Ottawe, August 12, 1909.

Dear Sir:

I have received your communication of the 7th instant kindly inviting me.on behalf of the committee in charge of the Roman Catholic picnic to be held in Schomberg on the 16th of September, to be present and deliver an address on that occasion.

You are quite right in believing that
a visit to your part of the Riding of North
York would be a great pleasure to me, because
of the past associations of which your letter
makes mention. It is a little difficult for me
at the moment, however, to say whether or not
when the time comes I will be free to accept
the invitation. I have an engagement in my
own Riding which may conflict with the date which
you have given. It, too, has been made conditionally,
though there is a possibility of my being in another
part of the country at that time. The best I can

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