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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

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I had a rather interesting interview with your old friend John W. McConnell of the Montreal Star at Montreal on the 22nd instant, and I think I sold him that idea, although his actions for the past six months have been like that of a harlot throwing herself at a man. He has taken the attitude of supporting the Government through thick and thin in its war effort, and at the same time of endeavoring to direct the Government as to what it should do. I understand the internal reason is because of sugar, and he is very sensitive where his own interests are concerned.

Accordingly I thought I had to see him and should have seen him before the session was over. The interview lasted an hour and a half. He talked for eighty minutes, and I had ten minutes, but sold him the one single idea, and I am going to follow it up.

They tell me he is most susceptible to personal flattery and I have learned how to use that weapon in a good cause.

Just think over my suggestion of trying to get inside the Canadian Press by the inside method. It may help.

I shall be in Toronto on Monday, the 2nd of September, and will stay over for a day or two in order to see you and some others. I have got to get \$2,000.00 up there to make good my guarantee at Saskatoon. The result was worth while. Perhaps you can give me the name of a party or two to whom I should apply.

Yours faithfully,

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