



THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES

OTTAWA

August 19th, 1930.

My dear Sir Arthur:-

Please accept my most grateful thanks for your thoughtful and very deeply appreciated letter of congratulation.

The problems of government today are many and complex, and the task of those responsible for administration is made much more difficult because of existing economic and business conditions, and the general public, because of hard times and low spirit, is inclined to be censorious and unreasonable, and then, unfortunately, owing to the apparently inevitable tendency in all young countries the question of patronage consumes much of the time and energy of the Ministers. However these obstacles, though formidable, only add zest to the task, and coupled with the fact that I have felt that there is a large field of opportunity of service in assisting in the development and expansion of the fisheries, which ought to be one of our major basic industries, made my acceptance of the offer of this

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