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The Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen. -4-

Nova Scotia, to attend the celebration of the landing of the "Hector" of now famous memory. Mr. Doucet's allegations are, therefore, true except the conclusion drawn that the "Margaret" carried an hilarious joy party of questionable guests, which cannot be substantiated, but there are very clear indications that Mr. Doucet received positive assurance that such was the case.

Hushing yesterday declined nomination in St. Antoine, obviously because he believed he could not be elected. I have little other information concerning Quebec, except friends yesterday, who had been visiting in Montreal, stated that Quebec is likely to give you a very pleasant surprise and substantial support, but there is by no means, as yet, any general or conclusive evidence of this belief. In Ontario the prospects are very promising of, at least, holding what you have. The counties of Welland, Kent, South Renfrew, South Temiskaming and North Oxford, are likely to be closely contested. There are splendid prospects of your winning in both Hurons, and very good prospects of West Lambton being recovered, also of Nipissing being won, according to views expressed by the Honourable Mr. MacRae.

The Toronto Star attempted to start an agitation calculated to create distrust in the 100,000 Canadian National Railway Employees and the Irish Catholic vote, by an announcement that Sir Henry Drayton was to become either President of the National Railways or High Commissioner for Canada, and that he probably had the option of choosing which he would take. Before leaving for Toronto on Wednesday, I went to Sir Henry urging that it was important that this should be corrected promptly before it became the topic of general discussion, as Mr. King had begun a tirade on "Hands Off the National Railways". Sir Henry has made a very effective statement, and I am satisfied has completely counteracted any effect that the article might have had, also some of your own utterances have contributed in restoring complete confidence in the minds of the officials and employees of the Canadian National Railways.

Remembering so vividly the handicap you laboured under last fall on account of physical suffering

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