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plan arranged much time could be saved in making appointments with different people in advance. My idea is that so far as I am concerned, the last week or ten days should be devoted to Berlin and Waterloo, a start having been made there during the first week. In the interval the canvassers would be able to know pretty well whom it would be desirable to see, and I should get around the rural parts of the riding as much as possible. To this end a schedule of dates might be arranged for meetings in Woolfich, Wellesley and North Waterloo. If that schedule were all drawn up and prepared this week it could be discussed at the convention, and the delegates would then be in a position to work up the interest in their particular districts. After all, everything is going to depend on the boys themselves. As far as I can see the part which I can play to most advantage will be that of getting out and about just as extensively as possible.

Now as to outsiders coming in. I hardly know whom to suggest for the convention. Hon. R. F. Sutherland, Speaker of the House of Commons, has written saying he would be glad to give me a meeting, and hoping I can reciprocate. Mr. Sutherland I regard as one of the best men in the House, and I would be glad to co-operate with him if the executive thought that an exchange of this kind would be in our interest. I feel, however, that I should not undertake much, if anything, in the way of speaking outside the riding. The time is so short and the contest is going to be so keen that I feel I should stay right on the ground. I am replying to Mr. Sutherland that I am leaving matters in the hands of the executive. If, therefore, you think that he would be a good man to have come to the convention, you could phone or write him promising a meeting on my behalf, but I prefer to leave this as all other matters, in your hands. H. H. Miller of Grey, is also a good man, and so is Clarke of Essex. Adam Zimmerman of Hamilton is not much of a speaker, but is a splendid man and a good friend of mine. He, too, might be willing to come. Of course whoever accepts in this connection will probably expect me to give a meeting in return, and that is one reason among others why I think it is desirable to have the schedule of dates made up at once. It will put me in a position where I will be able to decline outside engagements, which I am really most desirous of avoiding.

As soon as the date of the elections is announced, do you not think it would be well for us to secure the Opera House and the Concordia Hall in Berlin, and the Town Hall in Waterloo for the night before. Even if we do not hold a meeting in Waterloo it would be well to have the hall secured for the night, but my idea is that we could manage a short meeting in both places.

I dislike troubling you too much, but there are one or