

Woolf Brothers

KANSAS CITY

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Mr. Dolph Simons
c/o Lawrence Journal-World
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dolph:

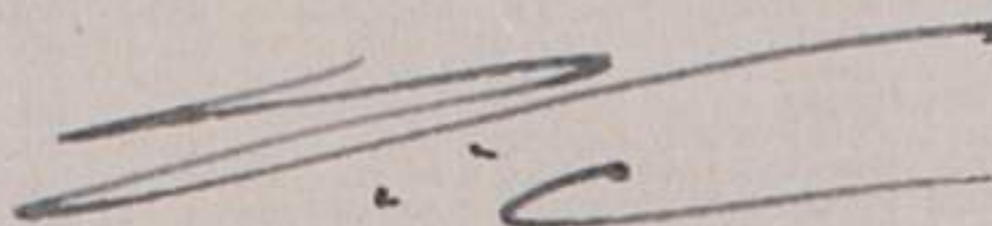
I am sorry not to have answered your letter of the 15th before, but I have been out of town and just got back.

We have always had a very broad special order line from Hickey-Freeman, but right now I don't know what to tell you. They sent out a special order line about ten days ago which was not as extensive as usual, and in the few days we have had it we have been getting "outs" by the dozen. They have promised us more swatches lately so maybe by the time you get in we will be better able to take care of you than we are at the moment.

Of course, we ordinarily carry a very large stock of Hickey-Freeman clothes, but that is not as extensive now as it usually is, although we were able to take care of Gus Lauterbach on a couple of suits out of stock this morning.

I would like to get you started, but I don't want to promise you too much under these particular conditions. My guess would be that given ordinary circumstances we would have a wide enough selection to be able to fit you right out of stock which, after all, is more satisfactory than any special order, if it can be done at all.

Sincerely,



Treasurer.

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P.S. - I am glad the boys found what they wanted. Anytime I can help you out in any way, will sure be glad to do so.