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Regina, August 16th, 1919.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,
The Roxborough,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My Dear King:-

I have your letter of the 11th instant, reminding me with respect to the matter of the candidate in Assiniboia. I had not forgotten the matter. On my return I discussed the matter with some of our friends here. Steps are being taken to get into communication with some of the leading Liberals of Assiniboia but it is very difficult to know just what is the proper action to take.

✓ It will never do for the Liberal party in this province to get into conflict with the Grain Growers' Organization. Speaking generally, the Liberals and the Grain Growers stand on a very similar platform and there is no doubt in my mind but that the majority of the Grain Growers are friendly disposed towards the Liberal party. On the other hand, if the Grain Growers, as they apparently will, insist upon placing a Grain Grower candidate in the field, irrespective of what the political parties do, we may get into conflict with them and ruin the chances of the Liberal party in the province ✓ for several years to come. It would perhaps be better for us to move slowly. However, you may rest assured that we will do our best to handle the situation in the most advantageous way, but just in the meantime I cannot say what is the better course to pursue.

Yours faithfully,

W. M. Martin

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