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ing to prepare a statement ever since your statement as to what the Committee has effected but owing to great pressure in other directions I have been unable to do so. It is only fair however to state that the National Committee cannot for one moment be expected to take charge of the celebrations in the various Provinces. The function of the National Committee must tend to be in the direction of assistance in indicating what should be done but not to take charge of provincial demonstrations. To do that we have been in touch with all the Provincial Governments and all the governments outside of the Province of Quebec are now actively engaged in arranging demonstrations. In the Province of Quebec some difficulties for your private information I might say have developed largely on account of the Province being about to have a general election which is now in progress. The matter has been taken up with Mr. Taschereau and vigorously taken up by me and others.

Insofar as the National Committee is concerned it has accomplished a great deal of work. I have not seen any very great support from Montreal papers as yet towards aiding the Diamond Jubilee Celebration. Those papers have had full access to all our proceedings but their publicity where given has been meagre excepting where criticism has ensued.

I am extremely sorry I have not had the opportunity of discussing this matter at length with you but you can rest as-