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Mr. Charles R. Towson,
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347 Madison Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Towson:

I have just received your letter of the 3rd instant, and thank you heartily for its cordial invitation to take part in the proceedings of the Week-end Industrial Conference in connection with the Summer School at Silver Bay, in August next.

I realize very fully what a splendid opportunity is presented by such a gathering as you will have at Silver Bay, and would very much like to take advantage of it. My plans for the summer, however, are already such as to make it impossible for me to accept. I have arranged to spend a couple of months on a tour throughout the Canadian West, immediately after the present session of Parliament; and as present indications point to a continuance of the session on into July, I see little opportunity of making any engagements in the East until the fall at any rate. Under the circumstances, I wish you would express to your Committee my regret at being unable to be present, and convey to them also my cordial thanks for an invitation which I would much like to have been able to accept.

Yours sincerely,

W. L. Mackenzie King Papers

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