



HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

Leader of the Opposition

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Personal and Confidential

The Honble. N. W. Rowell, K.C.,
38 King Street, W.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Rowell:

Had circumstances permitted I would have come to Toronto tonight to see you personally with respect to the campaign with which the Party is now faced. It is one in which the Party must look to you for all the support possible, especially in view of all you have so zealously fought for by way of recognition of Canada's status as a self-governing nation on a basis of equality with that of the Mother Country itself.

What as Liberals we have contended for in Parliament, and will now contend for in the country, is that the relations of the government to the King's Representative in Canada should be in all essentials the same as the relations of the government to the Crown itself in the Old Land, and that all our parliamentary proceedings should be governed by

British constitutional practice.

I do not know anyone in Canada who can present the issue in its true light and in a light which will serve to strengthen the British Empire in all its self-governing communities, better than yourself. Personally, I hope you may find it possible to become a candidate in one of the constituencies; North Oxford is a constituency which comes first to my thoughts; next to North Oxford, North York. In either of these I believe you would be elected. You will recall one of the last conversations together we had, in which I mentioned that when the campaign came on you might be needed. I believe you are greatly needed now, and in the event of your entering the field and of our being returned to power, I shall see that one or other of the alternatives we discussed is carried out.

I am well-nigh exhausted after the heavy strain of the entire session, and more particularly of the last few weeks. To get in shape for the campaign I shall have to take a few days rest. At the end of that time I shall hope to have a chance to discuss with you and other of our Toronto friends, the whole situation.

With kindest regards,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

M. L. Washington King