

I shall not, under the circumstances, attempt in this letter any discussion of the issues of the campaign. They are, I think, already familiar to you. I wish only to say that, if I have recently declined nomination in any other constituency in Canada, it is because of having been offered and having been proud to accept nomination by the Liberals of North York before any other candidate was in the field, and before I was chosen Leader of the Liberal Party. Apart from the honour of representing North York in the Parliament of Canada, and the many ties and associations which endear this riding and its fortunes to me, I have felt that the confidence reposed in me by my friends, at a moment when I was without a seat in Parliament, was a confidence of which I was glad to be able to show my great appreciation when, as the Party's Leader, I am in a position to serve more effectively the interests of those whom it may be my privilege to represent in Parliament.

In asking your support, I have no object in view but to serve, to the best of my ability, the citizens of our country, irrespective of their origin, faith, calling, or occupation, believing that only in this way is it possible to further the well-being of the people at large, and to ensure that co-operation and good-will between all parts and all classes so essential to national unity and prosperity. If honoured with election as your member, I shall do my utmost to represent the historic old riding of North York in a manner worthy of your great confidence and of its good name and honoured traditions.

Yours very sincerely,

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