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Dear Art,

It was very nice of you to mail me the pamphlet of your speech on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne together with bulletin covering the debate in the House.

Prior to writing you at the time I forwarded those two bulletins, I had asked others if they had noticed any reference to your speech in the House and they all said "No". As I had been carefully watching the Daily Province, I was then sure you had not yet spoken. However, the following day I asked Art Higginbottom and he said "Yes", and he rebuked me for not taking a good paper. He reads the Sun and Jack Vallie and myself the Province. I 'phoned the Province and asked if they had a report of your speech. I believe it was a Mr. McCallum, the City Editor, and he stated they had and he thought you were very good. I asked him when he had the report but he could not exactly tell me and switched me to the library. The girl there could not locate it, and upon again speaking to Jack, he said that although he was away he had carefully watched but had not found a notice of it anywhere. It seems the Sun was the only one that had given you deserved publicity. About a week or so later, the News Herald had an editorial in regard to a criticism of the Ottawa Journal and they politely slapped the Journal on the wrist. Anyway, Art, all to whom I have shown this pamphlet are high in their praise of your efforts.

I noticed in the Province last evening that you had spoken before a funeral directors' association. Could you not have chosen a different body of men for to me this denotes the end not the beginning! However, your subject "Immigration" somewhat offset the character of your audience as your idea is to bring people in, - theirs is to take them out.

Seriously, Art, I think your subject was very important, and do believe that immigration is one of the most vital matters that can be discussed at this time. If it were possible to open

wider the doors of Canada, thereby considerably increasing our population, it would give us a wider market at home for our products, and having greater production, we would naturally have lower cost. This would benefit us at home and make it possible to compete in world markets.

The following is a thought I hope may be of interest to you. I had occasion the other day to speak to Moe Cohen. You will recollect meeting him that Sunday afternoon at my sister's home. He is leaving for the East soon, I believe, and stated he would very much like to drop in and see you if he is in Ottawa. I told him you would be happy to have him do so. It struck me that he might be a very good man in regard to the idea about which I spoke to you prior to you going East when you referred to the possibility of having someone in your riding. Moe is a very nice chap, - active in the Jewish community and takes a keen interest in the public affairs of the country. Whether or not he would be interested, I do not know, but I did think you might be, and, if so, might find an opportune time to mention it to him if and when he sees you.

With kind regards to yourself and family,

Yours sincerely,

HS/IG.

P.S. Two weeks ago today I had occasion to go to Lulu Island. I was there at 8.30 a.m. and the bridge was open. I returned about 9.00 a.m., - just a half hour later, and it was again open. This is just by the way.