

the same time get in touch with the riding of North York, which I propose to contest at the next election, taking them with me to some comfortable farm house or summer resort on Lake Simcoe, which is in the riding. I have promised them this trip, and have already assured members of my committee that I will be in the riding for the month. So I imagine I cannot well alter this plan, greatly as I should like to do so.

I should much value meeting your friend, who is also a friend of Dr. McCarthy, and I should particularly value further talks with Mrs. Smith and yourself. It is therefore with feelings of real disappointment that I write of my plans as arranged and which preclude the happy prospect your invitation excites; but I fear I have no alternative.

I am sorry we have missed each other as you have passed through here. I have, as you know, been in different parts of the United States considerably of late. I hope, however, you will continue to let me know whenever you may be passing through, if it is not too much trouble to do so, and if I am here or in the vicinity I shall certainly be glad to have a chance to see you, if it is only for a few moments.

Let me again thank you for your more and generous invitation, and with very kindest regards to Mrs. Smith and yourself and all the members of your family, Believe me, dear Mr. Smith,

Yours very sincerely,

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