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Ottawa, December 12, 1919

My dear Stairs:

May I avail myself of the present season to extend to you best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New York, and at the same time to thank you for the congratulations you so kindly sent by cable at the time of my selection as Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada.

You will understand, I am sure, the circumstances which made it difficult for me to send an acknowledgment at the time. I am anxious, however, that you should know how much I appreciated this expression of your confidence and good-will.

Let me thank you also for the letter I received shortly after, and

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