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OTTAWA, August 7th, 1926.

The Rt. Honourable Arthur Meighen,  
Portage La Prairie,  
MANITOBA.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I am to-day in receipt of a letter from Mr. Esling, Member for West Kootenay, indicating that wage earners, of whom there are very many in his riding on account of the mining industry, are concerned about the policy of your party respecting Old Age Pensions, and he asks that I get in touch with you and suggest to you an announcement on the subject. I am enclosing for your information Mr. Esling's letter, and a copy of my reply to it, which is self-explanatory and need not be enlarged upon.

Returning from Toronto this morning, I found that Mr. Blacklock left last night to join you in the West. His absence will be a very distinct loss here, especially in view of our plan to send out during the last month of the campaign, special articles written by Mr. Blacklock to the daily press. However, we shall do the best possible in his absence, and no doubt Tom will be doing his bit from wherever he may be.

The handbook has been printed and was received here yesterday. I am enclosing two copies of it herewith for your information, and I am also enclosing, the only copy I have of a special pamphlet dealing with the flooding of Canada with infected prison made garments, which as you will note is largely an extract from information contained in the handbook. I have also read the proofs to-day of another pamphlet of eight pages entitled, "Why

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