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Dear Mr. McTavish,-

In reply to your letter December 16th, I desire to say that I am a close and constant reader of your paper. I have always been an admirer of Mr. Meighen and an active member of the Conservative Party. I was very active during the whole period of the War doing my bit as one who did not serve overseas. I was in touch with General Sam Hughes and many of his assistants during the Conscription period. I felt at the time and I feel the same today that very bad judgement indeed was displayed in the enforcements of Conscription in the province of Quebec.

The Quebec home at the present time can be just frightened to death with the threat that their children are to move away from it even though the distance might be only Montreal or the province of Ontario. They are a devout, religious, family-loving people. All this you know. You also know the way Quebec voted in the last Federal Election. You know the propoganda carried out in the province of Quebec against the Honourable Arthur Meighen. In the face of all Mr. Meighen's faults he is the clearest Canadian mind in politics today. He is head of the Conservative Party in Opposition. His business policy for Canada impressed itself on the people and outside of Quebec gave him a sweeping majority.

Quebec a second time voted almost a solid block. Quebec would vote again and again and again against her business interest unless she had some assurance that she wasn't again to be handled rough-shod as she was, and I say this guardedly, by Orange-sentiment. I am an Orangeman.

Two things can occur at the present time, firstly, Canadian sentiment can be inflamed against the province of Quebec's attitude and she be isolated. Secondly, the Conservative Party can assume the responsibility of teaching Quebec that Canada does appreciate her worth, wants her assistance and will give her the consideration which is due her as a banner province.

Has not the Conservative Party through its leader the right to address Quebec and to assure Quebec just at the present time and just before the last important Election at Bagot. This is what Mr. Meighen did. He not only made that speech but he made the Quebec people sit up and take notice. He made the King-Liberal leaders scurry lest they lose that seat. He took 300 majority away from them. He put his foot in Quebec.

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