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Dear Mr. Meighen:

In reference to our conversation the other day, you may be interested in the following figures about Gaspé:

Population-----	40,375
French origin.....	31,000
English origin.....	4,731
Irish origin.....	3,257
Scotch origin.....	856
Others.....	350.

The people are therefore of ^{almost} one-fourth British origin; and, as I explained the other day, owing to the fact that the business of the entire County has been in the hands of English-speaking Huguenots (Jerseymen) for more than a century, practically all of the French speak English.

The political record of the riding follows:

1867---	P. Fortin, Con.....	Accl.
1872---	Fortin, Con.....	"
1874---	L. G. Harper, Con.....	797 majority
1878---	C. Fortin, Con.....	45 "
1882---	C. Fortin.....	Accl.
1887---	I. Z. Jones, Con.....	74
1891---	Jones, Con.....	Accl.
1896---	Lemieux, Lib.....	42 majority
1900	" ".....	1,362 "
1904	" ".....	Accl.
1908	" ".....	1,492 majority
1911---	Gauthier, Con.....	570 "
1917---	Lemieux, Lib.....	4,278 "
1921---	" ".....	7,461 "

(By-Election 1875 (July) John Short, Con. elected majority 306)

This, considering the sentiment I found among the people on the occasion of my recent visit to the riding, hardly indicates that Gaspé is impregnable.

Sincerely,

W. J. Allan O'Leary

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