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PERSONAL

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,  
320 Bay Street,  
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I have a copy of your letter with reference to the Arvida incident. I did not know the whole facts but there were sufficient of them published to arouse the keenest concern in the minds of any Canadians who do any thinking at all. The first thing that struck me in connection with it was that the first press notice out here was on Wednesday and the first radio notice on Wednesday night and yet the men had been out five days. Why this conspiracy of silence? If there is even the threat of a strike at Hamilton there is lots of publicity for it.

John Bird of the "Winnipeg Tribune" has written some very strong editorials and on Saturday I wrote him prodding him on. I think that some letters from Toronto to him commending him would be of value.

I read with great interest your letter to Gladstone Murray and I certainly enjoyed it. I do not know whether I told you or not of an experience I had with them last March, when they kept me off the air in an address I was making to the Rural Municipal Convention here. The assigned reason was that there was a rule that no one could broadcast from a public meeting. This really was not a public meeting, but the reason as given to General MacRae, who was National Chairman of the War Services Drive, was that they were afraid I might talk politics. The story is too long to give you in detail, but I will be glad to tell you later of it. I had some very interesting

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