

APPENDIX IV

3. How should Senators be elected?

(a) By the Government as at present? No.

(b) By the local Legislatures or any composite or
franchise Franchises? No.

(c) By direct vote of the people? Most decidedly
"Yes," for it is in accordance with true Liberal
principles, would be universally popular with the
masses of the people of all the Provinces, and
when tried in old Canada was quite successful.

4. Should appointments be for life or a term of years? For
not more than ten years. Life membership has few, almost
no friends.

5. Should your Government reform the Senate soon? Most
certainly, for you and the Liberal party are pledged to the
teeth to do so, and we are now—having a large majority—
fairly chargeable with violating our promises of Reform for
mere party advantages.

I may add that the people feel more deeply on the Senate
question than appears on the surface, and you can scarcely
find a Tory or a Grit who has not long ago made up his
mind that it should be changed; in other words brought more
into harmony with the recognized principles of popular gov-
ernment.

Under these circumstances, if Mr. Borden had foresight
enough to declare for an Elective Senate, he would put you
in a tight place, and I also believe that if, as Prime Minister,
you add Reform of the Senate by popular vote to the other
great measures of your Administration, it will place you on
a plane with either Borden or Macdonald, and add to the
political triumphs you have already won.

I remain, my dear Laurier,

Very truly yours,

JAMES YOUNG.