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Ottawa, July 20, 1920

The Honourable Sir Allan Aylesworth, K.C.M.G.,  
Bank of Hamilton Building,  
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Sir Allan:

On the 7th of August, a year ago, you nominated me as one of the candidates for the Leadership of the Liberal Party of Canada. The anniversary of my selection as leader is to be made the occasion of a demonstration in North York, in the nature of an old-fashioned picnic, at which I and one or two of my friends are expected to deliver addresses. I have thought that nothing could be more appropriate, or better please our friends in North York, than to have you present, and, along with myself, the principal speaker on that occasion. If you thought you would be able to come, I would arrange to have an invitation also extended to our good friend, Mr. Fisher, who seconded the nomination, and we three would compose the trio for that occasion.

If you think you can manage it at all, will you please send me a wire on receipt of this letter, so that I may immediately telegraph our friends in North York, who are anxious to get out the posters. Even if you felt that a few words were all that you would care to say, your presence at the picnic would be of itself a great compliment to the Party, as well as to myself, and as such would be appreciated by our Liberal friends everywhere.

With kindest regards,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

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