



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

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Dear Friends:

The session in Ottawa is now two weeks old and I would like to make a brief report to you.

There is an air of impatience here, particularly on the part of most new members, who are anxious to get at the tremendous amount of important business that awaits us.

The Throne Speech debate ended after six days, which is two days less than the time allotted. It was my privilege to speak near the end of the debate and you will find a record of my speech in the Hansard for September 23rd a copy of which I am enclosing. If you care to read it, it starts on page 375.

At present we are discussing setting up a Committee to recommend new rules of procedure for Parliament and I hope that this will make some significant improvements soon.

Top priority will be given to legislation providing for increased interest-free cash advances on farm stored grain, a new Farm Improvement Loan Act and amendments to the Farm Credit Act.

I have many opportunities to talk about western problems with other members and officials and I feel that I am able to contribute to a wider understanding of them.

We all hope for fine October weather, so that the harvest and other fall work can be completed. Best regards to all.

Sincerely,

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