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Senate 21703 *112 W.*

OTTAWA, Ontario,
April 4th, 1933.

The Honourable R. Dandurand,
The Senate,
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Dear Senator,-

I am sorry you found it necessary to write me a letter of even date to inform me of the practice which is followed when a new Member of the Senate is to be introduced to the Speaker. You say that "the invariable practice" has been to allow the Senator the privilege of selecting his own sponsors.

I will not say that you handle the truth carelessly but, with more charity, I conclude that your memory requires support, but most people would say that your proverbial diplomacy is not invincible. Be that as it may, my information is at variance with your understanding. When you called at my office last Thursday, I told you so and that I was willing to rest the case upon the laps of Messrs. Bennett, King, Lapointe and Meighen and submit to the judgment of the majority. You replied in no uncertain terms that these men knew nothing about the rules governing our Chamber, upon which I reminded you that Mr. Meighen had served in both Houses, and you replied that he was a new-comer in our House.

Putting all that aside, let me remind you that on the evening of April 15th, 1932, I stood on the outside of the closed door leading to the Chamber and awaited word from you as leader of the

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