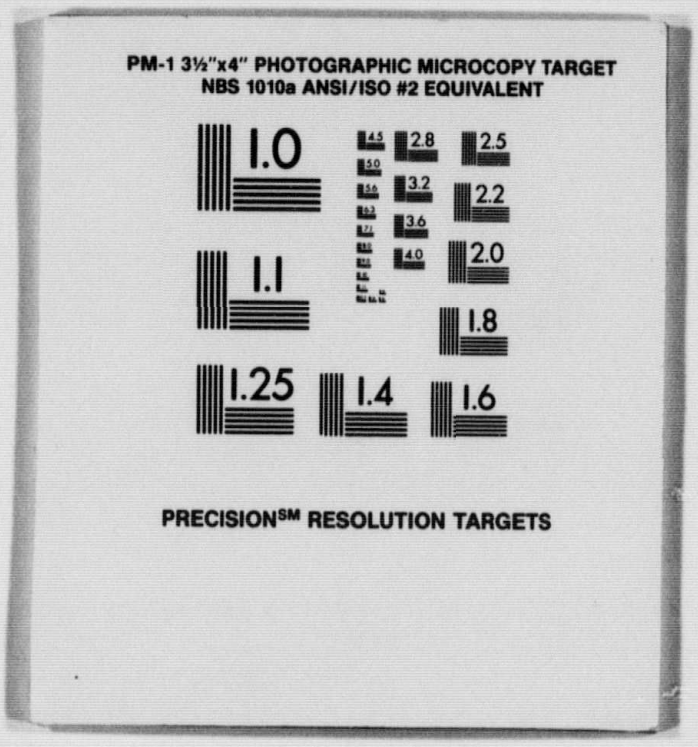
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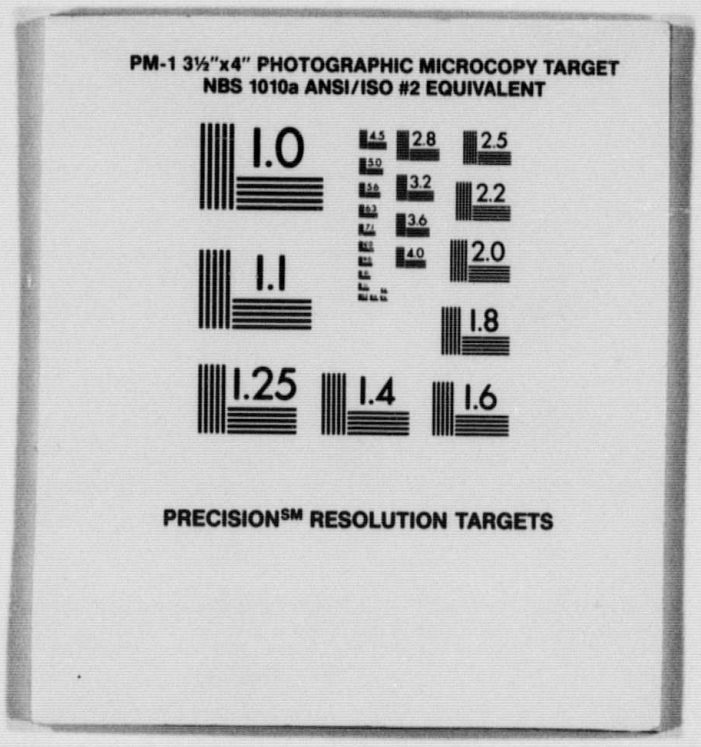
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