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Hon. W. L. McKenzie-King,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

I think it was in October, 1908, that I wrote a letter congratulating you on being selected by Sir Wilfrid Laurier as Minister of Labor in his Cabinet. If you will recall the incident, you will remember that I expressed the hope at that time that I would live to see you Prime Minister of Canada. I think that all that is necessary to realize the hope then expressed is, to use a horse-track phrase, for the people to "call out the horses."

To be serious, let me say that I must thank God that I have been spared to see you standing on the threshold of the Premiership, and I have no hesitation in predicting that the moment an election is held in this country it will be Hon. W. L. McKenzie-King, Prime Minister of Canada and Leader of the Liberal party.

With the best of good wishes and heartiest congratulations,

I am

Yours very sincerely,

J. W. Smith
Deputy King's Printer

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