

403 Avenue Block,
Winnipeg, Man.
April 20, 1923.

The Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Arthur:

I can assure you I have had one hell of a time with Mr. Kilvert but I believe that he has now come around and his sympathy is more with me than it is with Davidson & Smith.

I told you in my last letter of the different propositions that Kilvert put up to me in settlement with Davidson & Smith and that Davidson & Smith after promising Kilvert they would carry them out have failed him entirely. There is no doubt in my mind that he is now feeling a little sore. In my last session with him I took an entirely different stand and told him I was quite prepared to trust the Bank of Hamilton and that I believed he would advise Head Office to give me the necessary money to carry on my operations. This he assured me he would do and referred me to the fact that Mr. Pitblado and Mr. Riley are the two other Western directors who are friends of mine. To make the story short, I said, "Mr. Kilvert I will give you the security you ask, believing you will carry out your promises and see that I get the necessary money to operate my farms for the summer". He also is taking an option on a strip of the property in dispute 19 feet wide and 1000 feet long lying south of the Davidson Smith elevator for a consideration of \$10,000. This does not affect the balance of my property to any great extent. I then have the option on conditions that if the Bank of Hamilton decide to foreclose their mortgage on the Davidson Smith elevator this will put the Bank of Hamilton in position to satisfy any prospective purchaser for the Davidson Smith elevator. I thought it wise to do this as it will indicate to Head Office that I am doing everything possible to help the Head Office get the Davidson Smith mortgage cleared up.

If you should be in Hamilton at any early date and drop in for a casual conversation with Mr. Bell, you might bring up in some way the trouble I have been having and I know a word with Mr. Bell will have a great effect.

I again wish to thank you for the trouble I have put you to but hope that in the future I will be able to compensate you in some way. You might let Senator Sharpe know how I have scrapped it out with Kilvert. With kindest regards to all.

Yours Sincerely
D. Staples

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