



Wayne Rae
President LU 6200

Dear Brothers and Sisters of LU 6166,

On behalf of the executive and membership of LU 6200, I would like to thank LU 6166 in Thompson again for their generous donation towards our strike and defense fund. This donation along with other generous donations made it possible for us to increase our strike pay to \$325.00 / member / week for three straight weeks. By doing this we could afford to give our families a much more enjoyable Christmas. As this battle goes on, it's refreshing to know the solidarity between our locals continues to grow. We must stay strong and continue to show this company that our Union solidarity will prevail. We went out together, we will return together. As we speak the company is trying to split us apart by enticing 9508 back to the table and offering improvements to their contract. Darren Cove, Boyd Bussey and the membership of 9508 are strong; they realize what this company is trying to do. VBN nickel is very important to this company because it supplements your feed in Thompson and brings the price to produce a pound of Ni down dramatically. Together we will win, if they divide us in any way our struggle becomes that much harder and our battle that much longer. Finally our Government in Ontario decided to take a stance, it only took six months and a law suit to pull their heads out of their asses and recommend that both sides need to get back to the table. Our battle against this Vicious Anti Labour Employer will continue on for months, but at least now we have some light at the end of the tunnel. Our six month rally in Sudbury on top of the OLRB Bad Faith Bargaining complaint has given our membership a much needed boost. We know we have our Brothers and Sisters in Thompson watching our backs. We need the backing of our Government now, they have to realize the mistakes they made by allowing this foreign company to rape and pillage our Canadian Culture and Natural Resources with no accountability what so ever to the Canadian Government or most importantly the Canadian people.

In Solidarity,

Wayne Rae
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