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Ottawa, Aug. 2, 1924.

Honourable L.G. Belley,
12 Ste Peter St.,
Quebec.

Dear Mr. Belley:

I have been thinking much over Rimouski since you left on Friday night. It is rather too bad that we had this extreme difficulty in Montreal at the same time because I have to give so much attention to that problem. As stated to you rather offhand during our conversation, I would be disposed to think it wiser to run Mr. Audette than yourself. You have been very prominent in the party, a member of the Government, and a defeat for you would be more serious, not only more serious for yourself but more serious for us all. A young man has some advantages anyway in circumstances of this kind, and therefore I feel justified in again expressing the opinion if a local man cannot be found a younger man like Mr. Audette would be a better candidate for us. However, I have every confidence in you and you and I are not going to have any difficulties.

I told Mr. Lavergne over the 'phone that I

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