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markets, make these markets more accessible and as well to give our Canadian trade routes greater advantage over American routes for export trade. What Canada is able to do in this regard is to be measured by the greater commercial strength of the country. A strong, prosperous Canada can give these advantages but a Dominion crippled commercially cannot. I look forward confidently to reduced rates by way of access to extended markets and I believe such reduction in part at least will have to be borne by the entire Dominion. I look forward confidently as well toward adding substantially to the advantages which now are given in favour of maritime ports, and it shall be my utmost endeavour to bring these things about in practical results just as soon as I am able to take part in doing so. You may be assured no one feels more keenly than I do the unfortunate sense of grievance which now exists, and no one is more anxious than myself to take practical steps to relieve all just causes thereof.

Yours very truly,

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