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The Manse, Knox Church, London Presbytery,
June 4, 1924.

To the Hon. Arthur Meighen,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Hon. and Dear Sir,-

I write re the Church Union Bill, which is very objectionable to me personally and I believe to a majority of the Presbyterians of Canada. I do not know of a single self-supporting congregation that has any enthusiasm for Union. One of the leading women of even Dr. Pidgeon's congregation told me that so far as her personal feelings were concerned she would prefer to remain a Presbyterian, but they thought so much of Dr Pidgeon they would not like to do any thing to embarrass him.

In this matter the General Assembly does not reflect the feeling of the people. I have just been in my present charge of Belmont and Yarmouth some four months and find them almost a Unit in their opposition to Union and yet the then Minister and the Representative Elder went to the General Assembly at Fort Arthur and voted for Union. The Elder has since expressed his regret for so voting and the minister left in November. If this Bill goes through it will divide every self-supporting congregation from Halifax to Vancouver

I wish to express my pleasure ~~to~~ re the Amendments proposed by the Private Bills' Committee, to render the Bill inoperative until the constitutional questions involved have been disposed of by the Courts.

Hoping you may see your way clear to use your influence in support of the same, I am,-

Yours respectfully,

(Rev) John T. Hall

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