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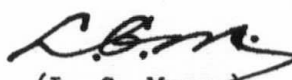
Mr. Pickersgill -

I shall be obliged if you will let me have an indication, as early as convenient, of the Prime Minister's wishes with respect to the ceremonial of the Opening of Parliament.

As you know, in pre-war days, the formalities connected with the Opening of Parliament called for "Evening Dress". During the war, and up to the present, the order of dress has been, for ladies, "Afternoon Dress with Hats", and for Gentlemen "Service Dress or Morning Dress."

I am consulting you in this matter on behalf of the Acting Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, who is anxious to get the printing of invitations under way as soon as possible. You will find enclosed a specimen pre-war invitation card, and a typical war-time invitation card of 1945.

With respect to the possible filling of the presently vacant position of Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, the Prime Minister may be interested in the attached record of those who have served in this capacity since 1867.


(L. C. Moyer)
Clerk of the Senate.

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