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Hon. Senator Willoughby,
The Senate,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Senator Willoughby:

Mr. Merriam has written me with regard to a conversation he has had with you respecting the circumstances of the formation of the Cabinet last fall, and of Hon. Mr. Rogers' connection therewith. The statement of these circumstances as made by you to Mr. Merriam could scarcely be farther from the fact.

Almost the first step I took was to state my position to Mr. Rogers, and at no time was any indication whatever given that the result could have been otherwise than it was. The facts are known to all or almost all the other members of the Government at that time formed, and the record is consistent with these facts and with nothing else.

Am sorry indeed that you have been misinformed in this matter, and if the source of your information is Mr. Rogers himself (which I can scarcely think can be the case) I will be glad if you will invite him to come with you and see me on the subject.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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