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Ottawa, August 27, 1919

Mr. Lowellyn Pratt,
Vice-President, Associated Advertising Clubs of the World,
110 West 40th Street,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Mackenzie King has asked me to acknowledge your letter of the 20th instant, in which you extend an invitation to him to attend the New Orleans Convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, September 21 to 25, and to address the Convention at one of its sessions.

The day before your letter was written, Mr. King had already received a telegram from Mr. W. C. D'Arcy, the President of your organization, inviting him to attend the Convention. To this telegram Mr. King replied, on August 20th, in a letter addressed to Mr. D'Arcy at Wequetonsing, Mich., mentioning that the pressure of public duties during the month of September would make it impossible for him to accept the invitation.

Mr. King realizes the exceptional nature of the opportunity your invitation affords, and appreciates the honor it implies. He wishes me, however, to express his regret that his political obligations are such as to make an acceptance impossible.

Yours very truly,

Private Secretary.

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