There are two things I would ask you to bear in mind in making your reply. In the first place, the University would consider it an honour to honour you, and believes that you might possibly regard it as an encouragement to you in these anxious days. In the second place, you will have an audience all of whom are university graduates. They ought to be worth speaking to, and a message to them should have a far-reaching effect.

The matter does not become official until approved by Corporation, which meets on October 2nd, but I may say to you that I have never known Corporation do otherwise than approve of a recommendation unanimously made by the Deans and myself. Nothing can be said of it publicly until after Corporation meets, but I am giving you this early intimation in order that you may have more time to consider what would be appropriate to say.

Hay I hope for a favourable reply?

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal & Vice-Chancellor.

The Right Honourable R. B. Bennett, P.C., LL.D., Prime Minister of Canada, O t t a v & c