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I would be interested in having your views on the political situation in the west. I am not asking this for any personal interest I may have, because I have none. All talk about my entering politics has no foundation whatever in fact and therefore a good deal of recent editorial comment is altogether wasted. I am told that the West is quite independent regarding either of the old parties, that Mr. King can have their support only if he does exactly what they demand, though they will not give slavish support to any political party. I do not know what Mr. Meighen's strength is, though it seems to me that if an election took place now there would be no doubt about King's return to power. The Dominion Conservative Party under its present leadership has made no gain in the Province of Quebec and unless it can break up the solid support now given the Liberal party, any hope for a return to power must remain very low.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,