



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
CANADA

Leader of the Opposition

Ottawa,  
19th May, 1941.

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The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C.,  
The Senate,  
O t t a w a .

Private.

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

Thanks for your note of the 17th, with  
a clipping from the Fort Erie News.

My recollection is that in 1931 the  
Census Commissioners were invariably appointed on a  
partisan basis and that we recommended them, exactly as  
was done by the present Government, and therefore it is  
not open to us to raise particular h— about the method  
adopted on this occasion.

What we have seized upon is the statement  
made by the Minister that the Commissioners are to consult  
with the Members and the defeated candidates, and so far as  
I am concerned he has gone that far, even to the extent of  
writing a letter to the Commissioner in my constituency  
asking him to conform. In some cases the Commissioners  
are refusing to conform and in every instance in which  
I have approached him in that regard action has been  
taken. I do not know definitely what the results are.

Of course I think we have got to direct  
our barrage to the whole theory of taking the census at  
this time.

Yours very truly,

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