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Dear Mr. Meighen,--

Thanks very much for letting me have your address in New York before the Canadian Society, and your speech on the National Railway Bill. I enjoyed reading them very much.

I have endeavored to keep up with these problems and get the literature issued by the Royal Institute of International Affairs, and I have given some thought and attention to the trend of government in the field of business.

I delivered an address at McMaster University last winter on this subject. I first endeavored to clearly define the issues between the position taken by private business, and used Mr. J. M. Macdonald's address at the annual meeting of the National Trust Company as representative of the position taken by private business. Then I contrasted that with the collectivist view taken by the Socialist. Then I proceeded to trace from the beginning of the twentieth century to the present time, the encroachment of the State into the field that formerly belonged to private business, with particular reference to the Province of Ontario, but not neglecting in a broader way the United States and Great Britain, and with some attention to Russia and the Scandinavian countries. And then taking the premises that the State guarantees the economic security of the individual, it is hard to come to any other conclusion but that the line between State ownership and private business has shifted, and will continue to shift into that field of services and commodities which is necessary for the supplying of

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