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Mr. King .

As I understand from Mr. Pickering that you are leaving for South Huron on Tuesday at noon, I am returning the enclosed instalments of your speech by special delivery to reach you this evening.

On reading the several instalments, my feeling is that the first part - pp I-37, is better suited to the debate on the Address than to the by-election in South Huron . This, I understand, was in your own mind when you prepared it .

As intended for the debate on the Address, it seems to me that it over-emphasizes the antecedents to the recent Ottawa Conference, and covers a ground that you have dealt with thoroughly in your speeches in the House during the last session . In the latter part of this instalment you sum up the probable benefits of the Conference . I wonder if it would not be better, as a matter of tactics, to let the Government make its own case for the Conference . It seems to me that the less we speak about the benefits of the Conference, the less substantial they are likely to appear . It would be disconcerting if the Mail and Empire came out the next day

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