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Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Ottawa,
ONTARIO.

Dear Mr. Meighen:

Out of all the perplexing 'backwash' of the election, I see nothing more hopeful than the cleancut declaration of your candidate at Bagot yesterday.

It is rather presumptuous to offer an opinion without better knowledge than I have of the Eastern situation, but the campaign in Quebec was always very unconvincing to me. I would never have had the slightest doubt about your ultimate reception in Quebec, nor do I think you would yourself. I have a vivid recollection of a famous meeting in Hotel Vancouver some years ago when, as you will remember, a large group of disaffected returned soldiers had been mobilized with a definite purpose of breaking up your meeting. The outcome of that meeting was so disconcerting to them that it left me convinced of your invincibility on the platform. On the other hand, had you dodged that meeting, the reaction would have been of the very worst kind.

I don't know whose counsel it was which dictated the tactics in Quebec, but the outcome I think can leave little doubt that ~~it was~~ not wise. The speech of your candidate at Bagot struck me as a model one, cleancut, definite, no equivocations, no apologies, a distinct challenge to the intelligence of the people. It might well serve as a key-note to the general campaign in Quebec, should another election eventuate.

Sir Robert Borden's letter also was a most helpful document. If the hysteria which is almost daily in evidence in St. James Street could be quieted for a few weeks, with the co-operation of some of the French editors enlisted in a deliberate and consistent campaign along the lines of the Bagot declaration, I believe it would be a very wise preliminary to any future fights.

Pardon my intruding these opinions, I am sure you are having lots of advice these days. My only

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