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All fair minded supporters of the conservative party will admit that I have a right to be given a fair chance and a reasonable time before judgment is passed upon my ability and my activities. Such letters as were sent you by the two young lawyers of Quebec, in acknowledgement of yours, written in your capacity of leader of a great party, I consider an insult to yourself. A good and loyal soldier should never and will never respond to the desire of his chief in the way these two men have done. I will not say more for the present: it is such indiscipline in the ranks which is responsible for the loss of Bagot, and unless this state of affairs is remedied and remedied promptly, I cannot even see a remote possibility of defeating the trained and disciplined army of our opponents.

All I am asking at the present time is that God may grant me the health to go on long enough to bring harmony and co-operation in the Conservative Party in the Province of Quebec among men of good will. I am confined to my room today following a severe attack of grip contracted ^{last week} in the counties of Three-Rivers, St. Maurice and Berthier. My doctor has just reminded me that I am no more a young man; however, the work is not stopped on account of this: I have good and devoted friends ^{doing yeoman work} at the present time, unknown to those who employ their talents and activities not for the good of the party, but to criticise those who are in the saddle giving to that

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