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My dear Arthur:-

Thank you very much for your
letter of December 21st.

I shall be only too glad to
arrange for you to have an hour or so alone
with Mr. Beatty. This would seem to indicate
that it is your intention to come to Montreal.
I hope I am right in thinking this. While
here I shall be very glad if you will stay
with me, and I know there will be no difficulty
whatever in seeing Beatty with whom I am on
most cordial terms. I haven't yet had time
to read through what is in your mind, but I
have no doubt you have it well thought out
and that it contains some meat.

I was very glad to see that you
had been elected to the Council and to note
that other active young minds were to work with
you to see if the conditions in Victoria could
not be improved. Victoria will not stand four
terms for a mayor will it? As far as my mind
carries me back whenever a man sought a fourth
term in that position he was invariably de-
feated, and I do not think that it is a bad thing
either. I am not aware that Porter gave evidence
of any unusual brilliance as a mayor. Marchant,
of course, is a bit of a theorist, but with such
practical common-sense fellows as you and Heb.
Gillespie serving on the Board with him, his
theories will be kept along right lines.

What surprised me, though, was
the decisive manner in which Staneland defeated