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HON. C. C. BALLANTYNE  
PRESIDENT

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Dear Mr. Meighen:-

Thank you very much for your kind and much appreciated letter of the 29th ult.

You may be assured that I am at your service at all times and it is always a pleasure for me to do anything to assist you personally and the Conservative party, and never hesitate to call upon me.

I of course regret the reverses that we met in West Hastings but such reverses and obstacles are only created to be overcome, and neither you as our leader, or anyone in the party must become discouraged due to unfortunate reverses.

Let me say once more that the Conservative party are most fortunate in having you as their leader, and there is no one in parliament today, or out of it that possesses one tithe of the knowledge and ability that you do; so please do not become disheartened because newspapers or individuals make unwarranted reference or attacks upon the leadership of the Conservative party.

Victory may be longer coming than we expect, but come it will under your leadership, and the men that are attacking you today will be the first in an endeavor to get your friendship, prestige and assistance when the Conservative party are in power once more, with you as Prime Minister.

I frankly admit what I have stated to you before, that I am fond of politics and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to be in the fight once more with you when the general elections are on, but this does not seem possible for the reasons that I gave you in my letter of November 18th.

I thank you for letting me see a copy of your letter to Mr. Penny, which I am sure ought to make an impression on him and I trust will cause him to desist from the unfair articles his paper has printed against you.

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