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Honorable Sir:-

The electors of the South half of the constituency of Prince Albert, now represented at this meeting, wish to express our pleasure and gratification at having you, the Prime Minister of Canada, as our Candidate, and we assure you that you will be our elected member on February 15th.

You, Sir, will be the second Liberal Prime Minister of Canada to be elected in this constituency.

In 1896 our Dearly Beloved Old Liberal Chieftan, Sir Wilfred Laurier was elected in this constituency in a close three cornered fight. This constituency then consisted of the whole District of Saskatchewan and comprised what is now the North half of this Province. No Liberal had previously been elected here.

Rosthern then had only recently been settled. In the whole District, between the North and South branches of the Saskatchewan River there were fifty voters. When the ballots were counted at Rosthern, there was a solid vote of fifty for Wilfred Laurier; and in the whole constituency he had a majority of fifty votes. Rosthern has always claimed the honour of his election.

While the Constituency of 1896 now forms seven Federal Constituencies, the Liberal policies and principals advocated and carried out by you, Sir, still predominate as the political views of the electors, in all of them. We wish to assure you that the great settlement of Rosthern has never changed its political affiliations, and is everywhere in Western Canada, known to be solid Liberal.

We wish to assure you, Sir, that we appreciate your courtesy and consideration in accepting the invitation of the Rosthern Liberal Association to hold this meeting today, and afford us this opportunity of meeting you. We know that you have taken the time to attend this meeting at great sacrifice to your own convenience and for this reason we doubly appreciate your courtesy.

W.L. Mackenzie King Papers
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