Ottawa, October 23, 1916.

Miss N. Sneyd, Honorary Secretary. The Women's Canadian Club, Belleville, Ontario.

## Dear Madam:

I have received your kind letter of the 20th instant, inviting me to be a guest of the Women's Canadian Club of Belleville, Ontario, and to address the Club at some meeting between Hovember and March.

I regret that my engagements for the approaching winter months are already so many and of such a nature that it will not be possible for me to add to them, As I could not with any hope of being certain of keeping the engagement make the promise for any time later on, I think it is better not to hold out any prospect of an acceptance. If, however, I find as the spring approaches that a favourable opportunity presents itself, it will give me pleasure to communicate with you.

Expressing my appreciation of the kind invitation the Club has extended, I am,

Yours sincerely.

W L. MACKENZIE KING

DICTATED BY MR. KING WHO WAS OBLIGED TO LEAVE BEFORE LETTER WAS WRITTEN

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