



NORTHERN ADMINISTRATION
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CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Ottawa, 23rd May, 1951.

Dr. K. C. Charron, Chief,
Industrial Health Division,
Department of National Health and Welfare,
Booth Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Doctor Charron:

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DEATH OF INDIAN CHILD - IVAN F. ABEL, 2 YRS., FROM
ARSENIC POLLUTION OF WATER, YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.

I have withheld advising you in regard to the above pending a complete report requested of our Mining Inspector, Mr. S. Homulos, at Yellowknife. In view of your interest, I consider that you should have available the limited information on record, namely, copy of a letter from S. Homulos dated the 15th of May and a copy of a wireless message from him dated the 17th of May. These are attached.

It is our understanding that Indian Agent Kirkby was advised when notices were put in the paper of the dangerous condition prevailing and that he informed the local Indian Chief.

I will be able to supply you with additional information as soon as we have a complete report from our Mining Inspector. At the same time we will give you a review of the steps that have been taken in the treatment of arsenic from the Yellowknife mines to ensure that the public health is protected. In all these matters, you will understand, we have had the full co-operation of the Local Medical Health Officer.

Yours very truly,

G.E.B. Sinclair,
Director.

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