline Laboratories,  
320 Yonkers Avenue,  
YONKERS, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

I telephoned Mr. Mittnacht yesterday relative to case of alleged lead poisoning at Winnipeg. He requested that I write you all the particulars about it that I have.

The case was brought to my attention yesterday by a letter from Mr. McFarlane, our Representative in Western Canada, and by Mr. C. S. Griffith, Manager of Imperial Oil, Limited, Winnipeg. Mr. McFarlane states that the garage where this trouble occurred, did not handle Ethyl Gasoline at all, but that their mechanics were working on cars that did use Ethyl Gasoline, and incidentally blamed Ethyl Gasoline for the cause of the trouble. Personally, I do not think they are justified in their claims whatsoever, but it is the fact of the broad-casting of this trouble around the city which will cause a lot of ill feeling towards our product. That is the reason why I mentioned to Mr. Mittnacht that I thought it would be advisable to have some person in your department look into it. Mr. Griffith's report, a copy of which I am enclosing, covers the situation fairly well.

As soon as you decide what you think is best to do in this case, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Best regards,

*J. N. Fitzgerald*

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Winnipeg, May 10th 1930

Wards Garage,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Personal & Important

Mr. F. J. Wolfe,  
Imperial Oil Ltd.,  
Toronto 2, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Following our wire of even date, the first intimation we had that these people were having any trouble with Ethyl Gasoline was when Mr. McFarlane, of the Ethyl Gasoline Corp., left word with Mr. Wood, our Service Station Superintendent on Thursday, May 8th - apparently he had to go West that night.

As soon as I got this information I called and found they were handling British American Super Power White Gasoline and McColl-Frontenas Red Indian Oil - not handling Ethyl, but Mr. Ward told me that two of his men had a lot of trouble with Ethyl Gasoline; one Mr. [REDACTED] and that his left arm was in very bad shape. He took me out and introduced me to Mr. [REDACTED] who unbanded his arm, and right at the elbow he had a very bad looking sore. He also told me about his other mechanic, who was right there; a party by the name of [REDACTED] who showed me his thumb and first finger, which were banded, and the same kind of a sore as on Mr. [REDACTED] arm. They both claimed that it was working on a Kissel Car owned by Gordon Fraser in which he had been using Ethyl Gasoline, that caused the trouble and they had been going to the doctor since the beginning of March, and that the doctor told them it was lead poisoning caused by Ethyl Gasoline.

The doctor's name is McRae of Meindl & McRae, 408 Medical Arts Building.

Mr. Bronsden also visited this garage, but as they are not handling Ethyl there he figured that possibly we would follow the matter.

It looks to me like the Ethyl Corporation should send their doctor or have some doctor that they appoint look into this matter at once, for these mechanics, also Mr. Ward of the garage, are doing a lot of talking about the use of Ethyl Gasoline. They have issued orders not to repair or touch a car that had been using Ethyl Gasoline.

Yours very truly,

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