

July 31st, 1931.

Dr. Stephen Leacock,  
Old Brewery Bay.  
Orillia,  
Ontario.

My dear Stephen,

Some time ago you telegraphed to me saying that you had been asked by the Bennett Government to accept the Chairmanship of the Chignecto Canal Commission, and I wired you giving my consent.

I have thought about this several times since and have wondered whether it was wise on your part to accept this Chairmanship. I have always found that that sort of thing only adds to one's worries. You know that in the last year or so your health has not been as good as all your friends would like it to be, and I believe that any additional worry is bound to be prejudicial to your health.

A couple of years or so ago MacKenzie King offered me the Chairmanship of that Commission, and I refused it, solely for reasons of health. I put it to you that you ought to think this thing over very carefully before undertaking the work.

We have had devilish hot weather and much rain in Montreal lately.

Kindest wishes always,

Ever yours faithfully,