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Dear Mr. Bell:

You may remember me calling to see you with Colonel Hugh Clark some twenty months ago. We are again, as you know, on the eve of a bym-election in North Bruce. I suppose in one way nothing of this kind is absolutely certain until the writ is issued, but that it has been the intention of the Government all along there can be no doubt. They have sought to arrange their bym-elections in such order as would enable the verdict of the first ones where they cannot fail to affect the psychology of the people in the more difficult constituencies where later they would have to try their fortunes. Our advices are that the Nember for North Bruce has been using the later weeks endeavouring to secure promises of support from these who opposed him previously.

I am taking the liberty of urging upon you the very great

importance of the coming bys-election in North Brace, and of a victory for the Conservative party there.

The Government was permitted wrongly, I think, to present itself to Barliament after being defeated in the election and appeal

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