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Dear Colonel MacPherson:

I am grateful indeed to you for your two letters of 4th August.

I learned today from Nova Scotia on reliable authority that Morrison, head of the Union in the coal area of Cape Breton, is a very decent fellow and that he advised the Government of subversive elements among the miners — Communists of the worst type — and could get no action whatever right up to the time of the trouble and indeed can get none since. The result is that the Steel Company there has to import coal from the United States to maintain, or help maintain, its production. This is an awful situation, and my informant says that the stumbling block is Lapointe. I have never had the least doubt but that Lapointe was the insurgent against duty at Arvida. My informant now says that undoubtedly he has stood with rock-like determination against anything in the way of action, evidently fearing, so my informant says, the antagonism of one or two Catholic organizations.

Later information indicates that the damage at Arvida will take vastly longer to repair than the three weeks estimated by Howe. I am enclosing an editorial on this subject from today's Telegram.

While writing I may mention the last news despatch which the papers indicated had its source in Mr. Hanson. I doubt very much, however, if he was responsible for it. It was to the effect that there would just be something of a conference this Fall and

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