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O T T A W A,
November 19th, 1941.

Honourable T. A. Crerar, P.C., M.P.,
Minister of Mines and Resources,
Saint-Lin, Quebec.

My dear Colleague;

The Eastern Ontario
Cheese Show and Canadian Bacon Exhibit is
being held in Ottawa on November 20th and 21st.
I am expected to be associated with the Minister
of Agriculture for Ontario in connection with
the functions associated with the Exhibit on
November 20th, and regret that it will be
impossible for me to attend the official
opening of the birthplace of Sir Wilfrid Laurier
at Saint-Lin in the province of Quebec.

I regret that the holding
of this Exhibit at this time has made it impossible
for me to be at Saint-Lin to do honour to Canada's
outstanding statesman and peerless leader of
liberalism throughout a long period of time.

I am certain that the Historic
Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and your
Department are doing a real service to this country
in acquiring and restoring the building which was
the birthplace of so distinguished a Canadian.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read 'James G. Gardiner', is written over the typed name.

James G. Gardiner.