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Ottawa, May 4, 1911.

Dear Mr. Gleaser:

Ever since yourself and other members of the Board of Trade and citizens of Elmira spoke to me about your desire to have a post office erected in Elmira I have been doing my best to get the Government to meet your wishes. On account, however, of the Waterloo post office being in course of erection, I have found it difficult to get them to consent to more than one building for the County at a time. I have, of course, pointed out that for a long time the interests of the different parts of North Waterloo had been neglected and that if the county had received the consideration which its importance demanded we would not now be asking for some of these things and would have had them long ago. I have set my heart on getting a public building for Elmira and of having it placed in the best site in the town, because every time I have been in Elmira I have felt that it is one of the finest of the smaller towns in the province and that it promises to become one of the most important from an industrial and business standpoint.

I have taken up the matter again with my colleagues with the hopes of getting parliament at the present session to vote enough money to enable us to at least purchase a site, in the hope that if we succeed in this we shall be able to get a sum voted for a building at the next session. By that time the Waterloo post office will in all probability be finished, and the objection that has been raised on that score would be removed.

Now what I am anxious for is to be able to show my colleagues that there is a strong demand for a post office, and it has occurred to me that this could not be better done than were the Board of Trade to get up a petition and have it signed by as many of the business men and citizens as possible. It could be addressed to me as the member of the riding and should set forth the growing importance of the town. State first the number of inhabitants, the circumstance that it has connections with both the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific Railway, has so many factories, is in the centre of an important agricultural district, etc., etc. The more you can say about the town, so that when the matter comes up in parliament we can make a good showing, the

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