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Rt. Hon. W.L.M. King,  
Laurier House,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Private

Dear Mr. King:-

The government is to be commended for its attitude with respect to a number of questions, particularly soldiers' pensions, and the export of liquor to the United States. Apart altogether from the merits or demerits of prohibition, it seems to me that it would be to the advantage of Canada to disassociate itself entirely from the rum-running ring of the United States.

It is common gossip on the street here that "Wuler is wild" over your decision to refuse clearances to liquor exports to the United States. About two weeks ago I received word from a fairly reliable source that the local conservatives expect Wuler to resign from the government and run as an independent conservative in the next election. It is no secret that he was greatly disappointed over his failure to achieve the railway portfolio. However, I am not in Wuler's confidence, nor is he in mine, so do not know what is in his mind at this time; but it would not surprise me if he does contemplate some such move as that referred to above.

Wuler's chances of re-election as a liberal are far from bright. The determination of Motz to keep the local organization out of provincial politics, and keep it intact for the benefit of Wuler in federal elections, has resulted in the organization's complete collapse; and any organization for the support of Wuler would have very few of the old workers in it. The men who put Wuler in parliament are now determined to put him out because of his apparent readiness to barter provincial liberals for tory support in federal elections.

I believe you should know these things to be on your guard.

Your sincere friend,

C. MORTIMER BUREAU.