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Ottawa, September 20, 1926

The battle is over and the day is lost, but the disaster of last Tuesday does not prevent my appreciating the splendid work done in my behalf in Portage la Prairie riding. I have heard from many of the loyal and devoted service which you have rendered. You have done the same on this as on many other occasions, and I desire to give you this letter as an expression of my sincere and lasting gratitude. Whatever may be my future, the long and unselfish labour of my friends in Portage la Prairie county will be cherished as a happy memory. Should it ever be in my power to be of the least service to you, I hope you will not hesitate to call upon me.

We have done our duty, and that conviction is worth even more than success. It is my hope to be in the West before long, and to have the opportunity of shaking your hand.

Yours very truly,

Mr. --. Bend,
Poplar Point,
Portage la Prairie,
Manitoba.

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