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Headquarters in the Riding continuously for some time until we get it in better shape. The organization in the urban municipalities is all right, but the rural districts are very bad from our standpoint. It is almost impossible to get these in any kind of shape last Fall owing to the uncertainty as to what people would do when the three Candidates were in the field. One thing we are sure of all over the Riding, that the Conservative-Progressive stuck to the Progressive much better than the Liberal, and it was impossible to do anything with them. Another thing that we are sure of is that from sixty to seventy per cent. of the Progressive votes in October was formerly Conservative. What the Progressive vote will do in the coming by-election it is hard to say. We have not been able to get out to get an expression of the feeling at all, but hope to very shortly. We do know this, that many of the leading Progressives were very bitter against Mr. Malcolm in October, and I do not believe that he can possibly line them up with him on this by-election. No doubt they will try their best, but I feel sure that we can carry the North end of the Riding and if they can do as well in the South as they did in October we should be able to pull up considerably in Arran and Amabel townships. This is where we fell in the last election. As I see it now, if we can carry this by-election, it will certainly mean a great deal to you as leader of the opposition, and I hope that we will be able to give you this help. Personally, I feel satisfied that if Headquarters will give us the help that we need, we can deliver the goods, and as this is a by-election and they will be able to concentrate their whole force in this Riding, just the same as the Liberals will do, I see no reason why we cannot carry, and I certainly hope that we do.

I congratulate you on the way that you have handled the situation. I also congratulate you on your able Lieutenants, and feel that you have good support with you and able men, and trust that it will only be a short time until the people of the Dominion of Canada will have a chance to say which party they want to govern this Country, and if they get that chance we feel sure that it will be decisive the next time and that North Bruce will be with the great majority of Ontario.

Yours very truly

DJB/GM

J. D. Byers

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