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Dear Mr. Meighen:

I have been on holiday and in fact still am, but have run into the office to-day for a few minutes, so am availing myself of the opportunity to answer your two letters.

I fully understand your reluctance to appear at the Political Science Association meeting. Indeed, I share it. I have an increasing horror of all such affairs, particularly when I have to take part in them. Heeney's paper was very good, and admirably delivered.

I am much honoured by your asking my opinion about the amendment to the British North America Act. Some years ago, I did a good deal of work on this for my own lectures at McGill. I had just finished when my colleague, Professor F. R. Scott, told me that the late Norman Rogers was doing a paper on the matter for the Political Science Association, and suggested that I let Rogers have my notes. I did. How much use he made of them, I do not know, but his paper, which embodies substantially the results of my own investigations as well as his, appears in the proceedings of the Canadian Political Science Association for 1931 at pages 205-30. I shall at the earliest opportunity look over this paper again and also go through my own rather voluminous notes and let you have any further comments which occur to me.

You doubtless recall the House of Commons Committee on the amendment of the B.N.A. Act in 1935. I reviewed the report and minutes of evidence in the Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science for November, 1946, of which I am sending you a copy, under separate cover. I should like to have it back when you are finished with it. You will note the historical error by Skelton to which I refer at page 596.

Personally, I have never been able to take very much stock in the pact theory for quite apart from the (as I think) very dubious historical basis for it, there is the shattering fact that the agreement arrived at by the Fathers has been torn to shreds by the courts, notably the Judicial Committee, without the consent of anybody in Canada at all. The late W. F. O'Connor's report to the

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