

Mr. King + a seat in Parliament - North York
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Newmarket, November 22, 1921

Dear Madam:-

As an elector in North York, you are being called upon at the present time to decide how, and by whom, the government of Canada is to be carried on during the next five years; and who, for that period of time, is to be your representative in Parliament. It is a great responsibility, and will, I am sure, be so viewed by you.

As one of the candidates who have been officially nominated, I wish it were possible for me to see you personally, and to talk over with you the many considerations of which, in the casting of your ballot, you should take account, in your own interest, in the interest of North York, and in the interest of our country. Unfortunately, as leader of one of the political parties of Canada, my time is not my own. There are national, as well as provincial and local, obligations of which I am obliged to take account. I am therefore sending this letter just to explain why it is that it has not been possible for me to call upon you, and to express the hope that, notwithstanding my inability to meet you personally, you may nevertheless see your way to give me your support on the day of elections.

As you are no doubt aware, for over two months past I have been addressing the electors in all parts of our Dominion. In the course of the present campaign, I have spoken in all the Provinces of Canada with the exception of British Columbia. I have held a few meetings here in North York, and hope, before the campaign is over, to address a few more. I am expected, however, to speak in a number of other constituencies between now and the day of elections, so that within that time, even at public gatherings, I can hardly hope for an opportunity of meeting more than a limited number of the electors. What in this way may be lost through the effect of a direct appeal will, I trust, be more than made up in the publicity which has been given my views on questions of public policy as presented to the electors throughout the Dominion.

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