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CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Senator L'Esperance:

Speaking at a luncheon about two weeks ago Mr. C.H. Cahon, M.P. for St. Lawrence-St. George, made a statement to the effect that after his many years of service to the Conservative party he found now in his own riding organization work going on against him and going on under the name of the Leader of the Party. I have heard from other sources that Mr. Cahon feels that you have undertaken certain organization work in his county without consulting him.

At the time the statement at the Country Club was made I had not the slightest idea of what he was referring to unless it might be that others were seeking to strengthen themselves with a view to nomination. This, of course, would be the right of any aspirant as long as his work was done in an honourable way. It was quite unjust to associate myself with the charge, as, of course, I had nothing whatever to do with anything of the kind.

I feel also that you similarly have had nothing to do with any unworthy effort to undermine Mr. Cahon. I think, and I am sure you will agree with me, that while a man is a Member of the

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