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My dear Ted,

I duly received your letter to me of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst having previously received the telegram from you and Evans. I have also received a letter from Evans and am pleased to hear that election matters are proceeding as

satisfactorily as stated  
by him and you.

I cannot understand  
why the Trades and  
Labour Council should  
have any difficulty  
in selecting males and  
myself as their can-  
didates although we  
run separately. It  
might happen at  
any time that four

our five candidates  
of exactly the same  
political principles  
would be running  
for two seats and any  
organisation such as  
the Trades and Labour  
Council could select  
any two of them and  
make a ticket of them  
although the whole  
four or five were run-  
ning quite separately

from one another.

I would like you to make a special point of seeing Bob Taylor and disabusing his mind of any impression that Sever wished to run with Olson in preference to Miles. Bob is an old friend of mine and he worked vigorously for me at the last

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general election and  
 I feel grieved to think  
 that he could believe  
 that I ever wavered  
 in my adherence to the  
 Democratic party or  
 desired to ally myself  
 with a plutocrat who  
 believes in the division  
 of society into the "upper

"middle" and "lower"  
classes on the basis  
of property and money.

Not only defect in  
running separately  
is to avoid unnecessarily  
alienating electors who  
are prepared to vote

for ~~me and Wilson~~  
~~and myself~~ or  
Gibbs and myself  
and also to avoid cre-

at any impression  
that I or the Ministry  
have made any  
compact with Miles  
to help him and  
Keynolds in the  
matter of their con-  
tract for the construc-  
tion of the Mount Zeehan  
Railway. I was also  
placed in a delicate  
position by Wilson

coming voluntarily  
to me and telling  
me that he intended  
to go into parliament  
to sit behind me  
and to support my  
colleagues and myself.  
In the face of a voluntary  
announcement of that  
character from him  
I felt that I was bound  
so far as my public





utterances and actions  
were concerned to be  
neutral and not to  
tell Wilson in effect  
that I did not believe  
him. I think that  
you might tell Bob  
Taylor and Chappel  
from what you know  
of me, that although  
I might differ from

them or from so old  
and so loved a friend  
as you as to the best  
methods of realising  
the true democratic  
and republican ideal,  
whether in regard to  
fixing the length of a  
day's labour for adult  
males by legislation,  
or as to the benefits  
of a protective or free

trade fiscal policy,  
the leopard could as  
soon change his spots  
as I become a supporter  
of plutocracy and  
class privilege.

If Dr. Bright has pro-  
mised votes as you say  
that means that he  
will not vote for  
me because he is sure  
to vote for Giddin.  
Probably all the honorary

Medical officers of the <sup>Army</sup> Hospital and their  
friends will vote against  
me as a member of  
the Ministry that tried  
to abolish them.

I think that the re-  
signation of Dr. Turner  
is another proof that  
there is something  
radically wrong with  
the management of  
that institution. On

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the same day that I sent  
 my last telegram to you  
 I wrote to Evans and  
 told him that I was  
 astonished to learn that  
 he confirmed Miles'  
 statement about my  
 consent to hold joint  
 meetings and I re-  
 minded him of the  
 that I distinctly told

Miles and Cuthbert  
at my house that  
as a Minister I would  
be compelled to open  
the campaign at the  
Town Hall without  
association with any  
other candidate and  
depend the conduct  
of the Ministry during  
the past four years  
and give an indication

of our intentions in the  
future. I am not  
at all sure that Miles  
would defend ~~me~~  
all <sup>our</sup> legislation and  
~~our~~ <sup>all</sup> our Ministerial  
acts, and it would  
be ridiculous to have  
a candidate on the  
platform with me  
condemning some of  
the actions of myself  
and my colleagues.

I will leave you to do  
whatever you think  
best for me, but I  
would like to run  
alone so far as public  
announcements are  
concerned.

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Yours faithfully  
A. Sybil Clark