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Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
320 Bay Street,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I must first apologize most abjectly for not having written you before. The fact is I have simply been overwhelmed with work this month and this is the month when Courts sit, as you know, so generally in the West. I should not have gone to Ottawa at all because of the pressure here and when I got back to make matters so much worse I found Mr. Leslie on whom I rely so much to assist me in Court work, ill in bed and he remained there for some time.

Now as to the conference in Ottawa, may I first say to you that you can count, as you know so well you can, on my absolute personal loyalty to yourself. I was more than delighted when your first statement was issued; to me it represented the Party at last having found its soul. I felt very strongly at Ottawa that they were doing the right thing in the wrong way. Naturally I thought particularly of the West and I felt that in the West, where we had to make headway, we had to do that which would accord with the Western view of doing things. My view was that a small Convention should have been called and your mandate come from that to shut the mouths of all those out in our country who feast on innuendo and suggestion. I felt that it would have made your position very much stronger. What should have

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