

It was you that made  
me wear old clothes

LAURIER HOUSE,  
OTTAWA.

Private

November 3, 1931

My dear Bezeau:

I have been a long time in writing to thank you for the box of russet pears which arrived at Laurier House some weeks ago. I was busy at the moment preparing material for the London speech, and since that date have been travelling about so much and so occupied with a number of pressing engagements, that I have had little or no chance for correspondence.

In the interval, your letter of October 22nd has also been received. May I now thank you for both. The pears, I am happy to say, are still in evidence, although, with the exception of a day or two, I have been enjoying them ever since the box ~~was~~ ~~been~~ received. I have never tasted more delicious fruit, and I have had the same verdict from those with whom I have had the privilege of sharing your gift. It

be that which rightfully belongs to it,  
which is the only name that could ~~have been~~  
known to its founders and many of those  
who have since passed away.

With kindest regards and all  
good wishes,

Believe me, as always,

Yours very sincerely,

*W. MacLungin King*

His Worship  
Mayor C. Mortimer Bezeau,  
Kitchener, Ontario.

was really very kind of you to have  
permitted me to share so large a portion  
of your harvest of the present year.

I am glad you like what I said  
at London. I expect there are a good  
many who would prefer that I had made no  
allusion whatever to Beauharnois.  
Personally, I deemed it all-important  
that the true position of that situation,  
deplorable in some particulars, but  
admirable in others, should be fully  
known. I also feel that out of it from  
now on we should find a better way of  
dealing with party organization. With  
this in mind, I spoke as I did.

I am inclined to view the Sifton  
outburst as anything but a misfortune.  
It was sure to come sooner or later, as  
Sifton resented very strongly the failure  
of ~~myself~~ <sup>himself</sup> and other members of his family  
to obtain a renewal of the Georgian Bay  
charter at the time the late Liberal  
Administration was in power. His action  
is so transparent that I doubt if he has  
done harm to anyone but himself.

I hope all is going well with  
you, and that you continue to enjoy your  
official duties as Mayor of the city of  
my birth. Personally, I never cease to  
regret that its name does not continue to