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TORONTO,
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Dear Senator:-

A very large group of Chatham men have associated themselves with the leading bean growers of Kent County with the idea of promoting a Soya Bean crushing industry at Chatham. They felt that the interests of the project would be best served by forming a co-operative organization of farmers. I need not deal with this angle now but, for my own part, I can say that such an organization would stand a good chance of being assisted by a protective tariff no matter what Party might happen to be in power.

A delegation from Chatham, with myself, waited upon The Honourable Thomas L. Kennedy, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, on the 16th. instant to lay the matter before him and to ask for a loan of \$50,000. from the Government to the proposed co-operative organization. We are seeking a similar loan from the Federal Government and a delegation from Chatham arrived in Toronto this morning on their way back from Ottawa where they placed their request before the Prime Minister and the Honourable Robert Weir, Dominion Minister of Agriculture.

I have examined carefully the proposed undertaking. I have also taken the pains to gather, from whatever sources were available to me, the most authoritative information concerning Soya Bean production and Soya Bean oil and meal manufacture. I feel certain that the future of this industry in Canada is assured and that it will mean a very great deal to farmers in those areas where Soya Beans may be grown. The project must have a beginning and that beginning must be well and carefully made. This undertaking is the kind of beginning that I think would go furthest to ensure success. The Chatham people are securing the expert assistance in production and marketing of the Archer-Daniel Midland Company of Minneapolis. This firm are the largest linseed and Soya bean crushers in the United States. They are in touch with every possible market and they have the strongest

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