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Lac Ste. Marie, Dec. 1st, 1941

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Leader of the Opposition,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:-
^{taken} This week I received by mail the enclosed clipping from the news paper La Patrie, a picture of the Executive of the young conservatives of the district of Montreal, who have passed a resolution against conscription for overseas.

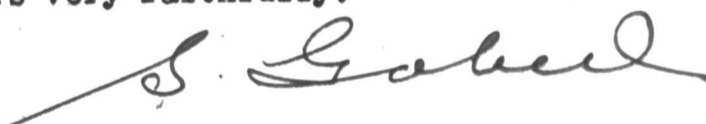
The friend from Montreal who mailed me this clipping, was pointing out to me that such resolutions was the result of the inactivity of the conservatives of Quebec, and of the great danger that a large number of our friends, becoming more and more under the impression that the situation was hopeless for the conservatives in our province, would compromise themselves with other groups to such extent that it would be almost impossible to get them back to us.

To me the great danger of this new aspect for our party since your acceptance to lead it, is that the liberal press and the liberals in general have adopted new a new motto, and are disseminating throughout their press and the public that the conservative party has now decided to ignore the province of Quebec and do their fight disregarding it entirely.

This is quite clever on their part and very dangerous in its effect upon the average conservative, and in my mind nothing but propaganda well done, could stop that before it is too late, when I say propaganda I mean that, and that only, not organization, there is no hurry for organization, but there is for propaganda, organization is very expensive and propaganda is not, and has much more effects in the minds of the public.

Pardon me for advancing that suggestion, I know that you are well able to decide for yourself what should be done, and my only excuse for doing it, is the somewhat particular situation in Quebec due to the unscrupulous means of the Quebec liberals.

Yours very faithfully.



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