

Sometime ago, since I saw you in Paris, I wrote amicably to Mr. Lapointe, and suggested to him how my future could be settled, and I had asked him to speak to you about it.

I know that you first find it somewhat embarrassing to ask Parliament to vote an adequate pension for me, as I have not subscribed to the Pension fund. I was suggesting that perhaps you would find it more convenient to give me a seat in the Senate, where I could render still some services to you and to our country. But I was adding that in the case a senatorship would be offered to me, it would be very helpful to me in many ways if you would recommend me for an Imperial Privy Councillorship. Naturally this is a mere suggestion; if it clashes at all with what you have in mind, I am readily willing to forget about it.

My dear Prime Minister, this suggestion does not call for an immediate decision - I am feeling better than I did for a long time, and quite willing to stay at my post for another year or two - unfortunately I cannot say as much for my wife. . . I am writing you this crudely, in my own handwriting, not wishing my people at the Legation to know about my private affairs. (1)

In April, 1938, Mr. Roy wrote to Dr. Skelton that his wife was sailing for Canada on April 27 and that he hoped to visit Canada - "my last official visit" - sometime during the summer, when arrangements for his retirement might be discussed.

On July 20, 1938, Mr. King telegraphed Mr.

Roy:

Regret delay replying to communications regarding time of your retirement. You will appreciate matter has necessitated careful consideration. It is impossible for government to deal with appointments in any country without regard to transfers and appointments throughout service as a whole. All circumstances considered, we feel that action regarding new posts, re-arrangements, etc., should be taken latter part of September or early October at latest. While we should much like to meet your wishes regarding extension, this, unfortunately, cannot be done unless whole contemplated re-arrangement be delayed. If you feel necessary for you to visit Canada meanwhile, I shall very gladly leave this phase of matter to your own discretion.

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