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The Hon. W. L. McKenzie King, L.L.B.,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear William:-

I congratulate the Liberal Party on the choice of their leader. I was afraid that the reactionary and machine element in the party would not have had brains enough to select as leader, the only man that can save them from themselves. They can't do without you, but you can do without them.

There seems to be a feeling abroad that the two old parties were serving interests instead of the people. I may be mistaken, but I think that there is among the Electorate today a larger number of free and independent voters than ever and old party affiliations are weakened. Of course, in Hamilton and many other ridings, organization is in the control of old hide-bound politicians and machine men, who are not really liberals at all and have no more idea of liberal and progressive principles than you would expect their type to have. The Bob Rodgers, Jim Calders and George Grahams are discredited. I wonder at George Graham having the nerve to let his name go before the Convention. You have tackled a tough job, but I believe you are the only man that can carry it through successfully. In every community there ~~but~~

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