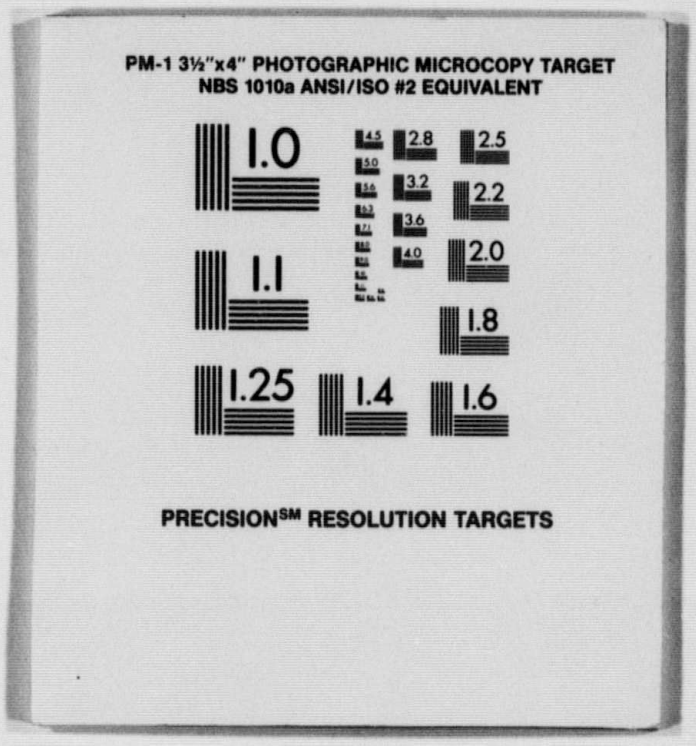
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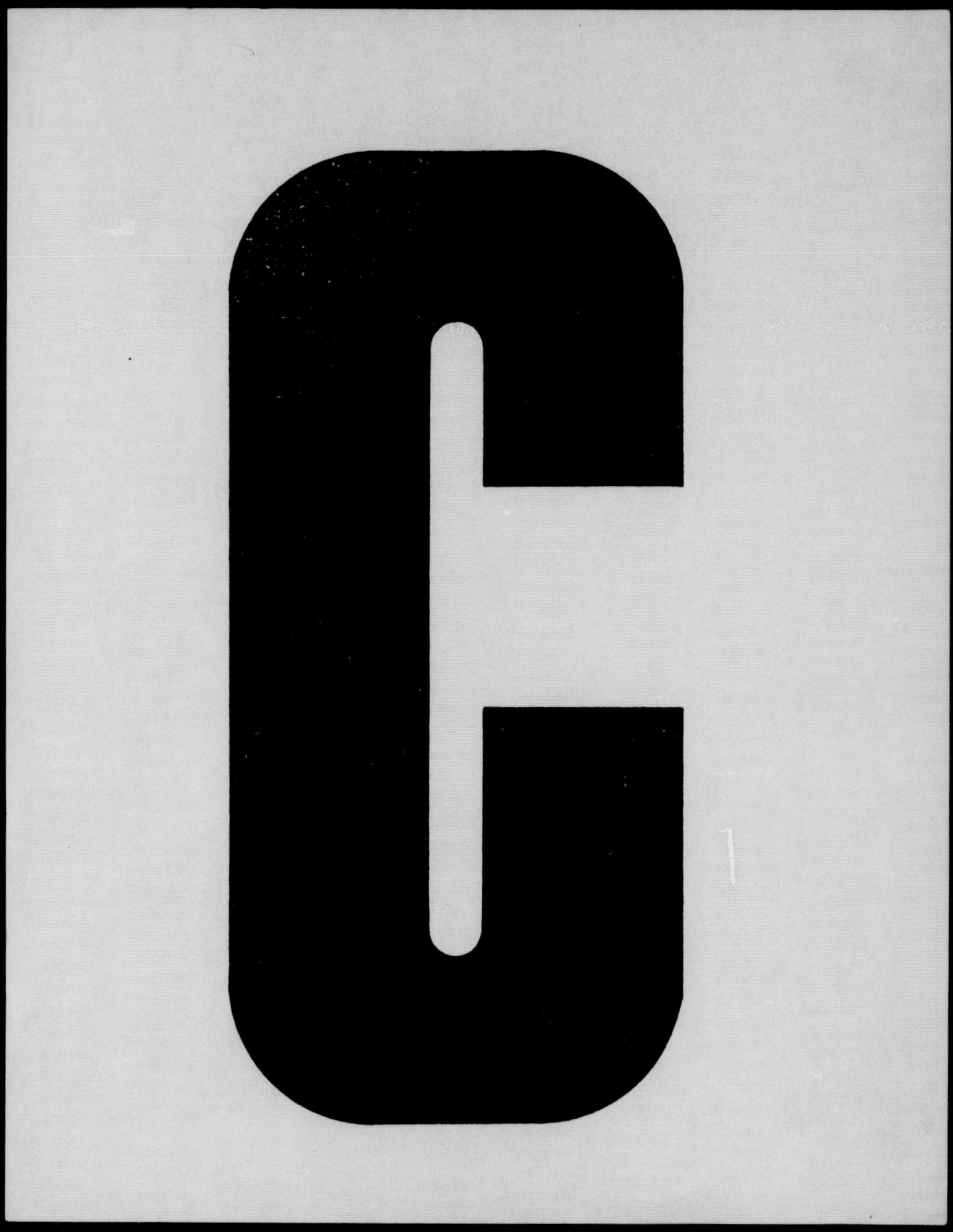

