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August 8th., 1919.

Hon. W.L. MacKenzie King,
Château Laurier,
Ottawa, Canada.

Hon. & Dear Mr. King:-

I am at a loss to know whether I am in order to congratulate you for having been selected as Leader of the Great Liberal Party, to take the place of our late Chieftain, or whether I should congratulate the members of the Liberal Convention for having used the good judgement of selecting you as Leader of the Liberal Party of our fair Dominion.

However I wish to say this, that from the time when I saw you on the platform beside our late Chieftain at then, Berlin, Ontario, and having heard at the time that you were going to be his successor, I have taken a special interest in watching the trend of events and feel happy of the opportunity to congratulate you t-day so soon after your first appearance on the platform in a Political Campaign, as the Leader of the Liberal Party especially when one considers that there were many men of ability and note at the same convention.

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