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Honored Sir:

On behalf of the citizens of the Town of Rosthern it gives me great pleasure to have the honor to welcome you, the Prime Minister of Canada to our Town and District. This is your first visit to our Town. If it were Summer we could drive you over good roads through the Rosthern District and show you the best wheat fields on the American Continent. Within three miles of the Town you would see the farm of Doctor Seager Wheeler, the Champion Wheat Grower of the world.

Now that you are our Federal Candidate we have reason to hope that we may in the near future, show you over our District.

You may assure the Eastern Daily papers, on your return home, that the Prince Albert Constituency is far from the shadow of the North Pole; and that while we need and expect the Hudson Bay Railway to be completed, there is now accomodation for comfortable travel.

On your reception committee today there are individual farmers who have shipped this season wheat, that would make a train load of forty cars - and the production of grain in this constituency will exceed 10,000,000 bushels. This is only one branch of the agricultural industry carried on here. In 1924 the Creamery and cold storage plant which you saw over behind your car at the station this morning, gave to the farmers of this District, returns equal to the value of one-half of their grain sales through the numerous local elevators.

Rosthern, before the necessary building of the branch lines east and west of here, was the largest local grain shipping point in the world.

We trust that you will carry away with you pleasant memories of your visit to Rosthern and the Prince Albert constituency, and we hope that after the session is over and during the Summer or Fall you will find it possible to come again to us.

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