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Dear Howard:-

I was in Toronto last week and saw Mr. Meighen. He is greatly incensed at the attitude of the Canadian Press with respect to partisanship during the present war, and he has enclosed a copy of a dispatch from the Globe of September 7th, 1940, which I enclose. This stuff put out by the Canadian Press is the purest propaganda and is intended to indicate that Canada's efforts in this war were much greater than they were in the last. I have several observations to make in regard to this. One is that the Government of twenty-five years ago helped win the war, and this Government so far has done very little to help win the war. Propaganda of this character is calculated to bring contempt upon the members of the old Government, only two of whom are now alive, Mr. Meighen and Sir Thomas White.

Furthermore, the recent speech of Ralston at the Canadian Club in Montreal on Wednesday last, launching the new War Loan, was of a very extravagant character. You may have read it. I saw an advance copy of it, but have not had any opportunity to refer to it. There is one particular passage, however, to which I desire to call your attention.

In referring to the Canadian Air Force Overseas, he indicated that these young men, who have done very good work indeed during the past week or two, especially under Squadron Leader McNabb, operated in Canadian made planes built in Canadian factories. Now, of course, this is false as hell. The only planes that are being operated over there by the R.C.A.F. are some forty Hurricanes shipped by Canada Car to England.

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