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Dear Mr. Meighen:

I received yesterday the editorial from the Journal, to which I can only say a hearty "Amen," and Dexter's review of Williams' book. This latter is very good indeed and is particularly interesting because Dexter is so frequently cited as an authority in the book. The only thing I disagree with in the review is Dexter's statement that the book contains no mis-statements of fact. There are some, though on the whole it seems fairly accurate. It is, as Dexter says, very superficial and really doesn't probe into the subject as it should. It is, of course, a Ph.D. thesis, with all the faults of that genre.

I want to get your opinion on certain things Williams says. On p. 195 he states: "Since Senators are beyond the control of the national leader, they have occasionally used the caucuses of the whole parliamentary group as an occasion for harassing him. In one caucus during Bennett's premiership he became so incensed at the criticism and general obstuporosity of Conservative senators that he ordered them to get out and stay out. Not until Mackenzie became national leader in 1938 did they return." Williams gives as his authority for this a Ph.D. thesis by one John Liddle. Is it true?

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