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Dear Mr. Meighen:-

I duly received your letter of the 19th instant, and I mentioned in my last letter to you that I would drop you a line telling you the outcome of the Liberal Convention in East Essex.

I note what you say about the Hon. Mr. Ferguson surmounting the difficulties that have arisen since the vote on Government Control in the Province. Right along, I have been using some of the arguments contained in your letter of the 19th. I would be very glad to see the Hon. Dr. Tolmie if he can see his way clear to visit North Essex, and I would be glad to put him up at my home.

Now, for the choice of the Liberal Convention held at Belle River on the 20th instant. Ed G. Odette manufacturer of auto tops received the nomination. He is a hale-well-met fellow and very popular and is the son of the late D. B. Odette who was a very prominent Conservative and a very able platform speaker in both French and English and was the Conservative nominee who opposed the late Mr. Wm. McGregor in the election of 1900.

I am enclosing clipping from the Border Cities Star of the 22nd instant, giving an account of the Convention.

There is just one thing that Mr. Odette stated that is absolutely contrary to facts, viz. that duties had been lowered on agricultural implements last Session and that the implement factories were never so busy as at present. If I remember correctly, the Prime Minister made the same statement last fall and one of the leading agricultural implement manufacturers came out with a denial and quoted figures. I would be pleased to have the exact figures as to the situation of the implement industry, at the present time, in order that it could be made use of at the Conservative Convention when it takes place to show up Mr. Odette's unreliable statement.

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