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PERSONAL

My dear Arthur:

I see by the Press that you have had another of those occasions that we can't avoid and had a birthday. Please accept my compliments and best wishes for at least a good many Happy Returns. The print in the Globe was very good and you looked just as hale and hearty as you did ten years ago. One of these people wanted a recent photograph of myself but I said No. I have nearly two years on you and am beginning to feel the weight of such an age - an age that amazes me more than it could anybody else. However, I keep in pretty good health after a couple of major operations two years ago, following up with a broken back eighteen months ago in a motor accident. I think I feel the effects of this yet and probably always will but I don't let it bother me.

I am now waiting for some warm weather to do a little cruising up the St. Lawrence and Lake Ontario. Our thermometer here goes down to the 40's nearly every night. I haven't been attending the Senate at all this Session as aside from the money Bills over which I consider we have no control whatever there seems to be little but endless speeches on the Speech from the Throne, another matter that merely is directed to the House of Commons and when you and Dandurand were there could be finished up in a week. Now they run it for months and delude themselves into thinking they are actually doing some work. All the same, one must admit that we have some pretty good speeches on the matter but I don't think it is any of our concern.

What a political upheaval we have just gone through. It perhaps shows a weakness in our Constitution which permits, or indeed necessitates, a very long tenure of office of one Party. Our Federal Government with

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