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Dear Mr. McConnell:-

You will probably think me very remiss in not having written to you before but the fact is that when the election was over I had a good many urgent matters which required immediate attention.

The assistance which you gave us so promptly met a very urgent situation. Some of our men, especially our candidate in East Edmonton, were at the end of their tether. Indeed I feel satisfied that had we not had you behind us East Edmonton would not have been carried.

The Party situation here has tremendously improved since 1921. As a result of the Federal and Provincial elections of that year we seemed in danger of entirely disappearing. However, we now have an optimistic, vigorous, fighting force, and if another Federal election takes place within the next year I would think that we should have an excellent opportunity of carrying five of the eight seats in Northern Alberta. This depends, of course, on a more or less continuous campaign being carried on from now until election. The vast majority of our farmers are still theoretically attached to free trade but are gradually reaching the attitude that while free trade may be perfect in theory it is in fact impracticable, and not only can no government put it into effect but with the existing American tariff it would be disastrous to do so. Under these conditions a campaign of education would I feel certain have very remarkable results. In a three cornered fight our man carried Peace River. In Wetaskiwin, which is also a rural

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