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Dear Mr. Jennings :

I have read the editorial in today's Mail & Empire. Personally I would rather you had taken more the line of my letter of Saturday. Still the editorial was written before the letter, and I know it was intended to be in every way helpful and possibly is ^{well} designed to that end. I thank you very much.

What I had in mind was this, that anything which can be done consistent with our traditions and our principles to gain the confidence again of the people of the province of Quebec ought to be done both in the interests of the party and in the interests of the country. The cause of the British Empire in Canada depends in very very great degree upon the success of the Conservative party. That success in its turn depends not only on the confidence of the English-speaking people but the confidence of the French-speaking people as well. We violate no principle in the world in undertaking to submit a great decision upon which we would not have a mandate to the people of the country when

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