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The Roxborough,  
Ottawa, February 12, 1918.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.,  
26 Broadway,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

The Canadian Club of Montreal is one of a number of like clubs which have come into existence in all of the cities and some of the larger towns of the Dominion. It was the Canadian Club of Toronto which extended a similar invitation a year or two ago, and it was that invitation, along with an invitation from the Canadian Club of Ottawa, which I urged you to accept. I am not sure that I did not propose your addressing all three Clubs, if that were possible, Montreal being but three hours distance from Ottawa, and Toronto a night's journey.

I know of no better opportunity for you to meet representative Canadians than that which the Canadian Club affords, and I cannot urge you too strongly or earnestly to accept an invitation to speak at one or more of these Clubs. As you will well realize, the present moment is particularly opportune. The Ottawa Canadian Club is the one that I should most like to see you address, of any of the three, and that, not merely for the great pleasure it would afford me personally to see you here, but because it furnishes, I believe, a better opportunity than either the Montreal or the Toronto Club for you to meet the men whom it is most desirable - I will not say that you should meet - but who it is most important should meet and know you.

A luncheon given in any of the three cities would be attended by from over five hundred to a thousand of the active-minded and public-spirited men of the community. In Ottawa there would be a larger number of men representative of the Dominion, as opposed to purely local interests. You would, for example, be assured of the presence of the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition and their colleagues, Judges of the Supreme Court, members of the Governor-General's household,

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