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PERSONAL.

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Dear Chaplin:-

After putting you on the train on Sunday I got thinking of my suggestion that a fund should be opened giving opportunity to any who might wish to subscribe. Price, Russell, yourself and myself concurred that in view of the feeling, which might almost be said to be intense in our own Province, such a plan would be helpful, not alone in the amounts which might be offered but in the support and zeal which would follow from contributors.

My mental canvass of this proposal convinced me that good and no harm could result from a setting up of this fund in Ontario at least. I took a hurried trip to Ottawa, saw the Chief and laid before him the enclosed draft which I sketched on the train. The Chief appeared to think well of it, but I think I failed to carry prompt conviction. He told me to see Kemp which I have done. The latter's view was not expressly against it, but he was influenced by two considerations - one, that he might be asked to be Treasurer, and 2, that the plan would not produce much money, but he did not pass judgment against it and as a matter of fact when listening to me I think he was obsessed with another situation

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