

and almost should
thing left now that I
am able to feel any
interest in public
affairs and your own
immediate interests.

I cannot tell you how
gratified I was - what a
real happiness it was to
me - that the choice of
the convention six weeks
ago fell upon you as
its leader - It was
not merely on personal
grounds but for the
Party and for the Country
quite as much.

How proud of you
your good old father
would be if he could
have lived till now!
and your mother - and
the good old grandfather
too, whom neither
you nor I ever saw -

This name was a
household word in
our house when I
can first remember -
over sixty years ago now.

1837 was then only 20
years gone by - my grand
father and grandmother,
with my father and mother
and my self and younger
brother, were the one
family - all living together
always in the old house
on the farm - and at the
table - in the fields -
almost every day, it seems
to me, the next of kin talk
when it was all about
immediate farm affairs
was "you Mackenzie
and the Rebellion" -
Grandfather was a
young man of 37 in
1837 and - as much as
an ordinary country
farmer could be - he
had been in it - It
was, to his dying day, the
biggest event of his
life - So, ever since I
have known you, I have
felt the warmest
interest in you - and
when you were elected
leader six weeks ago -
there was no one there