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his Association and will see me again on Monday or Tuesday. He lives several miles from here.

I saw a number of French Canadians and they are sympathetic. There is over forty per cent. French in the riding and ninety per cent. of them were devoted followers of our Old Chief. I also discussed the matter with some Conservatives. Their only hope is Brigadier General Hervey who is a resident of the County but whose business is in Montreal. From what I can learn, though he is being strongly urged to do so, he will not be disposed to run. He is a conservative but is inimical to the Union Government on account of some difficulty about a railway charter. He could scarcely be a factor without financial assistance. If however, he were a Government candidate with the financial backing of their party, he would be formidable on account amongst other things, of his rather remarkable services at the front with the Railway Corps.

Another thing that a prominent Conservative said to me was that they did not want any "fixing and sawing off" at Ottawa; that he for one would not be deprived of his franchise by party wire pullers in Ottawa, and that ^{if} any arrangement is made it should be made locally. It appears that they are somewhat sore with some of their party wire pullers at Ottawa particularly with Reid who assumed before to have authority in this part of the Province and rode rather rough shod over their wishes.

I think you may safely let things run along here quietly for a few days, and see how they shape up and you may find that matters will arrange themselves so that you will not have to ask for any