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Halifax, 18th March, 1926.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Meighen:-

Thanks for yours of the 15th. It seems to me that by his action in this case Mackenzie King showed what a jackass he can be.

The procedure in connection with our policy to abolish the Legislative Council is most interesting. Perhaps you have seen the Order-in-Council passed at Ottawa,- we believe firmly that they are wrong. Many here are of the opinion, among others Senator Ross, that the Governor-in-Council has authority to dismiss, and we may or may not pass an Order-in-Council dismissing one to make a test case. In the meantime we are preparing a case to be submitted to the Supreme Court here on the two points of dismissal and appointment. The Nova Scotia Bench is weak, and to a certain extent partisan, and whatever the decision may be it will have to be passed on to the Privy Council. If we fail to get a satisfactory decision in that direction we will have to take a plebiscite. So far as I can gauge public opinion here, it is overwhelmingly against the Legislative Council, but whether we can get the people out to vote is another matter.

I have had a strenuous Session and feel a bit washed out, but expect prorogation tomorrow, which will make the third shortest Session in the history of Nova Scotia.

Sincerely yours,

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