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Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,  
Premier of Canada,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

My dear Mr King,

This will serve to introduce to you Walter H. Kirchner, M.C., D.C.M., now Publisher and Editor of the Canadian Observer, who is proceeding to Ottawa in connection with the question of War Taxation and the most expeditious means of apportioning this burden among the Canadian people in order that "Equality of Sacrifice" may be maintained.

Having discussed this matter very fully with Mr Kirchner, I endorse the general stand he is taking on this question. It would reflect not only my own considered opinion and that of many influential leaders of the Liberal Party, but of all right-thinking people, embracing an ever-growing and formidable body of thought among the rank and file of the returned men who composed the Canadian Corps. We feel that the least tribute we can pay to the dead is to see that the wives and dependents, and also the returned men, shall not continue to be penalized by allowing the vast wealth created during the war and centralized into the hands of a fraction of the Canadian people to remain untaxed.

Mr Kirchner has certain proposals to meet the present situation. He is a man who has devoted all his material resources since the signing of the Armistice to the cause he has undertaken. I consider him qualified to represent a high, constructive type of thought growing more common among the returned soldier populace.

He has been referred to in the public press of British Columbia as one of the strongest factors at work in the practical re-establishment of his comrades. On returning to Canada shortly after the Armistice he drew up the plans for the Co-operative Land Settlement scheme of British Columbia. I might say in connection with this primary industry of the Dominion, Mr Kirchner has devoted a life-time of study to the question and would be recognised in the West as an authority on this subject.

In March 1919, the Rehabilitation Committee, composed of members of the Legislature of B.C. recommended on the floor of the House at Victoria that, in the public interest, he proceed to Ottawa as the accredited representative of the Provincial Government to lay his plans of Co-operative Land Settlement before the Federal authorities, and subsequently he carried out this mission.

You will find in Mr Kirchner an individual with a keen insight into national issues, posted upon the current political situation and possessing a grasp of the policy necessary to