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Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. King,

I have to thank you for your kind letter of sympathy. I had heard Father speak of you on so many occasions that you were naturally one of the first ones I thought of to wire the sad news.

It is just three weeks ago today since I was called home from Goudreau, to find Father seriously ill with pleuro-pneumonia. He had been out to hear the returns on election night and unfortunately got his feet wet; his illness developed very quickly and he only lasted a week. On my arrival home he asked me to write to you for him and tell you that he had read with great pleasure of your taking your seat in the House and that you would hear from him just as soon as he was able to get around. I know how delighted he was with the result of the Liberal Convention last August and he always followed your movements with great pleasure and admiration.

My sister and brother join me in thanking you for your sympathy.

Sincerely,

Lucas Smith

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