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October 25, 1929.

John A. Tory, Esq.,  
President,  
The Board of Trade,  
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Mr. Tory:

I have your letter of 23rd. Am going to ask you to please excuse me from joining the Board of Trade. It is not that I do not appreciate the work of the Board of Trade--quite the contrary. The fact is, though, that I came to Toronto determined to keep out of all the organizations possible, and have varied from this policy too far already.

Sorry I cannot send you a more favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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