

The Roxborough,  
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Mr. J. Ross Robertson,  
The Toronto Telegram,  
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Mr. Robertson:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo came during my absence in New York. I received it on my return to Ottawa only yesterday.

I cannot say how happy its contents have made me, nor how grateful I feel to you for your great kindness. I am glad to know that you are likely to be in Ottawa shortly, and I certainly hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you while you are here.

I expect to leave for the American West about the 22nd of the month. If able to arrange my plans so as to permit of it, I shall stop over in Toronto with a view of seeing the pictures of Father and Mother which you have had painted.

That reminds me that, while you were out of the city a short time ago, I was in Toronto for a day, and spent part of the afternoon looking at your wonderful collection in the Public Library.

I was delighted to see, among the pictures there, the photograph taken at Government House in which you and my mother and Sir John and Lady Gibson are in the foreground. It is a pity that Mother evidently moved her head just as the photo was taken, and that the face should be a little blurred; but the picture of her figure is very life-like. So far as I know, it is the only full-length picture of her in existence.

I saw the portraits of William Lyon Mackenzie and of Mrs. Mackenzie, and liked them exceedingly. It makes me very proud to feel that both my father's and mother's portraits will find a place in this collection. On my brother's and sister's behalf, as well as on my own, I should like again to express our lasting thanks to you.