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Toronto, September 24, 1911.

Dear Mr. Ratz:

I was prevented during the pressure of the campaign from writing Mrs. Ratz and yourself to say how much I appreciated your kindness in having me presented with the beautiful bouquet of flowers which your little girl gave me on the night of our meeting at St. Clements.

I write now to thank you both, not only for the flowers, but for the great interest and work which you took and did in the campaign. While we were beaten I do not think we should feel in any way discouraged. The issue proved a little too large for a full comprehension of its many advantages. Misrepresentation and prejudice were more effective than logic and argument.

I wish you would convey to all my friends at St. Clements my sincere appreciation of their many kindnesses, and particularly of their assistance through the fight, and with best wishes to Mr. Ratz, yourself and your family.

Believe me always,

Very sincerely yours,

Harry Ratz Esq.,
St. Clements, Ont.

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