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Halifax, 3rd August, 1925.

My dear Meighen:-

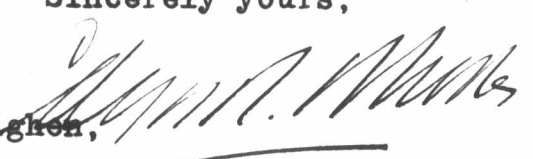
You will I am sure forgive me for not having written you at an earlier date when I tell you that for the past two months I have hardly had a second to myself. The formation of a Cabinet is a trying matter. Many nights I had to be content with four hours sleep, and the night before the final selection was made I was receiving deputations, listening to long distance telephone calls and generally taking advice and sometimes abuse, up to 6.30 A. M. and I was at it again by 8 A. M.

During the last two weeks the coal strike has taken my whole time. It has been sixteen to eighteen hours a day, including Sundays. I have not had a chance to attend to even a mere fragment of departmental matters. In fact I have not seen some of the heads of the Departments under me, and unanswered correspondence and telegrams are lying around me in shoals. I think at last we have the strike settled, at all events Wednesday will tell the tale. After a few days I may be able to get my head above the wreckage.

The above is not written by way of complaint, or to seek sympathy, but simply to give you the picture. In the meantime I am not losing sight of vital matters on the subject of which I will write you in the course of a day or so.

With warmest remembrances,

Sincerely yours,


Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa.

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