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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,  
The Senate of Canada,  
Ottawa.

*Forwarded*

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I feel you should have the information contained in the enclosed copy of our evening newspaper of this date.

The facts briefly are these:

One of our reporters - an intelligent, experienced and reliable young man - last month interviewed Assistant Commissioner Vernon of the R.C.M.P., and his articles based upon this interview were published on February 25. He told Colonel Vernon (as indicated in Colonel Vernon's own statement) that he was looking for material upon which to base articles about the illicit liquor traffic in this Province. And the articles in question, he declares, were a fair and accurate reproduction of that interview.

In one of the articles Colonel Vernon was quoted directly, and he does not deny the facts as presented in that article.

In the other article Colonel Vernon's name was not used, out of deference to his wishes; but now he himself has disclosed that he was the chief source of the information upon which that article was based.

Moreover, despite the tone of his communications to the Provincial Attorney-General and the R.C.M.P. headquarters at Ottawa, Colonel Vernon substantiates in those statements the essential features of the articles about which he now complains.

When Colonel Vernon first came here to take charge of the R.C.M.P. "H" Division, he saw me personally at

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