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Dear Mr. Meighen:-

You will recall the last time I had the pleasure of seeing you at Montreal I intimated that it was doubtful if I would be a candidate again when the coming general elections are on. I have given the matter most serious and careful consideration since and have reluctantly come to the conclusion that my business and personal affairs require daily attention and therefore I cannot possibly be a candidate for any of the Montreal divisions.

There has been a great change in public opinion, favourable to you and the Conservative party since the general elections of 1921, and I am satisfied that if I had decided to contest St. Lawrence and St. George that my chances would be most favourable to defeat the present Liberal member, Mr. Marler. You may be sure that St. Lawrence and St. George will be redeemed, when the general elections are on, for the Conservative party and I am strongly of the opinion that we can carry all of the English speaking seats in the City of Montreal.

The suggestion has also been made that I should be the candidate in the new Mount Royal division, having lived there for many years and still being a property owner. I could not however accept, even though I was chosen as a candidate, for the reasons that I am giving you in this letter, which has caused my decision not to be a candidate again. This decision is not due to any lack of confidence in the Conservative party, its policies or in you as my leader, but solely that I may devote my time and attention to my business and personal affairs. Had I been freer, nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to have gone into the fight once more and shared in the victory that is surely coming to the Conservative party under your very able and distinguished leadership.

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