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September 25th, 1924.

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My dear Mr. Crockett:-

Thank you for your letter of
September 22nd enclosing the clipping from the Star.

There is more than one thing in
it which amuses one and some things hardly justified
by the facts. However, I have reached that state
where I take little notice of what newspapers have to
say. What caused the present outburst in the press
were some remarks I made at a very innocent gathering
in Montreal. I was pleading for a better Civil Service
and illustrated a point I was making by a reference to
war expenditure. I had no intention of criticising
past Governments for the sake of making criticism or
political capital. Most of the papers missed entirely
the lesson I was trying to draw and attributed ulterior
motives to me.

I assure you I have no intention
of entering politics and am not influenced in the
least by any hierarchy, real or supposed, in Montreal.

With all good wishes and kind
remembrances of other days, I am,

Yours faithfully,