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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, November 1, 1919

Mr. Tuck Smith,
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I write to say how much I sympathize with you and your brother and sister in the death of your father. It was very thoughtful of you to send me the wire, and you were right in believing that your loss would be one I would share with great understanding.

Your father and I first became acquainted some twenty-five years ago, and we had been friends since that time. I need not mention here your father's interest and active participation in the politics of our country during the many years of his association with journalism. At the moment, however, I cannot refrain from recalling that, at the National Liberal Convention held in Ottawa in the month of August, he was one of the strongest supporters of my candidature for the Leadership of the Liberal Party. All these circumstances make me deplore his untimely death, both on public and on personal grounds.

It is only a year or two since I lost my own dear father, and I am therefore able to share with complete understanding the grief that must be yours at the moment. You have my heartfelt sympathy. It would be your father's wish that you should take up his work and carry it on in the interests of all that is highest and best. My best wishes will always be with you in this endeavor.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. Mackenzie King Papers

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