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Dear Mr. Cahan:

I was disappointed when I called at your office on my way to Ottawa to find that you were away. I received your letter at Ottawa, and I had greater regrets on my return to find that you were in the hospital, and I still could not see you. I am pleased to have reports that you are improving and will soon be well again.

I would like very much to have had a talk with you in respect to the political situation. The speech you delivered in Toronto was received with much favour in some quarters, but there is a feeling that there were reflections on Mr. Meighen that, while clearing the air in some places, might have the effect of stirring up resentments within the party. Mr. Meighen may have his shortcomings, but he has great ability and a big personal following, who will support him right or wrong.

You are looked upon as an outstanding man in the Liberal-Conservative party. I do not know what may be in store for you in the way of duty to the country and to our party. With this in mind I would be sorry if anything you may say could be construed in any part of the country as a disagreement with our present leader.

I had nearly two hours with Mr. Meighen when I was in Ottawa, and it appears to me that he is as anxious as a man can be to do what is best. There is always divided counsel, and positive action of any kind meets with some objections. I believe

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