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Hon. Sam Cobeil,  
Les Sto-Marie, P. Q.

My dear Sam

I am delighted to receive your letter of 11th November and as well to read the statement which you have been good enough to give to both the English and French press. You have indeed again demonstrated your courage and your very great value as a citizen of Canada.

I do hope there are many in your Province who feel as you do. Unless there are, it is a dark outlook for anything of the nature of unity in this country. The present situation is alarming in the extreme. While all along I have known the way this country was drifting, I have never felt that we had reached really a serious position until very lately. Now there is no question about it. You are quite right as to those who are responsible. I cannot but believe that the Dominion of Canada as a whole knows who are responsible. The career of a good many politicians, notably our Prime Minister's, has been due from beginning to end to the bedeviling of the subject of conscription ever since the application of an equitable and all-round war measure became necessary in 1917. Quite clearly they are now at long last going to pay the penalty for their malign and selfish conduct.

I do feel indebted to yourself and to all who feel and act like you, for those who do in the Province of Quebec make themselves the creditors of the whole Dominion and entitled to its gratitude. It is difficult to see how any intelligent person in our country can have failed to recognise at last that on every major issue and major crisis with which he has been identified from the beginning of his

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