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My dear Eugene:

Thanks very much for sending me up C. P. Stacey's article on "Canada's Defence Policy." He has set out to erect Ian Mackenzie into a great Minister of Defence—which is some job. I admit, though, King did not kick him downstairs because he was not efficient, but because he thought it would give the P. M. a reputation for efficiency. Any attempt to show that Canada had a virile defence policy from '35 to the war is, of course, grotesque. Our whole record in this respect had not been creditable for many years.

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