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~~Press Release from the Office of the Prime Minister,
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The Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, celebrated, on Saturday, his sixty-fourth birthday anniversary. Mr. King spent the day quietly at Laurier House, his home in the Capital.

The Prime Minister was deeply touched by the countless expressions of friendship that came to him from friends in all parts of Canada, the British Isles and the United States, as well as other countries. In speaking to the press, Mr. King expressed the hope that those who had sent greetings would understand how impossible it was for him to attempt anything in the way of personal acknowledgments.

Laurier House was more like a conservatory over the week-end, with the mass of flowers that came to Mr. King. Among them was a beautiful basket of sixty-four red roses from his colleagues in the government, a rose for each of his years. Another bouquet of roses was received from the President and members of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, of which Mr. King is a life member.

At no time have the letter carriers or telegraph boys been as busy as they were on Saturday in serving Laurier House. Among the hundreds of telegrams and letters that poured in, were messages of congratulation and good

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