

159422

African Methodist Episcopal Church

REV. W. CONSTANTINE PERRY
PASTOR

251 Park Street

CHATHAM, March 31 1936
ONTARIO

Right Honourable Arthur Meighen,
Senate Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Senator Meighen:

It was a very great privilege of mine to have shaken hands with you last week when I was there in Ottawa, although it was not my privilege to interview you on the mission which took me there. I was glad however that you instructed me to put my case in writing which I do very gladly.

This may not worth anything now, but in the year of your election to the Premiership, I was in Nova Scotia and my interest was exercised on the behalf of the member of the party which was your interest also as a constituency is only a unit or a part of the whole, which whole cannot be made up minusing the units. This has no bearing upon my request however, but its natural that we are pleased to know of those who even in the past worked to help us reach our goal.

For the past six years I have been labouring in Ontario, my previous charge was that in Oakville which of course gave me some connection with Toronto.

Our Colored Churches every where in Canada are carried on largely by the support we receive from the white people, we are therefore indebted to them for their support. The inability on our part to carry on independently necessitates some of us attempting anything that may appear to be of a big nature going outside our immediate parish. This necessity took me to Ottawa, and I feel quite sure that had I had the opportunity of outlining my work to you in person, you would have given me equally the same support as given by those whose names I am now to mention:—Sir George Perley, Sir Allen Aylesworth, Mr Cahan, Mr

MEIGHEN PAPERS, Series 6 (M. G. 26, I, Volume 238)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES
CANADA

