

Ottawa, Ill., Feb. 16th, 1934
1820 La Salle St.

Mr. Walter M. Laughlin,
"Director of the State Dept.
of Agriculture"
Springfield, Ill.;

Dear Mr. M^oLaughlin:-

May I ask your personal advice for following:

I have about 10 1/2 acres of good land on the foot of Catlin's hill in this City, for the last two years the Relief has rented this land for Relief Garden. The rental I received was not enough to pay my taxes and Special Assessments on said land so I must look out for something which will give me some interest on my investment.

May I state that for the last four years I am unable to do any work account of injury on my left knee, may be you recall that I use to be Mine Superintendent for a Sand Co. in this City and met you several times with Dr. Postma.

I have not the money on hand to invest for seed to keep land in cultivation some acres in corn, clover, potatoes and vegetables, have two boys old enough to give me a lift and some of my neighbors I am sure will help me.

Do you think your Department could or would furnish me the seed needed for above purpose? I am glad to return at the end of harvest same amount of seed to your Department.

At presents I am just up against it
having no income for years. Rent, Gas,
Light and other Bills have brought me
down that I am just penniless at
present and with 5 children under 16
years of age you can figure out for your
self what hardship I am going through

I surely will highly appreciate your
advice and anything you can do to
pull me out.

Thanking you in advance for
your attention and could it be a
favorable reply. I remain,

Sincerely yours

Peter Van Sigt