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The difficulty with the Abitibi situation is that it has not enough population to provide a new seat but doubtless will have by the time of the next redistribution and the important problem at present is to know what to do with it. I have urged repeatedly in this connection that it be separated from Pontiac and attached to one of the Counties fronting on the North shore of the St. Lawrence say, Champlain or St. Maurice, with which Counties it is connected directly, with the Transcontinental Railway.

I beg to say that I will do the best I possibly can for you in this connection, but the difficulties are obvious and are not easily overcome. I am passing your letter along, together with a copy of my reply to Mr. Meighen, for his information and perusal.

Yours sincerely,

RBH/M.

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