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Mr. Hanson M.P.

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Dear Sir,-

I had commissioned Mr. H. T. Smith, who is well acquainted with this district, to see you in regard to the division of the County of Pontiac. I understand that he has done so and at the same time has told you of a letter I had received from the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen on the subject. I was greatly surprised to learn that you had nothing before you at all with regard to the division of the county. I write you now to strongly urge that if nothing better can be done that the Abitibi District be cut off as was suggested by you to be within the bounds of possibility.

If this be not done, I donot believe we will be able to get an English speaking conservative candidate to face utter submer-sion, which would certainly be the lot if Pontiac be left as it is now. With the Abitibi out of the way, we have a fair fighting chance to overcome the enemy.

As you are aware, the Abitibi people, all grits, want separation and so it would please them equally with us if it were done. And this view, may I suggest, should be laid before the committee.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

D. D. Barry

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