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The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear *Mr Meighen* —

I am enclosing herewith copy of Budget Speech delivered by The Honourable C.A. Dunning in January of this year, which you may find interesting and which may be of some use.

We were very much interested in this morning's press items to note that the Honourable J.C. Elliott is having to answer in his own constituency for the purchase of the Regina Jail here, when either himself or the group he represented cleaned up almost \$40,000.00.

As you are doubtless aware Dr. Anderson has resigned the Provincial Leadership in Saskatchewan. This, I am afraid, is going to make it rather embarrassing for me, as a great many of our friends feel that I should take this on. As you very well realize, I would do anything possible to advance the cause of the Party in this Province, but I do not see how I possibly can assume the active leadership. During the past five years I have been endeavoring to build up a law practise and have been tolerably successful. The Party feel that the leadership should mean active work in the field and to devote such work in this province would mean absolute ruin so far as business is concerned. I know an arrangement was made with Anderson as to a certain salary, but under no circumstances would I accept any salary for the ~~work~~ even if I felt that I could take the work on.

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