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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

I heard that the manufacturers had a big fund and pressure was being brought to bear (on account of the uncertainty re-Conservative party affairs) to hand this over to the Liberal party, providing they could get some guarantee from that Party as to Tariff stability. I got this from good authority. Now, this is a darned shame, that there is apparently nobody looking after this. I took it upon myself simply as an individual to see the General Manager, and ask him to prepare for me a brief outline of just what they wanted, and what they were prepared to get behind. This he appeared most anxious to do; he also, said that if all the Conservative Speakers would follow your lead and stick to protection, pure and simple, and not get drifting out on side lines discussing Tariff for revenue only, etc. etc., they would be better satisfied. I am prepared to go farther along this line if you wish me to; discuss this very important move with yourself and Senator Robertson, who, I think, knows more about real organization (and the resources of civilization) necessary for successful campaign than all the rest of you ex-Cabinet Ministers put together. Also, looking over the Nova Scotia field I think there is one man we can get who would save the situation; D. H. MacDougall. He could carry Inverness, or Cape Breton Counties or Halifax. Pick him out as your Cabinet Minister for Nova Scotia and you would have a real man whom the Public would be willing to follow and the Candidates willing to support. I have seen MacDougall and I feel he is ready to jump in. He is young, has a good reputation, plenty of

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