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Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King  
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Dear Mr. King:-

Soon you will have reached another milestone in a long and useful life. No person, in Canada or elsewhere, regrets more than I the circumstance that influenced your retirement. As you have said, you had a job to do; and you did it well. You laid the foundation for a great system of social reforms; and if your immediate successors do not proceed with the superstructure, the foundation at least has been well and truly laid for some future generation.

As I have stated to you on previous occasions I have been fearful for the future of the Liberal Party after you would decide to retire from the leadership; and recent events have not tended to allay that fear. The Liberty<sup>al</sup> Party of today has so far departed from the principles of early Liberalism - principles of truth, justice and righteousness which were established before the foundations of the world were laid, and in which both you and I believe, and have tried to hold intact, - that I view the future of the Party with misgivings.

As I look out upon the world today, and recall the severance of your active participation from the spheres of national and international affairs I am sometimes tempted to doubt the wisdom of Providence in permitting time to take its toll of one so capable;

but that doubt is slightly weakened when I look back over the years and try to visualize what might have been had any other man been at