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Ottawa, December 24, 1935.

Dear Mr. Riordon:

Many thanks for your letter of the 21st. It is just possible the statement I made in Hamilton was too condensed. However, you will see from the copy of what I actually said, which was sent you with my previous letter, that I really was quite clear on the matter to which you refer, even if brief. The trouble is the papers have given very limited extracts and some have given none at all but have been content to scatter abroad false impressions of my words without any adequate quotations.

I am afraid the real opposition in Quebec was due to conscription, and in the main against service. Very often, as you know, other complaints subsequently are devised to supplement original opposition. I know positively that everything in the world that we could think of was done to make enlistment attractive and to soften the asperities of conscription. Union Government was in operation during the last year and every member of that Government including both those who have

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