

April 27, 1956.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Maxwell Meighen & Associates Ltd., 360 Bay St., Toronto 1, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

When I wrote you last nothing was further from my mind than to set myself up as an apologist for General Simonds or to change your views on the subject of his remarks. To do either would be presumption on my part. I merely wanted to give you, for what it was worth, my understanding of what he had said in Regina. It may be that I misinterpreted his words but of this I am certain: he did not once, in his speech here, refer to the wartime Government, either to praise or condemn it. He may have done so elsewhere

I am very glad that Grant Dexter wrote the piece in the Free Press to which you refer. I have not seen it but shall look it up and then act on your suggestion that I write him about it.

A request that I review Williams! The Conservative Party of Canada, 1920-1949 for the Canadian
Historical Review reached me just after I mailed my last
letter to you. I have not received a copy of the book yet
but am certainly looking forward to seeing what he has to
say. Hope I can do the thing better justice than Coldwell
did in the Financial Post. Yes, I remember Coldwell's
absurd references in the House to the Strike and your part
in it, and Eugene sent me copies of his correspondence with
Coldwell. I thought the latter's reply to Eugene's letter
most unsatisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

Roger.

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