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The Roxborough,  
Ottawa, March 31, 1919

Sir Herbert B. Ames,  
Honorary Secretary, Canadian Patriotic Fund,  
Ottawa.

My dear Sir Herbert:

I regret that an engagement made some time previous to your letter of the 21st instant will render it necessary for me to be absent from Ottawa on the day of the Executive meeting of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, April 9th.

Without opportunity of hearing the discussion upon the relative merits of the various methods of dealing with the Fund, suggested in your letter, I hesitate to express any definite opinion. I believe, however, that the suggestion which your letter contains of investing the substantial balance in the treasury of the Fund, in Government securities yielding a fair rate of interest, and having the revenue therefrom employed for a continuance of services similar to those now undertaken, is one that, if carried out, would meet with general approval, inasmuch as it is so wholly in accord with the purposes for which the fund itself has been raised.

Yours very truly,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

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