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The Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G.C.M.G.,  
335 Laurier Avenue East,  
Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Sir Wilfrid:

I have received your kind letter, returning the enclosures sent you a few days ago.

I shall be glad to be back in Ottawa just as soon as I can complete the work on which I am at present engaged. It is, however, a bigger job than I had anticipated, and involves my going over industrial plants in the vicinity of St. Louis, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas, with the possibility of a visit to Casper, Wyoming as well. It may, therefore, be as late as three weeks before I can get through; but if it is possible to finish the work in a shorter time, I shall certainly do so.

I have given up thought of going abroad, and have also decided not to make any final decision with regard to the other matter of which I told you until I see how matters are shaping themselves in Canada. My heart and will are with my own country, and only the lack of opportunity of service there at all comparable with that which lies before me through the connections I have formed here would lead me to take any step which might mean a permanent severance of my life relations with Canada.

Thanking you most cordially for your welcome letter, and with kindest remembrances and regards, I am, dear Sir Wilfrid,

Yours very sincerely,

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