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Dominion must decide whether we are content to surrender Canadian Industry and Canadian workmen to the free play of outside competition, or whether we are going to preserve and strengthen our industrial integrity. The decision in a large degree depends upon the intelligence and patriotism of rural Canada, and, may I say, particularly of rural Quebec. The voice of Rimouski will be taken as indicating the general trend of French Canadian opinion.

3. From every source - and I have made many enquiries - the word comes that you are a man of outstanding influence in your district and from every standpoint an admirable candidate for the Conservative Party.

3. Your qualifications would be a guarantee of the rank you would take as a Member of Parliament if elected; - your leadership in the battle ~~at~~ any event would ensure a most *creditable* result whether or not such result went the whole length of victory.

For these reasons I appeal to you to allow your name to go to the convention, and speaking on behalf of the Conservative Party of the Dominion I assure you of the lasting appreciation with which such a sacrifice on your part would be viewed by us all.

Yours very truly,

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