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I still believe you would do well to move to the Coast, where living is not only more pleasant but, I believe, less expensive. As I have often told you I think you would find there a very congenial atmosphere, not only for yourself, but for Lady Macdonell and your daughter, both of whom I hope have fully recovered from their recent illnesses.

I suppose that during the past week your thoughts have often turned to the Governor General, who, by acting in a decent manly way, has run foul of the ambitions of certain politicians. I am very sorry all this has occurred, particularly at the end of Byng's very successful tenure of office. It is hard to estimate what the result of Mackenzie King's contention may be. If he fights the election on this issue and is sustained it is bound to result in a widening of the breach between Canada and the Motherland, and incidentally throws us a little more towards the United States. If Canada should leave the fold of the Empire I believe that Canada would break up. While independence may be her ultimate destiny I do not think we are quite strong or stable enough at the present time to stand as united Canada by ourselves. Of course with Mackenzie King the fate of Canada counts as nothing to his own political success and the success of his party. As you can see he has appealed to all the radical and anti-Empire interests and we may yet have to set up an advanced battle headquarters.

If any other ideas come to me regarding publication of material you may have on