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Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., P.C.,  
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My dear Arthur:

One of our local business men who holds an important appointment with the Government stated the other evening in the presence of a number of prominent local citizens that Canada's commitments in the present war are already greater than they were for the first two years of the last war. This sounds incredible to me and I wondered if you happened to know the figures.

The same gentleman stated that England definitely does not want men and did not want the First Division to go to England. Again I cannot credit that England would be foolish enough to suggest to Canada that she should not mobilize and train as large an army as possible consistent with our resources. If we don't what will happen when Hitler goes through Holland, or Hitler and Stalin go through Roumania?

I was also interested in an observation that with this Government every firm in Canada has an opportunity to tender on any contract in which it may be interested. There will be no politics and no commissions paid as were paid to agents who secured contracts in the last war.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Yours sincerely,

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