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Rgt.Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr.Meighen:-

I am writing you this morning, although I realize that I should have written Wednesday. I did not do so then, however, for two reasons. One, I was so badly disappointed I did not know what to say and second I had to start in immediately and square up the election accounts.

Just exactly what happened in this riding and in the whole of the West, I am at this moment absolutely unable to comprehend. One thing I am satisfied on, however, is that in the English speaking polls of this riding taken together, you would have a real nice majority. The French vote and the Icelandic vote, however, have gone nearly solid against us and I do not think there is any question but what the Ukranian vote did also. There are quite a few Ukranians on the list in Lakeside and we had very heavy losses, I know with them. McDonald poll fell down badly, whether through lack of work or not I have not ascertained yet but I certainly intend to do so.

I devoted a large part of my own time the week or so before the election, to the Bagot, and Edwin Polls in the West, and the Poplar Heights and Harper's Poll in the East. These polls

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