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King, Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie. (1874-1950). Prime Minister.

Original, 1641, 1703, 1815-1969, 231.650 m. Photocopies, 1908-1950, 7.250 m. Transcripts, 1893-1950, 17.340 m. Finding Aid No. 502.

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William Lyon Mackenzie King, a grandson of William Lyon Mackenzie, was born in Kitchener (then Berlin), Ontario, 17 December 1874. He attended the University of Toronto (B.A., LL.B.), the University of Chicago, and Harvard University (M.A., Ph.D.). His field of study was Political Economy, with labour problems as his special interest. In 1900, he was appointed the first Deputy Minister of Labour and editor of the of the Labour Gazette. In 1908, he resigned to enter the House of Commons and in 1909 he entered the cabinet as the first Minister of Labour. He left politics after his defeat in the election of 1911 and from 1914 to 1917, he worked for the Rockefeller Foundation investigating industrial relations. He re-entered politics in 1919 after he was chosen leader of the Liberal Party. At the end of 1921, he became Prime Minister and held the post (with the exception of three months in 1926) until his party's defeat in the election of 1930.
He was Leader of the Opposition until October 1935 when the Liberals came back into power. From that time he was Prime Minister until he retired on 15 November 1948. He died 22 July 1950 at his Kingsmere estate.
The W.L. Mackenzie King Papers were deposited in the Public Archives of Canada by the terms of Mr. King's will. The papers were the property of his literary executors until they became the property of the Crown. The final transfer occurred 30 June 1977.

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Some type of finding aid exists for each series in the King Papers. The description of each series includes a note about that series' finding aid(s). Consult the Political and Public Affairs Archives for any possible finding aids in process.

The following portions of the King Papers are available on microform: Primary Series Correspondence (J1), Memoranda and Notes Series (J4), Speeches (J5) 1899-1932, and the Diaries (J13). The finding aid for each of these series includes a microfilm converstion list.

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Public Papers.

Primary Series Correspondence, J1 Series. Original, 1889-1950, 44.700 m. (Vol. 1-447).

This series consists of the important correspondence both from the Prime Minister's Office and from Laurier House. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by author within each year, with enclosures and any replies kept together. The pages of the entire series are numbered consecutively. For the correspondence up to 1921, there are both subject and author indexes. The subject index is in four 10 cm boxes and the author index consists of index cards. The subject index is also available on microfilm reels C-4591 to C-4593. For the 1922-1942 correspondence a detailed subject and author index is available in the form of computer printouts. A detailed subject and author index for the period 1943 to 1950 is in preparation. A subject list for the entire period prepared by the biographers is available in the Political and Public Affairs Archives.

Prime Minister's Office Correspondence, J2 Series. Original, 1921-1930, 1935-1948, 52.000 m. (Vol. 1-520).

This series consists of the subject files remaining after the Primary Series correspondence was selected. A file list is available in two separate bound volumes.

General Correspondence, J3 Series. Original, 1915-1950, 15.200 m. Photocopies, 8 pages. (Vol. 1-161).

