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Arsenic at Yellowknife

As requested--comments on Mr. Gibson's letter of 25th September, attached. It is a matter of great public health importance that the Cottrell precipitator for Giant Yellowknife be not delayed in going into operation. This machinery was promised for delivery at Waterways, Alberta, not later than 1st August, the order having been placed as long ago as last January.

Mr. Christie advises that the equipment is being built by Manitoba Bridge and Western Steel of Winnipeg on behalf of Precipitation Company of Canada. He could only repeat the reasons given for the delay. After our conversation I checked with Trade and Commerce Department and find that there have not been any Governmental steel allocations in Canada this year. It is, of course, possible that the allocation referred to is of United States origin, as I believe there has been some allocating done since Korea. It would seem that the most we can do is draw to their attention again that roasting should not be going on without arsenic collection.

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