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opening of a new port at Waterloo will be a welcome circumstance to the Berlin office, which will now be left freer to deal more *exclusively* ~~entirely~~ with Berlin affairs. In fact, it might be said that the opening of the Waterloo office as a separate port is due not less to the increasing importance of Waterloo as a town than it is to the very great growth in the business of Berlin.

I wish, too, you would say that the appointment of Mr. Dunn will be regarded with general satisfaction; that it recognizes the principle of promotion for faithful service, and the evident intention of keeping appointments free from political partisanship one way or the other. It would be well to mention that as it is the policy of the Customs Department to require their collectors to reside in the towns in which the ports are situated, Mr. Dunn will likely remove his residence at an early date to Waterloo.

I am only giving you the barest outlines, but perhaps you will be able to work up a short article as well as an editorial from the hints here given. The whole business is one which should help us very much in the riding.

I do not know whether you wish to give the readers of the Telegraph a New Year's Greeting from me or not, but if you do, and think of putting one in Monday's or Tuesday's paper, I would suggest that it read as a telegram, dated Ottawa, January 1st, and run as follows:- "I know no better wish for ~~the people of~~ ^{the North} than that expressed by Burns in his Cotter's Saturday Night when he expressed the hope that Scotland's hardy sons may long be blessed with health and peace and sweet content. This wish I send to one and all in North Waterloo whom it is my privilege and pleasure to serve,"
W. L. Mackenzie King."

With best wishes for your own happiness and the happiness of your family in the New Year,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

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