

507 Dominion Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,

November 27th, 1922.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen,
OTTAWA. ONT.

Dear Arthur:-

Could you possibly secure a copy of the document submitted by Mr. Sastri to the Prime Minister on the status of British Indians in Canada? If so, kindly have it forwarded to me.

In your last note to me you stated you did not recall any specific suggestion I made while in Ottawa. Permit me to bring it to your memory again, now.

I suggested that immediate steps be taken to strengthen our organization throughout Canada, (1) by the establishment in Ottawa, or in close contact with Ottawa, of a Committee similar to the National Committee of the Liberals. This, you suggest, is met by the Committee appointed last Session to arrange for a Convention. I submit with all kindness that this Committee is not functioning effectively at all, and indeed a majority, I understand, of this Committee are opposed to a Convention, and therefore are not likely to hold many meetings. I, therefore, believe there should be a Committee in constant operation whether the Convention is to be held or not, co-operating with you in the work of organising throughout Canada. You cannot possibly attend to this by yourself, nor should you be expected to. From this Committee there could be appointed a sub-Committee on Finance, which ought to be working at all times and securing financial assistance for ordinary organising purposes. This should be a small Committee composed

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of men of highest standing and who have the confidence of all. I reiterate my former statement, viz. that I believe very considerable funds could be secured now and spent to tremendous advantage in organization and propaganda work.

(2). I suggested that steps should be taken to organize Provincial Conventions on the Prairies, at least in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. This latter point I offered upon the advice of a large number of our friends in Winnipeg, Brandon, Regina and Calgary.

While in Toronto, after seeing you, I was told by our friends there that while the Ontario Provincial Organization was getting into fairly good shape, nevertheless they were convinced, as I was, that even in Ontario it was necessary to bring about a greater co-operation between the Organization and the Federal central powers.

I trust you will not consider that I am impertinent in my persistency in making these suggestions. I assure you that in my estimation they are of primary importance, and since seeing you I have had ample opportunity from Ottawa to the Pacific Coast of securing further, what I consider, reliable support to my views.

Yours very truly,