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Sir,-

It was my pleasure, some years ago, to meet with you on two or three occasions, and I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing very sincere congratulations to you and the people of Canada on your selection as Leader of the Liberal Party.

This expression is not through any particular interest in any party, in so far as party politics is concerned, but my feeling is that we are just now, and probably will for some years, be going through a period in the history of this country when it will be more than ever necessary that the leaders of public men and public thought should be thoroughly familiar with and sympathetic to the various viewpoints of Capital and Industry on one side, and Labor and Labor Organizations on the other side. The great object should be the welding together of these interests so that, as time passes, there will be a more ready assimilation so that both sides may be enabled to view the various problems from the same platform.

I believe you to be the most eminently capable man in all Canada for this position, both as to ability and self-trained experience.

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