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## Mid-Day Luncheon Club

"The feast of reason and the flow of soul."—Pope.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

September 12, 1919.

To the Honorable W. L. Mackenzie King,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

In behalf of the Mid-day Luncheon Club I desire to invite you to visit Springfield as the guest of our organization, at a time convenient for you, in the event of your being in the United States this fall or during the coming winter.

The Mid-day Luncheon Club is composed of a group of the most representative men in the intellectual and industrial life of the community, including state and city officials, who meet at the noon hour for discussion of topics of general interest.

We would esteem it a most delightful privilege to have you meet with our organization at a noon luncheon which we would like to arrange in your honor, and at which we would have present a large gathering of the leading men and women of the city.

An especial reason why you might wish to visit Springfield is that, besides being the capital of Illinois, it is the home and last resting place of the immortal Abraham Lincoln. We would arrange for you to visit the tomb of Lincoln and other places of historic interest here.

In May, 1917, we were favored with the presence of His Honor Sir James A. M. Aikins as the guest of our organization. Among those who have been our guests during the past season are Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, Major General Sir Frederick B. Maurice, Major General Leonard Wood, Major General Emilio Guglielmotti, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Baron Goto, the members of the Chilean Commercial Mission.

Hoping that you may find it possible to favor us with your presence in Springfield, I have the honor to be,

Respectfully yours,

*Elmer J. Kneale*  
Secretary

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