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Ottawa, Ont. January 17th. 1923.

My dear Hector:

I received your two letters of the 15th. January. Have been West since the 8th. and just returned yesterday.

I saw the announcement of the bye-election in Nova Scotia.

opinion that would be of any value as to whether the right action was taken or not: Suffice to say that when you.

Mr. Dennis and Mr. McCurdy as well as Colonel agree. I feel that it would have to be a very strong inclination on my part which could be placed against your judgment.

Am not quite clear as to your reference to Mr.

Hall. If the contest would have been unwise, under the circumstances it would scarcely have been wisdom on his part to have insisted on such a contest. Perhaps you have not expressed exactly what you had in mind.

I am writing Colonel Phinney as you suggest, and sincerely hope he will retain his present post. Have heard nothing but the best reports of his work.

Mrs.Meighen will be pleased when I tell her to-

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