all parts of the riding. I am sorry the time is so short, but it will be sufficiently long, I think, to get posters printed and distributed through the riding. Mr.Inwood, I think, will be able to assist in the arrangement of this.

From your phone message of today, I can see wherein you will be embarrassed in the matter of calling the convention at an early date. In view, however, of Sir Wilfrid's meeting, it would be well, I think, to strain a point in the matter of hastening the convention. There is enother reason which I have also explained to you. I cannot say authoritatively, but I have reason to believe that if the lists are ready, the election will come off much sooner than the public expect, but this I would ask you to keep quite to yourself. We shall probably all know on Wednesday. I am beginning to feel, too, that there might be an advantage in our getting into the field first. Should Seagram not rum it might look as though we had been awaiting his decision. I am confident that we can win, no matter who the opposition candidate may be. This would give an opportunity, also, for a canvas before any name was mentioned on the other side, and might lead to our getting a few additional promises of support. I think our main fight will have to be made in Berlin -that is the pivotal point, but in connection with Sir Wilfrid's meeting and in fact throughout the whole campaign we should, I think, watch carefully to see that Waterloo, Elmira and the smaller places are kept prominently to the fore, and that the name of the county is kept uppermest.

Yould it not be well for the executive to begin at once on the whole plan of campaign, have committee rooms secured, and dates and places of meetings arranged and the plan of canvass? I will give you cortain ideas of my own, which may or may not be of any value, as of course, I do not pretend to no the riding or the local situation, and am viewing matters only according to my intuition in a general way. Should my first public appearance be at the large gathering in Berlin, it would be well, I think, to have it followed / by a large meeting in Waterloo on the following night. Possibly we could have a large meeting in Waterloo on Friday and a large meeting in Berlin on Saturday night, that is, assuming the big gathering coming on Thursday. My idea is that in the first of these meetings I might deal with the Government's general record of progress, etc., and that the second large meeting in Berlin might have more particular reference to the Dabour question, and be in the nature of a special Perhaps the executive could have ready a list of names of important persons in Berlin and Waterloo whom I should call upon immediately. I am inclined to attach more importance to the personal canvass than to enything else, and my desire is to get about from morning to night as steadily as possible, but by having the

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