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Dear Sir Arthur,

On October 19 you were good enough to invite me up to your office for a conversation on the League of Nations and kindred subjects. We had hardly got started when a telephone call obliged you to hurry away from the University, but you kindly asked me to breakfast with you on the following morning in order, especially, that we might have a "good, long talk". Unhappily, you were ill the next day. I was sorry for that, and sorry too to have to leave Montreal without seeing you again. I wanted to converse with you about the rôle that Canada has been playing at Geneva, and the rôle she might play, since your personal influence is widely felt throughout the land.

From items that appeared subsequently in our western Press, I have been led to hope that you may be in fundamental if not in detailed agreement with me. As to the details, I referred to them in the gentlest and friendliest fashion in beginning my speech on "Disarmament and Security" before the Canadian Club of Edmonton on November 13, and I enclose you a copy herewith. As I suggested, you may have been misreported, but I hope I am right in inferring that you would favour a League with "force behind it", with "spine", "power", etc.

Of course, even if our political representatives had endorsed the principle of a powerful League, they would have had specifically to exempt us from having ever to attempt to constrain our mighty neighbour to the south. Such a reservation would have been universally understood; and it

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