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

After Colonel Amery's return from Switzerland I had a long talk with him on the subject of your memorandum. He is naturally greatly interested and concerned about the situation.

He told me it had been his intention and also the Prime Minister's to go out to Canada this early summer, but, as there are apparently rumours of a Canadian election in June, naturally this would preclude their visit as it would be looked upon as inopportune. I could not confirm the rumour as to the June election as I have heard it from several different quarters, but, as Canadian elections generally take place in the fall, probably the date will be shifted until then, and in this event and if the coast is clear it might happen that they would go out.

I pointed out to him the necessity for a much closer alliance between many institutions here and Canada, and also visits from Members of Parliament and prominent men.. He quite concurred in the necessity of this, but, as he says, the war conditions have broken up this very desirable habit and it is difficult to get it going again. However, I think you can rely upon him using his best endeavours in this regard with various individuals, and, should he and the Prime Minister come out, it would be a good point to see that they are taken care of and get into proper hands.

As you will have seen by the papers, the trend of Canada towards the United States has been prominently taken up. You no doubt read the article in last week's "Economist." Unfortunately I have not got a copy to forward you, but it bears out all that has been said. I enclose a copy out of yesterday's "Sunday Express," which carries the same idea, and we are hearing ~~this~~ this news on all hands.

Colonel Amery emphasised the great need for better correspondence in Canada with our press here, notably articles in the magazines, and the Sunday newspapers should be a great

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