This series consists of personal letters which were kept at Laurier House. These letters were left after correspondence was selected for the Primary Series (J1), the Family Papers (J7), and the Personal Correspondence Series (J8). A file list is available in the finding aid. A more detailed author list is available in the Political and Public Affairs Archives.

Memoranda and Notes, J4 Series. Original, 1887-1950, 43.800 m. (Vol. 1-431).

Memoranda, notes and some correspondence are found in this series, arranged in subject files within four chronological periods (1887-1921, 1922-1932, 1933-1939 and 1940-1950), with additional material at the end. A complete file list is available in a separate bound finding aid and on microfiche.

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Speeches, J5 Series. Original, 1899-1950, 10.600 m. (Vol. 1-105).

This series contains speech notes, drafts, printed copies, newspaper reports and comments. The material is arranged chronologically. A list giving subject and place of each is available in a separate bound finding aid. The file list for the speeches up to 1932 is available on microfilm reel C-4593.

Pamphlets and Clippings, J6 Series. Original, 1876-1950, 42.100 m. (Vol. 1-245).

This series consists of clippings, pamphlets, obituaries and brochures arranged alphabetically in subject/nominal files. This series is divided into two parts: pre-1921 and 1921-1950. A file list is available in the file folder finding aids, and the list of pre-1921 material is available on microfilm reel C-4593.

Personal Papers.

Family Papers, J7 Series. Original, 1880-1950, 6.100 m. (Vol. 1-65).

This series consists of King's correspondence from members of his family. The letters are arranged chronologically up to the end of 1917 and after that by name of correspondent.

Personal Correspondence, J8 Series. Original, 1897-1950, 4.000 m. (Vol. 1-41).

This series includes the personal correspondence received by King between 1897 and 1950. This correspondence was from friends rather than from acquaintances or the general public. A file list is available with the file folder finding aids.

Spiritualism, J9 Series. Original, 1919-1950, 1.400 m. (Vol. 1-7).

This series includes correspondence, publications and memoranda arranged in subject files.

Laurier House and Kingsmere, J10 Series. Original, 1919-1950, 2.800 m. (Vol. 1-28).

This series includes financial, property, hospitality and job application files relating to King's two residences. A file list is available with the file folder finding aids.

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Finances, J11 Series. Original, 1907-1950, 1.600 m. (Vol. 1-16).
This series includes annual statements, material on investments, etc. arranged in subject files.

Personal Miscellaneous, J12 Series. Original, 1905-1950, 2.100 m. (Vol. 1-21).
This series consists of subject files on personal matters such as cars, church, health, insurance and staff.

Diaries, J13 Series. Original, 1893-1950, 5.700 m. (Vol. 28-32, 117-164). Transcripts, 15.000 m. (Vol. Unnumbered). Microfiche, 492 pages.
A list of the diaries and a microfiche conversion list is available in the file folder finding aid.

King Family Papers, J14 Series. Original, 1840-1950, 2.000 m. (Vol. 1-20).
This series consists of correspondence of members of the King family with persons other than W.L.M. King. Included are the papers of John and Christina King, Mr. and Mrs. John King, Isabel King, Dr. and Mrs. Macdougall King, Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Lay, and the Lindsey family. A file list is available in the file folder finding aid.

Souvenirs, J15 Series. Original, 1641, 1703, 1815-1950, 7.250 m. (Vol. 1-18).
This series, rearranged in 1981, contains a wide variety of material including programmes, historical documents and memorabilia collected by Mackenzie King. It is organized by type of document. A file list is available with the file folder finding aids.

Election Campaign Posters, J16 Series. Original, 1940, 6 pages.

Literary Executors of the King Estate, J17 Series. Original, 1938-1969, 1.800 m. (Vol. 1-9).
Included is the correspondence of the Literary Executors, 1950-1958, relating to the writing of the W.L.M. King biography and the placement of the King Papers in the Public Archives. Also included are financial records of the Rockefeller Foundation grant for the W.L.M. King memoir project, 1950-1957. A file list is available with the file folder finding aids.

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McGregor, F.A., J18 Series. Original, 1950-1956, 0.100 m. (Vol. 1).

