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conference at Edmonton during the past week, and had offered to give them: "Rural Credits"; "Return of Natural Resources"; "Assurance of no immediate election"; and "Assistance to the marketing of livestock overseas." Merrifield and other Conservatives there became very anxious and wired me to ask what we were prepared to do. As I was not desirous of becoming involved in anything of this character I simply assured him that your personal stand on the question of the Natural Resources was much more sound and honest than the constantly shifting position of Mackenzie King, and secondly, that there was much less likelihood of an immediate appeal to the country by the Conservatives, were they to take office, than under the present position with Mackenzie King, and that your record as regards assistance to the marketing of Western products had been demonstrated in many ways to be perfectly sound while that of King's had been hopelessly abortive, and lastly, as to Rural Credits, you will recall that I have personally taken a very strong stand on the Banking and Commerce Committee,

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