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Rt. Hon. R. B. Hanson, K.C. M.P.
House of Commons,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Hanson:

I have heard that the Canadian troops that are in England are not under the command of the Commander-in-Chief of the British Army and that even General McNaughton has to get instructions from the Prime Minister before the troops can be used. I can hardly believe this report but nevertheless I got it from such a source that I have to put some credence in it. It is a sad state of affairs if it should be a fact. I thought that the subject was of sufficient importance to bring to your attention and you can surely ask the Government for information on the subject.

I might say for your information that in spite of the measures recently passed by Parliament the public is still very suspicious that there is no real war effort on the part of Canada and that it is not intended that there should be any real effort. I was reading a newspaper the other day and particularly a report of what happened in the Senate when the conscription legislation was before the Senate and if the report is correct it would appear that a Senator asked the Leader of the Government Party in the Senate if there was any intention to call up men immediately and the reply was that the Government did not intend to call any men before the next session of Parliament. Personally I think the Conservative Party should come out for conscription for service where ever the necessity arises. We certainly will never win the war in Canada and if England should unfortunately be defeated I am sure that Canada will be one of the spoils that Hitler will demand and we would be just as helpless as Ethiopia was with its bows and

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