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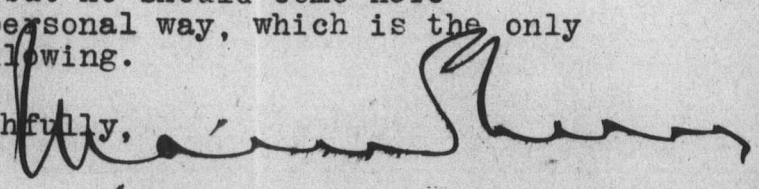
Bryant was not at all pleased, but he will be all right. I would suggest that you write Bryant and also write Bastedo. Bryant's eleventh hour suggestion before the Convention was that there be no Leader chosen but that the Leader be chosen from elected Conservatives at the next Election. The probable result for this suggestion is that Bryant will probably run himself in Lumsden and would, in any meagre following, command the right to be chosen as Leader.

It is rather interesting to note that D.H. MacDonald is busy organizing the Independent Party, a Convention for which has been called in Saskatoon this Summer, the Committee meeting setting the date, was since our Convention and MacDonald was, I believe, the leading spirit for the Convention. While all his inclinations are Conservative I am afraid Politically speaking very little reliance can be placed in him. There is no question as to his antagonism to the Dunning Government, nor as to his antagonism to the King Government, but his zeal as a Conservative ends there. As a matter of fact I think that some Organization of an Independent Party will help us more than it will hurt us.

Provincially speaking we should have a very reasonable chance for a decent opposition after the next Election. I think Anderson's first drive should be to secure prominent citizens to offer themselves for nomination in the various Constituencies. If we can get the type of man as candidate who enjoys public confidence and can have some array of such men we can make a strong appeal in a Provincial way and his job will be to see that such men offer themselves even although in many instances it will probably be as sacrifices.

In conclusion I don't think there is any cause for worry about Regina or Southern Saskatchewan, so far as Anderson is concerned, but he should come here reasonably soon and in a personal way, which is the only way, line up our whole following.

Yours faithfully,



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