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Dear Mr. Thomson:

I have yours of the 25th, and thank you very much for it, and as well for the enclosures. I am glad you have had a talk with Amery. My view is that there will be an election this summer, and that the Government will take the first incident which they can call an excuse to bring on a contest, especially if they think they can get away from the tariff question.

In view of this fact I am just a little afraid as to whether it would be best for the two parties you name to make their visit this year. If they were to come or set out before any election was announced I don't think there could be any objection. Certainly they would be cordially welcomed in Canada, and the utmost courtesy shown them at all hands. I am disposed to think though that if the contest is on the Prime Minister would endeavour to cover up by an over-plus of attention and rhetoric the truculent and unfriendly drift of his policies. Nevertheless there is quite a bit to be said for the trip, especially if they could start before an election is announced.

I saw Robinson of the Toronto Telegram just a few weeks ago. He is a very remarkable character and as you say a strong Imperialist.

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