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Dear Isaac:

Thanks very much indeed for taking the trouble to send me Grant Dexter's contribution to the Free Press of April 21st. Needless to say, I am writing Grant Dexter today, seeking to express my deep gratitude to him. As a matter of fact, as far as he attempted to interpret my reasons and thinking on the subject of my resignation in 1906, he has done remarkably well. Either, his arrangement of the Williams book itself is superb. Now anybody, even a foreigner, could have considered such trips worth writing is difficult to understand.

At no time have I attributed the defeat of 1906 to Mr. Bennett. True, he was out in Alberta taking part in a Provincial election, when I was forbidden by an antiquated rule to take my place in the House, but he had gone with my approval. When approval was so given, I would have wagered anything that such a performance as went on in the House of Commons was inconceivable in a Canadian Parliament. It certainly never would have taken place had I been there, and I am confident that it would not have taken place if R. D. Bennett had been there. That the Canadian people would, by their vote, approve of it and of the utter prostitution of constitutional practice, and even of pledges given by members of Parliament to the Representative, which was witnessed at the time, was not for a moment conceived by me as being possible. Grant Dexter is very, very, close to being one hundred percent right in his explanation of my getting out. That decision, anyway, I have never regretted.

Yours sincerely,

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