

Bill to repeal the clause. This would be popular with every class in the west except the liberals who went out in 1917 and who are more Tory than the Tories. The cross-benchers would have to vote for it or repudiate the Brandon resolution. They might be ready enough to do that as far as they are personally concerned, but they are rather raw on voting down questions that have been formally passed upon by their Conventions, because they have had the thing rubbed into them so much. May I suggest that you consider the matter seriously. If it will do no harm in the east it certainly will do good in the west.

I am going to the coast for a continued stay, and I will be resigning the presidency of the liberal Association for Manitoba as soon as it is convenient and desirable to elect some one in my place. That however will something for our friends here to decide, with a view to the circumstances at the time. I am advising you in advance, in case you might be able to give us an intimation of there being some one whom you know you could work, smoothly, with.

There is another matter, in regard to which I will write you shortly, in the labor line. I think it well worth considering if the opposition should not propose amending the Criminal Code so as to bring it in line with the Imperial Act, in the matter of the right of labor unions to strike. Labor is very sore in the west at the action of the Dominion in intermeddling with the prosecution of the strikers at Winnipeg. They might not at the moment thank the Liberals for touching the matter but I am satisfied, that in the end it would put us nearer to Organized Labor and we could not be very well criticised for doing anything that does not go beyond the Imperial position. However I will write you again in this matter.

Enclos.

Yours Faithfully,

