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Kentville, N.S., March, 10, 1924

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
House of Commons,
Ottawa,

Dear Mr. Meighen:-

We are looking forward to a very busy session for you at Ottawa and know that the cause of the Conservative Party will be well handled by you and your lieutenants. Our party in Kings has full confidence in your leadership as you will know from our resolution passed and forwarded to you from our annual meeting.

I have pleasant recollections of our press gathering with you at Ottawa two years ago. Our Conservative editors and publishers were then much encouraged by your optimism for the future of the Party and the confidence you placed in us at that time. By the first of June we will again be at Ottawa en route to Toronto for our annual press gathering. By that time we will have an idea of the outcome of the session's work.

Kings County is aroused politically by the recent visit of Mr. A. DeWitt Foster, who came here in order to take his mother back to Chicago with him. He consented to give us a non political address and a smoker was arranged at only a days notice. People came from all parts of the county to meet him although we had no means of announcing the smoker except by telephone. He has fired the fighting spirit of our Party which almost entirely died out under Union Government. Mr. Foster is now wanted as the Federal candidate by all the Conservatives except a very few and by many Liberals who will support him if nominated.

I know from what you told me at Ottawa that you want us to choose a man who can carry the county. Mr. Foster is that man and there is no one who can successfully challenge his qualifications. I supported Sir Robert in coming to Kings as a candidate in 1917 but I now realize that the Party wants Foster again and will carry him to victory.

We are sending you a personal appeal hurriedly prepared and signed by a number of leading Conservatives and Party workers. In only one polling district (Gaspereaux) was the paper in any way freely presented to the electors and that through a misunderstanding. A number of names have been added where requests have come by telephone or letter to affix the signature.

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