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Toronto, September 11, 1941.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,  
320 Bay Street,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I regret this somewhat belated acknowledgment of the receipt of your letter of September 2nd. However, I think, perhaps, you will understand how busy I was at the Canadian National Exhibition up until midnight last Saturday and it is only since then that I have been able to contact the Chairman of the Speakers Committee, to whom I referred your request the day after you made it to me some months ago.

By the way, I would remind you that our season was practically over at that time and the 1941-42 season begins next Tuesday.

You are mistaken, I feel certain, in assuming that the Empire Club allows itself to be used as a forum "for the purposes of government speakers and no others in so far as subjects of crucial moment to the Canadian people are concerned."

I have been a member of this organization also since its inception and can assure you that its only thought all down through the years has been to promote the idea of "Canada and a United Empire". This may be the reason why the Speakers Committee decided that it could not provide a forum for the encouragement of political controversy such as your letter states would be the purpose of your address.

I trust you will understand and appreciate my position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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