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Dear Sir Arthur,

I rejoiced to find from our press despatches this morning that you have come out strongly in favour of unity of action for the Dominion through a National Government at Ottawa. It has seemed to me for considerable time past that a division of political forces at Ottawa and in many of the provincial legislatures not only results in a waste of effort and money but through the very division of political feeling the nation is prevented from making more haste in the fruits that co-operative action should produce. In Manitoba the Farmers' party are in favour of union government but the Conservatives resist. In Saskatchewan the Conservatives are anxious for union government but the Liberals will not co-operate, and there is the same lack of harmony in British Columbia. From what I have read, somewhat of a similar situation exists in Ontario. These are no times for bickering about personal views and I thoroughly agree with what you have said. It does not need a prophet to foresee what will happen if we continue with a division in the national forces.

Yours sincerely,

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