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Ottawa, 22nd August, 1919.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Your very kind letter of 18th inst has brought me both pleasure and pain. I had not heard of your wife's death.

The mention of Irene recalls the many talks we had together when I was at the University of Toronto, when she was such a patient sufferer in the hospital for sick children. The last time I saw her was when you and she were together.

It touches me very much to know that she had kept some of the letters I wrote her. Among my papers I have letters from her, which I will be glad to let you see one of these days. I am indeed sorry to know of your bereavement.

I thank you very cordially for the congratulations which your letter conveys, and also for the assurance it brings of your loyal and enthusiastic support. We must ^{make} every effort to win as many ridings as possible when the general elections come. I am glad to be able to count on you as a worker in Port Hope.

With many thanks and kind regards,

I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Robert C. Smith
Port Hope. Ont.

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