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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,
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Dear Mr. Meighen:

Thank you very much for your letters of December 31st and January 3rd, which I should have answered sooner had I not been pretty thoroughly worn out with sundry domestic duties and a heavy cold. This has now cleared up, but our older child^{has} had a rather heavy cold, so I am not out of the woods yet.

I have not seen Mr. Barmine's book, but frankly I doubt whether it would tell me much I don't already know, except for corroborative detail. A dozen years' experience of the domestic variety of Communist has left me with no illusions about them. They are the bitterest and the most unscrupulous enemies the C.C.F. has, and I should think I might surprise even you by what I could tell you about my personal experiences with them. There are, of course, people who are well aware of the shortcomings of Canadian Communists, but cherish the peculiar delusion that foreign Communists are altogether different. This is a view which I see no reason to share.

I am sorry you had such a poor opinion of Mr. Wheare's review. I think, on the whole, it is good, though I should be prepared to take issue with him on some minor points. I enclose a copy of my letter to him, which I am afraid will not please you much better than the review.

I suppose you have seen the editorial in the Journal last week about your speech in Washington in 1930; if not, I must send it to you. I heard only this morning that there was a long article on you in last Saturday's Citizen. I must look it up.

I notice the recent Time article on Mackenzie King contains some fresh additions to the fables surrounding his career, perhaps the most notable being that when he first took office, he was the youngest Prime Minister Canada had ever had. I have written the local correspondent of Time, pointing out the inaccuracies. But as the correspondent in question is a friend of mine, I have foreborne writing to Time itself, especially as the inaccuracies in question are only matters of detail, and the real outrages in the article would require far more space and time than I can give.

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