

garden-city enterprises in which for so long you have been very deeply interested. Now I shall be obliged to wait till the war is over, and who can say how many sad and weary months this may be!

I am sure that Lady Grey and your daughters will be interested in this great opportunity for useful work which has come to me, and I shall be grateful if you will tell them of it. It is international in character and world-wide in scope, and has a foundation of millions behind it. Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. is just my own age, as is also Mr. Greene, one of the trustees. You may remember Mr. Greene as being secretary to President Eliot of Harvard University at the time Dr. Eliot was your guest at Government House. Both he and Mr. Rockefeller are enthusiastically in earnest over the project, and we shall all derive a great deal of pleasure, as well, I hope, as render a useful service through it. Dr. Eliot is one of the trustees of the Foundation, as is also President Judson of the University of Chicago. This being the case, it is a source of pleasure to me to recall that after graduating at Toronto, I pursued post-graduate studies in the field of economics at both Chicago and Harvard, and that it was while there I pursued in some detail, researches into industrial conditions begun while an undergraduate at Toronto.

Sir Wilfrid had asked me if I would make with him the trans-continental tour which earlier in the year he intended to take, and to allow my work with the Foundation to begin after it was concluded. This was in June last, and for this reason I arranged not to enter upon the work until October 1st. Meanwhile the war came on and the political tour was cancelled, and instead of participating in a party conflict I set to work at once to do all in my power to help to bring a truce to party strife, and to unite the parties in a common aim. I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the Liberal Monthly of August and September which will interest you in this connection. Each of these numbers I wrote myself from beginning to close. The August number was out and distributed before the short session of our parliament took place. I had only the press despatches and my own knowledge to guide me in the preparation of the article on the war. It may seem fragmentary now, but after working until four or five in the morning for a couple of days in succession to get it out in time for an early distribution it seemed almost like a real contribution. Seeing that it was the first attempt in Canada to give a comprehensive survey of the causes of the war, and that it was distributed very widely, I think it served a useful purpose at the time it was issued.

I was the only one of the members of the former administration in Ottawa a week prior to the war. Some time when I see you I will hope to tell you of my long-distance messages to Sir Wilfrid and our talks together here on the day immediately preceding the declaration of war. We drafted together the interview he gave to the press declaring a truce to party strife, and which I think was cabled to