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My dear Eugene:

Though I have been down to Montreal since receipt of your book, I have already completed reading it and can hardly express to you my admiration and gratitude for the work you have done. The treatment of the 1926 crisis is superb. Sometimes I think it was a mistake to entitle the book simply "Dissolution of Parliament." Quite plainly the whole work revolves around the crisis of '26, and if the title of Chapter 5 had been the title of the book, I am disposed to think the public demand would have been a great deal wider and more spontaneous. However, as the reviews come out, the public will realize what is the central theme of interest. The work you did was nothing less than stupendous. The case you have made is impressive, devastating and unanswerable. One waits with some curiosity to see how the perverted senses of the Manitoba Free Press coterie will react to this assault.

King is not only left in the position of having been hopelessly wrong but having acted as an unprincipled cad from beginning to end. As for Keith, one just stands aghast and wonders what he can say. How he ever managed to gain attention as an authority passes my powers of comprehension. He is a muddle-head. His sentences are turgid and tangled. The only thing he ever makes clear is his prejudice. You have pilloried him properly for his impudent comment on Asquith. One revolts at the thought of a man with such a miniature mind referring to H. H. Asquith in '23 as "in a condition of decayed mental power." His own mental powers have not decayed, but they are in the same condition as if they had.

Perhaps I might make one or two specific comments which may or may not be worth considering in the event of a second edition:

Page 152:—It is my view that King's Ministry certainly was defeated both technically and in substance. The situation is different when there is a substantial third

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