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Box 137, Kingston, Ontario,
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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My Dear Arthur:-

As I write I have before me yours of October 29th. which I have read with considerable care and some satisfaction; not as much, however, as would have been the case if we had seen eye to eye.

Do not worry, I am not going to launch into an argument but just to give you a bit of prophesy. Ontario's geographic position in relation to the United States, and Ontario's numerous centers of population, will create, if Ferguson is successful at the polls - I hope he will not be - and if the tide continues to grow in strength running against him, rural Ontario will speak in no uncertain terms, - a degradation and debauchery that will shock the people for a decade or two unless Dr. Monteith's statement becomes a realization and the people in their anger and education again wipe out the traffic. The Conservative party will suffer for the policy now forced upon it, despite the pronouncement of the Convention in 1920. You cannot compromise with the inevitable. Confidence is the basis of success in a public man. My father used to have an odd saying "Those who live longest will see most"; unless the fates are unkind each of us will have plenty to think about within the next ten or fifteen years.

Give my regards to your wife. I trust she is as happy and you are, in the quiet of home, as we at 128 Earl Street

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