

December 20, 1945

Right Honourable W.L.Mackenzie King  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. King:-

Another year is drawing to a close - perhaps the most momentous year since the dawn of time. I doubt that history records a similar period in which so many matters of so great importance hung in the balance. We who "viewed the battle from afar" can never know by what slender threads the tides of events were often turned in our favour.

Prior to your recent visit to Great Britain I was becoming alarmed at the trend of events there; but your decision to go at the time you did filled me with a new hope - a hope that was justified by subsequent events. When I observe the influences that are at work in Canada, the United States and in Great Britain to re-establish the old order, particularly in international trade, I would view the future with grave anxiety were any man, of whom I have any knowledge, other than yourself at the head of Canadian affairs at this time. If men of the Beaverbrook type were to become a power in present-day affairs the outlook for a permanent world peace would be dark indeed.

In this connection may I quote from an address which I recently delivered to the Young Liberals of this city: "No man living today is better qualified to solve world problems in a way to remove the causes of international friction, and insure a permanent peace, than is Mr. King.....In Mr. King lies the hope of Canada and of the world for better things to come."

For this reason you have done well to insist that Canada must have a voice in setting up the new world order. Without Canada the war would not have been won; without Canada the peace will be lost.

My wife and family join in extending every good wish for Christmas and the coming year. As for myself I am enjoying most excellent health.

Your sincere friend,

C. MORTIMER BEZEAU