

# Hotel Vancouver

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Dear Sir William

Your sons evidence in the arbitration case was completed yesterday. He was in the box nine days and five days of this time under a severe cross-examination. I thought you would be glad to hear that he came through it nobly and that he won not alone the hearty approval of our own lawyers but the admiration of the government counsel and everybody else. I confess that for the first day or two and after I learned what an ordeal he must undergo I was somewhat uneasy but as day after day passed and he still stood unshaken

calm and - I almost said obstinate -  
giving his evidence on the 1500 questions  
involved) with clearness and surprising  
accuracy, <sup>and</sup> avoiding every snare and  
pitfall that could be devised by so  
subtle a lawyer as Mr B.B. Ocker,  
it became a treat to sit and listen  
to it all. And the old Engineers we  
had brought here as experts were  
as pleased and surprised as anybody.

Please present my compliments to  
Lady Dawson  
and Belvoir

Faithfully yours

W.C. Vanstone

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