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Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King,  
Ottawa,  
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Dear Mr. King:

I trust that you have arrived safely back in the capital city again and that you are entirely satisfied with your Western trip. I am very much pleased, personally, on account of the splendid reception you had and the intelligent interest that was taken in your meetings. I think the meeting in Winnipeg was one of the finest meetings that I ever attended or that I ever hope to attend for some time. There was such a contrast between it and the Meighen meeting. At the Meighen meeting everybody seemed to be sitting on needles and there was a decided prejudice against both Meighen and Calder.

I am enclosing to you an editorial which ran in today's Free Press which is rather pouring cold water on Honorable "Arthur" and Calder's performance. I have been trying to follow the situation in regard to the East Elgin by-election. I think it is a little unfortunate that the two progressives should be opposing each other as I should certainly like to see the Government candidate defeated. After the gospel that you were preaching out here of getting together I think that we should now endeavor to put it into effect; if not openly to work out some understanding in the matter because it means that if the farmers are determined to put ~~Mason~~ in the field and that if we have three cornered fights the result will not be satisfactory to any of these progressives.

I should like if you could have been able to address more farmers meetings when out here. Not being able to do it I certainly believe a good method of reaching a great many of the farmers that had not an opportunity to hear you would be through the Grain Growers Guide. Last year, you will remember, I wrote you in regard to the matter and I think that it was a splendid thing and did considerable good. Mr. Abel, a representative of the Grain Growers Guide from Toronto, wrote me how I felt on the matter and if I would care to recommend it to you. I am using the "Guide" myself in a business way and I do believe that it is a very strong medium. They have a circulation of about 90,000 in the three prairie Provinces which practically means a hundred and eighty thousand voters and the Christmas issue is got out

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