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tive party comes back to its old traditions the better, not only for Quebec, but for the whole country.

A good many of our friends dare not tell you the truth in this respect, for fear of antagonizing that noisy element. But I feel bound in duty to put this state of affairs before you as I see it .

I have also your letter of the 12th, advising me that you intend visiting Quebec during the first week of October. I am sure that all the friends here will be delighted to see you and you will be accorded a cordial and enthusiastic reception. You may always record on my loyalty and faithfulness . If I can be of any service while you are in Quebec, I will be delighted . I do not wish to take the lead, notwithstanding the sincere desire which I have to do something personally for you while in Quebec. As I have explained to you, time and again, the stand which I took during the years that we were in power, from 1911 to 1921, when I followed the conservative party through thick and thin, has antagonized many of the deserters, who have now come back and are ready to follow you. Through their pusillanimity, or cowardice, they have ruined the conservative party in Quebec, but they are not frank and broad enough to admit of their mistake. So there must be victims; I am willing to be one of these victims, if it may help you and our cause .

Yours faithfully and sincerely,

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