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Difficulty in making acknowledgment.

While pleasant to have expressions of good-will -
not equally so to be reminded of the rapid
passage of time, and little time left to seek
to complete some of the tasks one would like
to have seen accomplished in one's life time.

To me personally the day one for thankfulness:

1. That I have been spared to participate ever during
so many years in the public life of our country, -
and to see Canada hold the place our country
holds in the regard of other nations;
2. That having been in office for so long a time,
I have so many, - I might have said, any friends
left. - It is impossible to hold office for
any length of time without political opponents
becoming stronger in their dislikes. Unfortunately
it is equally true that it is inevitable that the
numbers of those of one's own supporters whose
hopes or ambitions in one direction or another it
has not been possible to further must also increase..