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February 9th, 1946

MR. PICKERSGILL.

Re: Opening of Second Session Twentieth
Parliament, March 14, 1946.

Confirming our telephone conversation
of this morning:

The Honourable J.H.King, Speaker of
the Senate, has asked me in a letter just
received, what form the official Opening of
the next Session of Parliament will take.

You will recall that the Opening of
the last Session was on what was described as
"a formal basis, but not full-dress". This
involved the following order-of-dress:

Gentlemen - Service dress or
morning dress.
Ladies - Afternoon dress with hats.

The Governor General was escorted to
Parliament Hill, and a salute of guns was
fired on his arrival.

The question which Dr. King would like
to have determined as soon as possible, is
whether the next Opening will follow the lines
indicated above, or will be on a full-dress pre-
war basis.

Dr. King also inquires whether it is
likely that a new Gentleman Usher of the Black
Rod will be appointed sufficiently in advance
of the Opening to have charge of the ceremonial
details. If this cannot be done, of course, Mr.
C.H.Larose, who functioned very satisfactorily
at the last Opening can be expected to render the
same service again.

*Follows last
opening
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*will be
arranged
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*R. King
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