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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,  
Ottawa, ONT.

My dear Mr. Meighen:

I had to go to New York on the morning of the election, and have just returned. I was able while there to get enough news from Canada to know that the unwelcome had happened, but I delayed writing until I got back to town.

Mr. Macaulay was telling me yesterday of his writing you, and has shown me your letter of acknowledgement. I am writing you now simply to relieve my mind. As I know you must have a lot of work of one kind and another please do not bother to even acknowledge this letter. I only want to say that I think that the fates have been particularly cruel in your case. I know it is not in mortals to command success, but if ever a man deserved it you did, and while the immediate results have been most unhappy and such as to make a man very cynical, I somehow feel that the situation will yet right itself. I cannot believe that the sober second sense of the Canadian people has yet been expressed. It is evidently going to take some time for our friends in Quebec to get out of their systems the poison which has been so industrially inoculated into them by certain people. It is much harder to understand why Ontario should have slipped so badly.

I am very proud of British Columbia. There is one province at least in which you are appreciated and appraised at your proper worth. I only wish that the situation would permit of your offering for one of our Western cities, where you could have been relieved of the complications which you had in Portage.

Cheerio, Mr. Meighen, I have a conviction that the gentleman who today reassumes office as Premier of Canada, has got such weaknesses in his mental and political make-up that he cannot survive for long.

I hope to be in Ottawa before long and you may possibly be able to give me a few minutes.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

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