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Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
320 Bay Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

In connection with the higher governmental appointments from Saskatchewan, the Government continues to follow the same course in recognizing actual fighting service. Yesterday it was announced that Mr. Justice Martin had been appointed as rent collector. I have a very high regard for Judge Martin personally, but it so happens that in his own family there are three sons, one of whom practices law in Toronto and who was by way of being Canadian tennis champion, physically a very fine specimen and single, but apparently he has not the slightest intention of serving. The second son is a doctor in Regina, specializing in eye, ear, nose and throat work and very busy because of the fact that a couple of established eye men have gone overseas. He was offered a post with an overseas unit, but declined it and I had a lot of difficulty controlling myself when Judge Martin was trying to justify young Douglas not taking the post. The third boy is this year attending University and is about 22. He was ill a couple of years ago and it is quite possible that he might not pass the doctor, but he certainly has not given the doctor the chance.

The whole business seems to be run on a basis of putting a premium on the services of those whose very families are not making a decent, real contribution in the war.

Yours faithfully,


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