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VANCOUVER, B. C.,  
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Dear Mr. Rogers:-

You will be surprised to receive a letter from me. It is now nearly ten years since I met you in Winnipeg and since that time I have buried my wife, daughter and son and I am now all that is left of the family. About four years ago I lost my eyesight entirely so that you can see that I have passed through a great deal of grief and sorrow.

During the holiday season I had many old friends from the Prairie call to see me. In recalling the good old days your name was familiarly mentioned so I decided I would write you a letter.

One very strong reason for writing this letter is that the Christmas week was the sixty-fourth anniversary of my entry into active politics as at the close of the school examinations there was a prize given by the school trustees for the best essay on the new Dominion of Canada which at that time meant the four provinces. I succeeded in landing the prize and from that time to the present I have taken part in every Federal election held in Canada. On three occasions I received the honour of being a Conservative candidate; first in Rockwood for the Provincial Legislature of Manitoba; second in Lisgar, Man. for the House of Commons and third in Kindersley, Sask. for the Provincial Legislature of that province.

I have also made valuable contributions in the newspaper field, first in The Stonewall Gazette, Man. I had a controlling interest in the Capital Stock of the Salmon Arm Observer, B.C. I also published a forty page magazine which I called the Greater Vancouver Advertiser and was solo owner of the South Hill News Vancouver. All these periodicals preached the gospel of the Conservative party and I never asked the Conservative party or individual Conservatives to contribute one dollar towards their upkeep. I never asked a Conservative Government either federal or provincial to contribute any advertising.

I have taken an active part in provincial elections in every province in which I have resided. As I conducted general stores in small country towns I might say, without any fear of contradiction, that I did have many occasions to look after the political views of some poor unfortunate Grits who were wandering in by and forbidden paths. In the different societies I was connected with whenever political questions were introduced by designing persons I always defended the principles of the Liberal Conservative party when attacked as I was always opposed to political activities in any organization to which I belonged, not connected with politics.

In covering the period of sixty-four years I consider that I am possibly the oldest Conservative in Canada in point of active service. As you and others know I was always at the call of the party.

Two of the outstanding events of my political career were first: the invitation you sent me to attend your banquet at Manitou and the fact that you paid me the honour of having my speech covering five columns published in the Telogram, the only speech that was published in full. It was a wonderful tribute and I have always felt grateful to you for paying me the honour. The second was the honour Sir R. P. Roblin paid me in the election of 1906 in inviting me to accompany him to Emerson to open the provincial campaign and also to take charge of his meetings in his constituency while he was touring the province. At the Emerson meeting Sir R. P. was not very well and asked me to continue on after I got through my allotted time. I think, in looking back over my many efforts, I consider those two the

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