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Dear Mr. Entwistle:

I find it very hard indeed to answer, in the terms which really must be employed, your exceedingly kind letter of November 1st.

The fact is it has become absolutely necessary for me to refrain from public speaking and concentrate on the work which I have undertaken here. It is not that a single address before your Club would entail a demand upon my time more than I would be quite willing to give, but to do so makes it impossible for me to maintain consistently the policy which is so necessary at this time. The number of institutions requiring speeches at almost innumerable meetings is so great that it has become imperative for me to adopt a definitely negative position. Only one other in February next, which I promised a very great friend of mine some time ago, has to be fulfilled.

I sincerely trust you will not interpret this letter as trying to spread the impression that my services are particularly in demand, as doubtless others are similarly called upon. It means rather that greater concentration on a new task is necessary on my part because the task is new. May I ask you, therefore, to be good enough to understand my position and accept this inadequate but very sincere expression of my regret at being unable to accept.

Yours very truly,

AM/E.

Arthur Meighen.

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