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General Sir A. W. Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., L., L.D.,
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My dear Sir Arthur:-

I am very glad to get your letter of November 19. Fred James was here and we were talking over old times, when I remarked in connection with the knighthoods and decorations bestowed on the English War Correspondents that it was rather tough luck that we Canadians were not even to get a service medal. I am not in the least interested-- and I am sure Lyon is not either-- in any decoration, but the service medal is something to be prized. I have always had the feeling of being rather out of it when it came to Veterans' meetings and so on. If we get into another full-dress war I think that the Canadian War Correspondents should be enlisted as part of the rank and file of the Canadian corps. This would give the men a standing which of course we did not have in France. I think that besides Willis and Lyon and myself Lacey Amy should also get the war medal.

I am in Montreal once in a while but generally have a great rush of business. After the elections, however, I shall be very glad to call upon you, especially as there are a great many things I want to ask you about in regard to the "Hundred Days".

Re the forthcoming elections, my latest and probably final "dope" is that Mackenzie King will get between 105 and 110 seats made up of Maritime 23, Quebec 62, Ontario 13, Western Canada 12. If he can get 110 enough Labor and Independents will come in behind him to give him a clear majority, which is 117. But he himself will be beaten in North York and it is a question whether the Governor General would call upon him or not. It is here I think that Gouin comes into the picture. Personally I don't think that Mackenzie King is entitled to the premiership of this country and Gouin, or even such men as A. K. Maclean, Sir Thomas White or Rowell, would carry much more weight. I believe in Rowell myself but Ontario Liberals are very bitter against him.