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be worth very much, but I cannot see where any particular change is to come from. The Conservatives claim 10 to 15 seats in the Province of Quebec which, I believe, is the pivotal Province. On the other hand my Liberal friends tell me that the French Canadians are voting with more intensity this year than ever. They seemed to have appropriated the Liberal party as their National party. They also hold that the Customs investigation, which defeated Mr. King, was in reality a reflection aimed at the Province of Quebec and at a French Minister. The feeling is very bitter, and in the past ten days nothing of a statesmanlike utterance has fallen from the lips of either of the leaders or of their followers. The Press has been far better than the speakers, but some of our papers have not hesitated to print rather libelous things. I think the Liberals will gain a seat or two in the Maritimes, hold their own fairly well in Quebec and they cannot find themselves in the next House in a very much worse position than they are now as regards Ontario.

I do not know how the West will do, but the Prairie Provinces will not support a high tariff party. In British Columbia the Conservatives have now 10 out of 14 and should have quite as many in the next House. I may be very much astray, but my present opinion is that we are in for another few years of unstable government. This is most regrettable, for the one thing a country needs is stability in government.

Business is very good throughout Canada. The West will have a good crop for the third year in succession and that makes them very happy and optimistic, but all this will likely be uninteresting by the time you receive this letter.

With kindest wishes always and again apologizing for troubling you, I am,

Every yours faithfully,

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