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My dear Mr. Gouin:

I thank you most cordially for your welcome letter of August 19th, and also for your kindness in sending me a copy of the "Revue Trimestrielle Canadienne" containing your fine appreciation of my "Industry and Humanity". I regret that the pressure of work at the moment prevents me from sending more than a line of acknowledgment.

The review of my book, besides being one which the publishers will greatly appreciate, reveals a personal regard for which I cannot thank you too cordially. While I realize only too well how little I merit the praise you have so generously bestowed, not less in the review of my book than in your letter, I should like you to believe that the words of both are a source of real encouragement.

I am most grateful also for the confidence expressed in your letter. Your name and its associations, as well as your fine qualities of heart and mind, make me hope for a very close association with yourself in the work of the Liberal Party in Canada. As young men, the principles and policies of Liberalism naturally make to us a very strong appeal. We must do our utmost to cause the younger men of our generation to realize how vast are the opportunities of public service which the advocacy of these principles and policies affords.

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