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Caledonia, Ontario,
June 21, 1958.

The Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Arthur:

I noticed your picture in the Globe, and also in the Hamilton Spectator, and that you celebrated your eighty-fourth birthday.

I passed my final examinations in May, 1898, but I was not called to the Bar until November of that year. I opened an office here in June, 1898, in the name of W. S. McBrayne, with whom I was articled as a student-at-law, and I remember you coming in to talk to me about the resignation of Dr. Burns as a member of the School Board.

Of course after I began practice, I was very active in the Conservative Party. I went all over the County with our mutual friend, Frank Lalor. We drove out to the County school houses and Township halls with a horse and buggy. I do not know anyone who won the affection of more people than Frank Lalor. I was very fond of him.

I remember when the Reciprocity Election was on in 1911, you came here and spoke in the old Opera House, and I went up to the station with Frank Lalor to meet you. Of course you gave a most logical address, and when you got through, you would think that nothing could be said in favour of reciprocity.

I was very glad to see you and renew acquaintance with you at the Centennial here a few years ago, when you came up with Charlie McCrea.

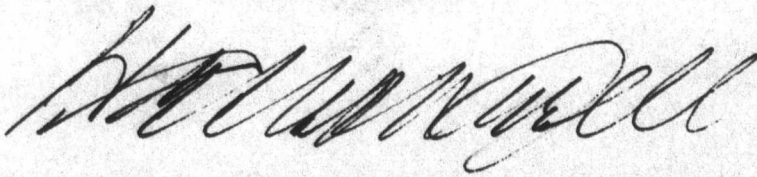
I hear of you and your wife and family through Bessie Trotter, and I am glad to know that your family are all getting along well.

You established an outstanding reputation as a Speaker and as the best Debater in the House of Commons when you were there. I have followed your career with great interest.

I hope that you will have many more years of a healthy and happy life.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



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