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The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen. Leader of the Opposition Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr Meighen.

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 18th offering congratulations for which I wish to thank you, and would have acknowledged it before this but I have been out of town doing organization work in my constituency.

Dr King was here yesterday and went to the coast today, I beleive he has not decided on accepting an nomination in East Kootenay, and will not until he looks over the ground thorly at the coast, who ever our political opponent may be we have an excellent opportunity of winning this constituency for the conservatives.

In the Firnie constituency the Home Bank will be a local issue, as a great many of the miners lost their money in that failure, and Dr King told some of them privatly yesterday that he put fourth a great efford in their behalf when the Home Bank bill was up in the house, I have looked Hansard over carefully in this connection and I fail to see where he put fourth any efford on behalf of the depositors. Would you kindly let me know if I am correct ,as I wish to oppose this statment strongly if Dr King is a liberal candidate here.

I also intend to announce from the platform in that constituency that I am personally in favor of the Home Bank depositors getting one hundred cents on the dollar.

There is a great deal of work to be done in this constituescy in the way of organization, which we are attempting to do at present,

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