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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

FRED. WOOD, PRESIDENT J. D. BYERS, SECY-TREAS.

Mr. D. Sinclair of North Wellington telephoned me a couple of weeks ago from Harriston. He stated in his conversation that you had asked him to see me during that week. I understood him to say he would be up to Wiarton, but he did not come.

I was at the Banquet at the Annual Meeting in Toronto when you were there. I also saw Mr. Sinclair there, and I tried to get over to have a little talk with you, but there was quite a number around and you were busy, so I gave up. I am sorry that I did not see you.

Mr. Reid, of London, Secretary of the Western Ontario Conservative Association, was in town last week for a few hours. We did not know he was coming, but we had a meeting that night of fifteen or twenty, and he left here with instructions that we were determined to fight the by-election. I have had some correspondence with Hugh Clark at Kincardine during the last week or so in connection with the prospects for the by-election. Hugh was of the opinion that it would be pulled off right away, just as soon as the roads were fit. I also had a letter from Ottawa from a friend of Mr. Malcolm, whom he had told that this election would come off about four weeks after the roads were fit to travel on in this Riding, which would bring it some time in May. On receipt of this letter I called up Hugh and he told me over the telephone that he was quite convinced now that there would be no election until after this session of Parliament was over. He stated that this appeared in the "Toronto Daily Star" a few nights ago, that they would not attempt to stage a by-election in North Bruce until such times as the session was over, and then they could put their force into the Riding. If this is the case, it will be necessary that we get our organization in as good shape as possible between now and the first of July. The fore, I believe that we should have an Organizer from

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