

Mr. Meighen



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Leader of the Opposition

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Dear Mr. Meighen:

After consultation with, and receiving the approval of, Sir George Perley, Senator Robertson, Honourable Dr. Tolmie, and Sir Henry Drayton, I took a step yesterday which I know to be of considerable importance and to which I wish to secure your approval, and which I will fully explain in this letter. That is, I placed in the hands of the Clerk a resolution on "Rural Credits".

I had intended submitting the resolution to you before putting it on the Order Paper, but a certain emergency arose which made it important in my opinion that it should be made public at once, and in this all the above mentioned gentlemen concurred. The reason for this somewhat hasty course arose out of information I received from Edmonton, which I will now outline.

Mr. Merrifield, our Conservative Organizer in British Columbia, was called to Edmonton by one of the ministers in the local Government, who claimed to have, and undoubtedly has, great influence in the Progressive ranks. It transpired that the Liberals were working assiduously to secure the support of the Alberta Progressives and have been sitting in

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