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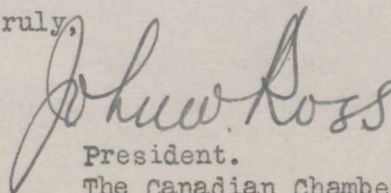
Dear Sir Arthur Currie:-

As President of The Canadian Chamber of Commerce I wanted you to know how very much we appreciate the practical interest you have been taking in our campaign for Public Economy. It is because you and several other outstanding Canadians have been behind this movement which is receiving the financial support of so many of our leading Canadian firms, that we are able to report progress. The work, it is believed, has made a splendid beginning these last few months, and the activities of the National Committee on Economy will be continued with still greater emphasis. This decision was taken at our Board meeting in Toronto last week. Plans are now maturing for the autumn campaign.

It is very encouraging to know that Ottawa at long and belated last is beginning to take notice of the manner in which public opinion is setting toward expenditures. Just this last week we understand that instructions have been issued to the various Departments that no supply money will be made available until the estimates voted by Parliament have been reduced a still further 10%. Delegations to Ottawa asking for public grants are not so numerous as a year or two years ago and furthermore some such requests, we happen to know, have been definitely turned down. From some of the provinces, moreover, we learn on good authority that the Governments have been able to cut expenditures because of our Campaign. Public opinion municipally is also getting in several quarters the desired results and both expenditures and the mill rate have been reduced.

There is attached a summary of the work so far undertaken and accomplished together with a reprint of articles recently appearing in the Canadian press despatches. These reprints illustrate the kind of publicity which is being effected.

Yours very truly,



President.
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

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