

You will be as surprised to know, as the guests were, that forty-three years ago to the day but one, I had, as President of the Canadian Club of Ottawa, presided at the meeting given in honour of Lord Mountbatten's father, Prince Louis of Battenberg. I quoted from the speech made at that time in honour of his father, and what he had to say about Lord Mountbatten himself.

Today, I felt really tired, and have been taking matters easy on account of the heat.

I was delighted to receive Jean's letter telling me that she and the children were so greatly enjoying their visit with you, and particularly that you and Rosabel looked so much better than even when you left Kingsmere. That delights me beyond everything else as it shows your little visit here was really beneficial. I hoped it might be, and I am glad to know that these hopes have been fulfilled.

I have been thinking over what I might send you as a birthday gift. As you know, my own fortunes are undergoing a time of change and, before the year is out, and probably some weeks before, I shall cease to derive income from any source, and shall have to manage from then on what I have saved or invested, and what may come to me from writing and in other ways which ~~is~~ not yet apparent.

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