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November 7, 1925.

Rt.Hon. Arthur Meighen,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen -

I am much obliged for your letter from Mr. Hodgins. He had already written me on the same lines. I quite agree with him that our candidate in the last election could not defeat King if he should run in ~~last~~ Middlesex. It looked at one time as if we would not even have a candidate in that riding. It was recognized ~~to be~~ the first that this was one constituency where we had no chance. In the last Provincial election the Liberals kept out of the field which permitted our candidate, George Elliott, to defeat the Progressives. A lot of Conservatives in the riding thought that we should reciprocate and support in this election a Liberal candidate, although there was no agreement to this fact. As a result we had difficulty in getting a candidate and Mr. Tom Elliott finally agreed to step into the breach. Personally, I have grave doubts as to whether we could defeat King. I do not see the candidate in sight at present to do it. I am in touch with the riding and will let you know later as to the outlook.

Yours sincerely,

*Arthur R. Ford*

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*P.S. Expect to be in Ottawa Saturday, Nov 21  
and Sunday Nov 22 on the way to Montreal to  
attend semi-annual meeting of Canadian  
Press directors. Will see you then  
ARF*

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