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Ottawa, September 20, 1926

Dear Ed.-

Thanks for your two letters of the 16th. I cannot yet make arrangements to come West; apparantly I am in for another hard knock in the result from the farms, but I cannot help it. I feel better with them in your hands and you must feel free to act with them as if they were your own. Will of course expect to get out this Fall.

I think you have analysed rightly the causes of the disaster of last Tuesday insofar as Portage is concerned. The non-English speaking vote went badly against us all over Canada. A million of our people have left and their places are being taken by foreign born. Also the women have the vote, and less solid thinking is being done now than some years ago. These three factors contribute to the opportunities of roorback and trickery, which played a part in the late contest never paralleled in our time. I am attaching a copy of a letter received from a man who is, I think, the shrewdest observer in the Province of Manitoba. This diagnoses correctly the

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