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that the time is not opportune for a French-Canadian to become Prime Minister. Some have gone so far as to suggest that Meighen might be able to bring about a coalition between the Conservatives and sufficient of the Protectionist Liberals to form a Government under the leadership of some one other than himself. This is a possibility, but I shall be rather surprised if it should come to pass. Whatever comes I believe that you will see Gouin, Mitchell and some other Quebec Liberals in the next Government.

I note that you are giving the Government three seats in Quebec. If those are the three Montreal seats, it is not at all certain that they will be carried by the Government. Ballantyne is having a hard fight and Mitchell, who is opposing the Government candidate Ross, is an aggressive campaigner. In Doherty's old seat the Government are not very popular, because Doherty's resignation was accepted and no provision has yet been made for him. The Cabinet Ministers chosen by the Government in the Province of Quebec are not taken very seriously by anyone. The net result here will be that just as many opponents of the present Government will be elected as were in the last House.

I have no particular opinion about the probable standing of the parties elsewhere. It will largely depend on how seriously the Liberals and Farmers' candidates are opposing each other. I confess that I am surprised at the number of three-cornered fights. Thank Heaven! it will be over soon.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully,