

*Hope the cold is gone.*

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374 Piccadilly Avenue,  
Ottawa, January 12, 1943.

Dear Mr. Meighen,

Very many thanks for the copy of your speech. It is one of the finest I have ever read. It makes me sick to think you should be out of it, and at a time when you are supremely needed and no one can take your place.

The baby has been unwell, though not seriously; the result is that I have had little time for letters, and have had to use most of my spare moments for sleep. Hence I must still defer several of the things I wanted to say.

I forwarded your letter to Mr. Stitt promptly. It was most generous of you to send it to me first. I hope it has brought some result. In any event, I am going to see if I can find out through other channels who the "vile skunk" was. I have hopes I may succeed.

I thought you ought to see the enclosed. The actual article in Harper's is far worse. For unblushing mendacity and crawling sycophancy it has probably never been equalled in the English language. Don't read it unless you are feeling well; otherwise, it might make you dangerously ill!

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