F.A. McGregor: Secretary to Deputy Minister of Labour, 1909-1910; teacher at Woodstock College, 1913-1914; assisted King in his studies in industrial relations under the Rockefeller Foundation, 1914-1919; private secretary to Leader of the Opposition and to the Prime Minister of Canada, 1919-1925; Registrar, Combines Investigation Act, 1925-1937; Commissioner, Combines Investigation Act, 1937-1949; member of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, 1939-1950, and enforcement administrator, 1941-1946; literary executor and a trustee of the estate of W.L.M. King. The papers were presented in 1980 by Mr. A.N. McGregor.

Correspondence between F.A. McGregor, the literary executors and others involved in the estate and in the biography of King, as well as personal correspondence. A file list is available with the file folder finding aids.

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KING, Le très honorable William Lyon Mackenzie (1874-1950). Premier Ministre.

Originaux, 1641, 1703, 1815-1969. 231.65 m. Photocopies, 1908-1950. 7.25 m. Transcriptions, 1893-1950. 17.34 m. Instrument de recherche no 502.

William Lyon Mackenzie King, petit-fils de William Lyon Mackenzie, est né à Kitchener (alors Berlin), Ontario, le 17 décembre 1874. Il étudie aux universités de Toronto (B.A., LL.B.), de Chicago et Harvard (M.A., Ph.D). Il se spécialise en économie politique et s'intéresse particulièrement aux problèmes ouvriers. En 1900, il est nommé premier sous-ministre du Travail et rédacteur de la Gazette du travail. Il démissionne en 1908 pour entrer à la Chambre des communes; en 1909, il devient le premier ministre du Travail. Il quitte la politique après sa défaite aux élections de 1911 et de 1914 à 1917, il étudie les relations industrielles à la Rockefeller Foundation. Il revient à la politique en 1919 après avoir été élu chef du parti Libéral. En 1921, il devient premier ministre et conserve ce poste (sauf pour quelques mois en 1926) jusqu'à la défaite de son parti aux élections de 1930. Il est chef de l'Opposition jusqu'à la reprise du pouvoir par les Libéraux en 1935. Il réintègre alors son poste de premier ministre qu'il conservera jusqu'à sa retraite en novembre 1948. Il meurt le 22 juillet 1950 dans son domaine de Kingsmere.

Les papiers W.L. Mackenzie King furent déposés aux Archives publiques du Canada conformément au testament de M. King. Les papiers sont demeurés la propriété de ses exécuteurs littéraires jusqu'au 22 juillet 1975, date à laquelle ils sont devenus celle de la Couronne.

Les instruments de recherche des papiers King ne sont pas encore terminés. La description de chaque série comprend une note explicative sur son (ses) instrument(s) de recherche. Consultez les archives des premiers ministres pour les instrument de recherche en préparation.

Les séries suivantes sont disponibles sur microformes: Première série de correspondance (J1), Mémoires et notes (J4) 1887-1939, Discours (J5) 1889-1932 et Journaux intimes (J13). L'instrument de recherche de chacune de ces séries comprend une liste de conversion des microfilms.

Papiers publics

Première série de correspondance, Série J1, 1889-1950. Originaux, 44.7 m (volumes 1-447).

Cette série comprend un choix des lettres les plus importantes des dossiers du cabinet du premier ministre et des dossiers de la maison Laurier. La correspondance est classée par ordre alphabétique d'auteur pour chaque année. Les pièces jointes et les réponses sont réunies et numérotées consécutivement. Il existe un index des auteurs et des matières pour la correspondance antérieure à 1921. L'index des auteurs est sur fiches et l'index des matières est conservé dans des boîtes de 10 cm. L'index des matières est également sur microfilm (bobine C-4591 à

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C-4593). Pour la période 1922-1942, un index détaillé tiré par ordinateur est disponible sous forme d'index-auteur et d'index-matière. L'index de la correspondance 1943-1950 est en préparation. Les biographes ont dressé une liste des matières qui est conservée dans les archives des premiers ministres.

