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My dear Mr. Urquhart,

You may possibly have seen the attached elsewhere, but when I saw it in last night's "Citizen", I was amused to say the least. Their heading, "Intelligent but Unlucky" is open for much argument, and I find it very difficult to always accept the Citizen's viewpoint.

The press of all parties still persists in having you appointed here, and I am patiently waiting to see what happens and still hoping against hope that the way may be opened for you to come, should you so desire. At the present moment, in my opinion, you are required. Things are not in good shape, Mr. Bennett is trying to do everything, which is impossible, and he can't stand the strain forever. Some of his ministers, while certainly lacking experience, are not measuring up to what was expected, and Bennett is having his own troubles. I do wish he would approach you properly and ask you to keep him out, because he does need you.

It looks to me as if poor old Murray Macpherson were going to die on the job if he isn't relieved soon, and he continues to "repeat the apple-cart". His action in cutting down the "national relief" ten days ago was

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impossible and will cost him and the

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