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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, P.C., K.C.,  
320 Bay Street,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

It was more than kind of you to send me such a beautiful letter of sympathy, but I know you will be glad to hear that it was a case of mistaken identity! The Eugene Forsey whose mother has just died is a second cousin of mine whom I have never seen. <sup>x</sup> Father's uncle, who came to Toronto from Newfoundland many years ago, had seven children, most of whom had good-sized families; one cousin named his son after father. I should have been altogether mystified by your letter if my assistant had not happened to notice the item in the Toronto paper and called it to my attention. I got a very beautiful card of sympathy from another friend a day or two ago. My own mother, I am glad to say, is in excellent health, has far more energy than I have, and, I hope, and confidently expect, will be with me for many years yet.

I was very glad indeed to have your other letter, saying that the Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science had arrived safely. I was beginning to be afraid that you were ill. After I got your letter about Brebner's book, I wrote you and also sent a copy of Miss Armstrong's book, and you are always so prompt about replying that I thought you must certainly have fallen a victim to 'flu or some other malady. I now wonder whether the letter and the book went astray. If you did not receive them, perhaps you will let me know and I shall try to trace the book.

I did not read Stacey's article, but after what you say about it am just as glad, as it would probably have sent my blood pressure up. I have less than no use for Ian Mackenzie, a most unpleasant specimen, demagogue and buffoon and bully, who is, in my judgment, doing as much as any other one man to lower the whole tone of the House of Commons.

When you have finished with Stacey's article, I should like to have it back, also, Miss Armstrong's book, assuming it eventually reaches you.

I had an enquiry from the Privy Council Office about the use of the terms "Cabinet" and "Ministry" in Great Britain and more particularly in Canada. I gave them a string of references. As far as Britain is concerned, the answer is pretty easy, though according to

*x This cousin got married a few days before I did, and I got a nice letter of congratulation about it! I wonder how often he has received abusive letters about my political and other aberrations. I hope, at least, that he is not a fervent admirer of King's!*

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