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Dear Sir Arthur,

Herewith you will find a memorandum dealing with three separate plans for colonizing Canada. The first, a British organization, is the plan that I advanced in a booklet some ten months ago. It is pretty much what Mr Greenfield had in mind when we all had luncheon together a few weeks ago in Montreal. The second plan carries out the ideas that were expressed at that luncheon, a Canadian organization under the control of outstanding Canadians serving without remuneration. The third is something entirely new, the creation of a syndicate to take up the work on commercial lines.

It was understood at our luncheon that Mr Greenfield and I were to prepare the outlines of a plan and submit it to yourself and the others who were good enough to have luncheon with me. Mr Greenfield came here from Montreal and had to go west hurriedly. He said that he wished to take time to think the matter over and I would hear from him, which doubtless I will at an early date.

I am not altogether clear as to the desirability of sending this material to Mr Greenfield. Recently the Liberal party in Alberta was reorganized. I think I can see in one of the Alberta Liberal papers the starting of a campaign against the Farmers Government. Mr Greenfield may at any moment be on the defensive and might, if he had the material herewith in his possession, make use of it. If that should happen, I am afraid there would be a good deal of difficulty in getting the Ottawa Government to consider anything in the way of a change from its present methods. Mr Greenfield is big enough not to feel offended if the material is not sent to him. What he wants is to get some people in his province.

I shall be glad to have your frank comments on these three plans. Personally I like the syndicate idea. It would be a move somewhat similar but of course on a smaller scale to the move which brought the Canadian Pacific Railway into existence. The syndicate at that time took great chances with their capital and they won through. Some of the capital of the syndicate for land settlement purposes I believe should be secured in England, thereby laying the foundation for active support in Great Britain.