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Ottawa, July 3, 1909.

My dear Ellis:

I am indeed grateful for the generous and encouraging words of your letter of the 28th inst..just received. In nothing do I regard myself so fortunate as in the confidence which some of my friends have been so generous as to express in the integrity of my purpose in entering public life. It will be my most earnest endeavour, however little I may achieve in other respects, not to disappoint their expectations in this. I must count on men like yourself who are in touch with practical questions in different parts of the country giving me the benefit of your counsel and advice. I shall always be ready to listen and be glad of an opportunity to further any movement or object which may commend itself as being in the public interest and for the advancement of the Dominion.

With very kind regards and best wishes for

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