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Fredericton, N.B.,
August 27th, 1940.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
320 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Your letter of the 21st, with enclosure regarding Canadian Press, has just been called to my attention, having been forwarded here from Ottawa. I certainly sympathize with you in the battle which you are carrying on with the Canadian Press and I hasten to assure you that I never have and do not now intend to do anything which would even have the appearance of vindicating this organization.

It does occur to me, however, that notwithstanding the fact that Davies of the Kingston Whig Standard is at the head of this outfit at the present time and playing hand in glove with King at the present time, as I happen to know, that you might be able to do something from the inside. Now Howard Robinson is a Director of this outfit and I believe that you could interest him, and if you cannot I know I can, and if you will suggest the line of approach I shall be glad to do so. I have recently seen him regarding myself. You know I have had no publicity in New Brunswick except the Moncton Times, while the rest of the papers of Canada have been most kind, and he has promised me some support from the Saint John Telegraph Journal, on the theory that they should build up the Conservative Party between now and the next election with the hope that we might be able to form an alternative Government when this Government falls, as fall it will, rather than that the country should have a Red Government. That is the point of view with which I am approaching these newspapers.

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