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Dear Mr. Hunt:

I am very glad indeed to answer as best I can your letter of 12th.

Needless to say, the result in Ontario was entirely satisfactory. I was probably closer in my estimate of the verdict than I ever was before in my life.

In the Dominion it was not so satisfactory by any means. The French, of course, voted against the Conservative Party, as was expected, and with all the unanimity possible. True, there were Independents and such like elected, but they will all be against us. This applies not only to Quebec but to Northern Ontario and other more or less French-Canadian sections of this country.

The business element of Canada, whose sympathies were definitely with the Conservative Party, scuttled to cover in quite substantial numbers, thinking that a vote for King was more likely to result in a sure defeat for the C. C. F. than a vote for the Conservative Party, which, before the election, had so small a number in the house—only forty. This conduct those who are at all capable of an intelligent appraisalment will now know to have been stupid.

What we have is a Government more entirely in the grip of the French-Canadian members of the House, and those elected from more or less French-Canadian constituencies, than ever in our history—indeed, King is himself now a prisoner in their hands. This makes little difference to him, because he has always contrived to do what they want, such being in his own interests. He now will have to do so—but he would anyway.

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