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Rt.Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C.,
320 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Your personal letter of the 19th to hand.

Now, regarding Winnipeg, I had thought of going out west this autumn, perhaps in September but the situation is so bad overseas that I hate to be away from Ottawa very long at a time and so I have not made up my mind what I shall do. However I have accepted an invitation to speak at the C.N.E. Directors' luncheon at Toronto on Monday the 2nd of September and shall be there there for a day or two at the Royal York and will then talk the matter over and we can then decide what should be done. They tell me that it is a heart breaking trip to go out there. They work one almost to death and I certainly need some rest and this is not a very good chance to get any because everybody wants to see me.

I left Ottawa on Saturday afternoon the 3rd of August because I was very tired and had reached the stage where I could not sleep very well. The legislation was all through and only the estimates remained and I was really too tired to stay. There was, however, nothing wrong other than that.

I listened over the radio Sunday night to the announcement of King's meeting with Roosevelt at Ogdensburg and also to Grattan O'Leary's statement made the same evening. I got quite worked up about the whole thing so went to Ottawa Monday night. Stirling was there and we met together and asked King for an interview which he granted to us. We found out that the whole thing was Roosevelt's idea to help him out with Congress and give him a quid pro quo for anything he might do with Great

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