October 27, 1952.

Mr. Charles Empringham, 466 Kenwood Ave., Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Empringham:

I am very pleased indeed to have such a fine letter from you as yours of 23rd. Am glad you found the address on "Shakespeare" worth reading and hope you will make a careful study of the speech on the Byng crisis of 1926. A thoroughly dishenest and rather hysterically-written piece of dramatising on that question appears in the last issue of "Maclean's" magazine. The speech on the subject in "Unrevised and Unrepented" is a factual account of the whole event and no one has even attempted to answer that speech yet. There are a few facts not there, and one of them very important, vis., that while Mr. King was conducting a campaign against Downing Street domination, which reached a stage of intensity and even bitterness in Quebec, he concealed from the public that he was the only one concerned who asked for Downing Street interference and urged upon Lord Byng to request instructions from Downing Street as to what he should do. This he concessed from the people of Canada until after the election was over. I did not know it when I made the speech at Cobourg now included in "Unrevised and Unrepented."

The Maclean magazine screed leaves it out, although it is absolutely vital, and leaves out a lot of other things of importance as well.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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