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Rt.Honourable Arthur Meighen, K.C.,
Canadian General Securities,
National Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr.Meighen,-

I have your letter of March 18th in regard
to Fred Brook of Boissevain. The facts of the situation are
as follows:

The post office lot in the town of Boissevain
is much the best lot in the town and was purchased at big ex-
pense about 1913 by the Dominion Government with the purpose
in view of building a post office. Owing to conditions caused
by the war, construction was not proceeded with.

During the time that James Steedsman was the
Member for Souris, the Board of Trade of Boissevain constantly
asked him to take the matter up with the Department with a view
to having the post office built - but he would not even answer
their letters.

Subsequently, through the intervention of the
said Mr.Steedsman, a lease of the property was obtained in the
name of a Boissevain syndicate, the ringleaders in which were
Mr.Duncan Henderson, who ran against my father at the last pro-
vincial election and Dr.F.V.Bird, prominent Liberal whose father
at one time was Liberal member. This syndicate built a small tin
building on the lot and rented it to Mr.Brook. My partner,

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