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PRESIDENT

The Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Mr. Meighen:-

RE CHURCH UNION.

No doubt you have received a great many letters on the subject of the Church Union Bill now before Parliament. I note there is a strong lobby on to upset the amendment adopted by the Private Bills Committee by which the constitutionality of the proposed Bill will first be passed upon by the Courts. I would like to say that I am strongly opposed to the proposed Bill. There has been no vote on Union taken for the last eight years and the Bill itself has never been voted on by the members of the Presbyterian Church and I feel that unless this Union carries with it at least a majority of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church that instead of being helpful it will only be harmful. There are certain features of the proposed Bill which are, in my opinion, exceedingly unfair, for example, the provision that dissenting Churches shall vote themselves out of the amalgamated body. As a matter of fact we do not know whether the majority of the members of the Presbyterian Church are for or against as there has been no vote on the proposed Bill and to force the unwilling members of the Church into an organization which they do not want to enter with the option of voting themselves out is, in my opinion, grossly unjust. The matter should be adjudicated on by the Courts before Parliament legislates. I sincerely hope that you will see that fair play is given to those who do not want to join the proposed Union Church.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

R. O. McCulloch

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