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Hon. R. B. Bennett,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Mr. Bennett:

I doubt if you remember me. I was the Dominion Securities representative in Ottawa before the war and had the pleasure of meeting you several times.

This morning I have read with much interest your speech in London yesterday and an idea occurs to me which I feel you will give consideration to and which I believe is important in its relation to Canadian as well as Empire affairs.

You have the attention of the world today to a greater extent than any individual Canadian ever had. Gold has also the attention of the world. Canada has the attention of the world. But Canadian gold production has never had world attention. I enclose an article on this topic reprinted from the Northern Miner in 1927. Would it not, therefore, be a worthwhile thing to do at some occasion, like yesterday in London, if you were to make Canadian gold mining - its success, its rapidly increasing production, its vast influence in Canadian and Empire economics, and its almost unlimited possibilities of future development, - the keynote of one of your addresses which are today carried round the world?

It seems to me such a statement by you would greatly facilitate, stimulate and encourage all of those who are working for greater Canadian economic independence through being able to discharge its external obligations and trade balances with gold.

Then, perhaps, our good and dynamic friend, Mr. Ferguson, might reiterate the same idea in the heart of the Empire to the great advantage of our beloved country.

I quite appreciate there previously has been and perhaps not without some cause, a disinclination on the part of many public men to ally their remarks with such a speculative development as gold mining. The conduct of mining affairs fin-

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