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is also causing me to delay my departure. I am to be allowed ample time for consideration of the acceptance of the position I told you of. I am seeking to view the matter wholly from the point of view of the greatest opportunity of social service likely to be afforded, and what I ultimately decide will depend in no small way upon what the attitude of some of my Liberal friends in Canada may be towards effecting adjustments which will make possible an early return to public life in Canada.

I hope you saw the report in the Montreal "Herald" of the meeting at the Reform Club. If by any chance you have not seen the enclosed editorial from "Le Soleil" of Quebec, which Sir Charles Fitzpatrick sent to me, I think you may be interested in reading it. Perhaps you could let me have it back, along with Mr. McCall's letter, after you have had opportunity of reading it.

I think my present engagements with the industries here will keep me in Chicago for another three or four weeks; after which time I expect to return to New York, if there is nothing sufficiently important to take me to Ottawa in the interval. I shall probably then decide definitely as to my future course, and arrange either to take the trip abroad or to accept the position of which I told you.

With regard to the latter, I might say that I have spoken of it confidentially to the gentleman with whom I have been so closely associated in New York. He feels so strongly impressed with the service I am rendering industries in this country that he is prepared to go a long way towards giving me great freedom in the matter of my time, provided it is possible to continue uninterrupted the association we have enjoyed of recent years. The whole problem is such an important one to consider that I am purposely refraining from coming to any final conclusion until I see clearly just what the possibilities may be in any and every direction.