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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, September 20, 1919

Mr. Elmer J. Kneale,
Secretary, The Mid-Day Luncheon Club,
Springfield, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I thank you most heartily for the invitation, extended through your letter of the 12th instant, to visit Springfield as the guest of the Mid-Day Luncheon Club, in the event of my being in the United States this Fall or during the coming Winter.

It would be a privilege I should much enjoy to address the Members of your Club. ~~Further,~~ I feel, that the new responsibilities and duties of my position as Leader of the Liberal Party in Canada, will make it impossible for me to add to the large number of obligations already assumed; if, indeed, I shall find it possible to be absent from Canada at all during the Fall and Winter.

I should be glad if you would express to the members of your Executive, my cordial appreciation of the honor conveyed by this invitation, and my deep regret that it will be impossible for me to accept.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. Mackenzie King Papers

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