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Dear Mr. Meighen,-

I dictated a letter to you on Saturday, but before I concluded I recognized that the stenographer to whom I was then dictating was a Roman Catholic; hence I did not say that we had very plain intimation from the Church authorities that they felt it was a compliment to the Roman Catholics of Halifax that one of their body should have been selected as Attorney General, as they had had no portfolio in the Local Government for about twenty-five years. I want to say that they did not want to control our action in any way, but sometimes a hint is as good as a nod to a blind horse.

May I add that Mr. McCurdy is in Halifax and came to see me last evening. Without giving him my views, he expressed the very strong opinion that we were right in not contesting Halifax. You will gather what my own views are. Do not think that I am getting lethargic; because I would have to work hard in a local election would not govern that which I conceive to be in the interests of the party.

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