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July 5th. 1940.

Rt. Honorable Arthur Meighen, P.C. K.C.  
Senate of Canada,  
OTTAWA. ONT.,

My Dear Mr. Meighen:-

A son of a great friend of mine has been returned to Canada on compassionate grounds due to the sudden passing of his father. His father went to England last July to visit his wife and two sons, who were already in England, the both sons being with the R.A.F., and the mother had gone over previously in order to visit and be with her sons. As the liner approached Southampton Barton was wakened from his sleep by a steward and handed a telegram announcing the death of his oldest son, Russell, in an aeroplane accident in England. You can imagine the shock which this entailed upon the father in losing his oldest son, and having to bring the news to his wife, and the other remaining boy. He never recovered from the shock and he gradually lost ground until he passed away here on the 3rd. of June 1940.

The youngest boy has been with the R.A.F. since 1936 and he has done yeoman service in England, and has been in the thick of the conflict since October last until the 24th. of May of this year. He has over 800 hours to his credit in flying, and had the unfortunate circumstances not broken out in Europe, as they did, he would have had the position of Flying Instructor in England. The boy's father was the soul of honour, he was a great Conservative, and his loss to the Community is no small one. We are endeavouring to bring pressure upon the Government to avail themselves of this boy's services, and anything

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