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My dear Mr. Wilson,

I am very much obliged to you for your letter of March 18th with reference to Burns First Mortgage Bonds. You may rest assured that the information given me will be treated as confidential.

What do you think of the budget and the greatly increased taxes we must pay? Everyone, of course, expected to have increased taxes, and a fair increase would have been received with equanimity. But I see evidence of bitter complaint on the part of the people, because they do not believe the government has made the effort to economize that it should make before burdening us with this large amount of additional taxation.

I think we have nearly twenty Cabinet ministers, for instance; whereas the United States can get along with eight. Most of these ministers are very expensive luxuries, what with their trips across the country to Europe, their private cars, et al. I should think we could very well get along with half the Cabinet ministers we now enjoy.

Last year we sent the Honourable Mr. Cahan, the Honourable Mr. Dupré, and Miss Winnifred Kydd to a Disarmament Conference. We might very well have saved the money. And judging by what some of our representatives have said since they returned, we might have chosen better representatives. Then we sent Mr. Cahan on to Paris to negotiate a trade treaty. To my mind, such a negotiator should be a business man of Ross McMaster's character, and not an old and worn-out politician.

Then we have many other luxuries in the government service that might very well be dispensed with and should be dispensed with before increased taxation is inflicted.

With all good wishes,
I am,
Ever yours faithfully,