

THE PORT ARTHUR LIBERAL ASSOCIATION
PORT ARTHUR, ONTARIO

May 20th, 1926

Confidential.

General Sir Arthur Currie, K.C.M.G., etc.,
President, McGill University,
Montreal, Que.

My dear Art:-

I wrote the Right Honourable the Prime Minister the other day in regard to the appointment of one of the Civil Service Commission. As you know, as a result of this customs probe there were two asked to resign, and as Mr. King has a very nice majority now it goes without saying that he will naturally have the majority of the Commission Liberal. I understand also that he may increase the number from three to five.

We had a meeting of the Liberal Executive a week ago tonight, and incidentally I told them in addressing them that I had been Acting Secretary for the past six or seven years and had never asked any favour of them. I had given my time and money in the last few elections held here for both Dominion and Local Houses, and the thought struck me that it would not cost anything to ask the government to appoint me on the Commission.

The resolution was passed unanimously and forwarded to Mr. King, signed by one as Acting Secretary for the evening. I got Mr. I. L. Matthews, the defeated Candidate in the last general election to write personally to the Prime Minister, also Mr. A. J. McComber, the previous defeated candidate, also Mr. J. W. Crooks, ex-Mayor, member of the Liberal Executive, and Dr. Geo. E. Eakins, President of the Liberal Association here, and now I go to you and ask if at all possible, to write a letter to the Prime Minister confidentially. I think that your letter will have as much weight, if not more, than all the rest combined.

This position, as you know, carries a salary of \$6,000 a year with it, and that will just suit me fine.

I pointed out to the Prime Minister all my bad qualities, such as working in the Post Office at Strathroy for 21 years, and for the past 16 years have been in the