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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, August 15, 1919

The Honourable W. M. Martin,
Premier of Saskatchewan,
Regina, Sask.

My dear Martin:

I thank you for your letter of August 11, written
at Kitchener.

I agree entirely with you as to the wisdom of my
obtaining a seat outside of the Province of Quebec, and in
Ontario if that can be satisfactorily arranged. I am hopeful
Glengarry may be arranged. There seems to be a pretty
general consensus of opinion that for me to represent that
constituency would be preferable to representing a riding
in any of the other provinces.

I am glad to have the information which your
letter gives of our mutual friend whom you saw the night
you went West. I shall keep in mind what you say about his
intentions, and as opportunity offers shall seek to moderate
the attitude of some of the friends on our side toward him.
I agree with you that we must do our utmost not to alienate
any of those who at heart are really our friends, and who
have been temporarily estranged through the very perplexing
and difficult situations which we have all had to encounter
in recent years.

I noticed a most generous expression of opinion
with reference to myself which you gave out in an interview
while in London. I thank you for it most cordially. Your
voice in support of the Convention's action, at this of all
times, will do the party infinite good, and it is a source
of great gratification to me that you have spoken as you have.

I am glad you had so pleasant a trip through parts
of Ontario which have helped to revive old memories and

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