Correspondance du Cabinet du premier ministre, Série J2, 1921-1930, 1935-1948. Originaux, 52 m (volumes 1-520).
Cette série comprend les dossiers-matière non compris dans la première série de correspondance. La liste des dossiers est disponible dans un instrument relié séparément.

Correspondance générale, série J3, 1915-1950. Originaux, 15.2 m. Photocopies, 8 pages (volumes 1-161).
Cette série comprend des lettres personnelles que King conservait à la maison Laurier et qui n'ont pas été retenues pour la première série J1 et celle de la correspondance générale, série J8. Une liste des auteurs est disponible aux archives des premiers-ministres.

Mémoires et notes, Série J4, 1887-1950. Originaux, 43.8 m (volumes 1-431).
Les mémoires, notes et quelques lettres qui n'étaient pas inclus dans la correspondance se trouvent dans cette série et sont classés dans des fichiers-matière divisés en quatre périodes chronologiques: 1887-1921, 1922-1932, 1933-1939 et 1940-1950. Un instrument relié séparément et sur microfiche donne la liste complète des dossiers.

Discours, Série J5, 1899-1950. Originaux, 10.6 m (volumes 1-105).
Cette série comprend des notes de discours, des brouillons, des copies imprimées, des commentaires et comptes rendus de journaux classés par ordre chronologique. Une liste donnant le sujet et l'endroit de chaque discours se trouve dans un instrument de recherche relié séparément. La liste des dossiers des discours antérieurs à 1932 se trouve sur la bobine de microfilm C-4593.

Brochures et coupures de journaux, Série J6, 1876-1950. Originaux, 42.1 m (volumes 1-245).
Cette série contient des coupures de journaux, des dépliants et des brochures qui sont classées alphabétiquement dans des dossiers de noms et de sujets. Cette série est divisée en deux parties: les documents antérieurs à 1921 et ceux de 1921 à 1950. Une liste est disponible.

Papiers personnels

Papiers de famille, Série J7, 1880-1950. Originaux, 6.1 m (volumes 1-65).
Cette série contient les lettres écrites à King par des membres de sa famille. La correspondance est en ordre chronologique jusqu'à la fin de 1917; après cette année, elle est classée par correspondant. Une liste des correspondants est disponible.

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Correspondance personnelle, Série J8, 1897-1950. Originaux, 4 m (volumes 1-41).

Cette série comprend la correspondance reçue par King entre les années 1897 et 1950. Cette correspondance provenait de ses amis plutôt que de ses connaissances ou le public en général. Un instrument est disponible.

Spiritisme, Série J9, 1919-1950. Originaux, 1.4 m (volumes 1-14).

Cette série comprend des lettres, des publications et des mémoires classés par matière.

Maison Laurier & Kingsmere, Série J10, 1919-1950. Originaux, 3.3 m (volumes 1-33).

Cette série comprend des lettres ayant trait à des plans, des meubles, etc., des résidences de King. Elle est organisée en dossiers-matière.

Finances, Série J11, 1907-1950. Originaux, 1.1 m (volumes 1-14).

Cette série comprend des états annuels, des documents relatifs à des placements, etc., organisés en dossiers-matière.

Papiers personnels divers, Série J12, 1905-1950. Originaux, 2 m (volumes 1-20).

Cette série comprend des dossiers-matières sur des affaires personnelles (voitures, église, clubs, santé, assurances et personnel).

Journaux intimes, Série J13, 1893-1950. Originaux, 5.7 m (volumes 28-34, 117-164). Transcriptions, env. 15.24 m (volumes non numérotés). Microfiche, 492 fiches.

Une liste des journaux intimes et une liste de conversion de ces journaux sur microfiche, sont disponibles dans l'instrument de recherche.

Papiers de la famille King, Série J14, 1840-1950. Originaux, 2 m (volumes 1-20).

Cette série comprend la correspondance des membres de la famille King avec d'autres personnes que W.L.M. King. On y trouve des lettres de John et Christina King, M. & Mme John King, Isabel King, Dr. & Mme Macdougall King, M. & Mme H.M. Lay et la famille Lindsey. Une liste des dossiers est diponible.

Souvenirs, Série J15, 1641, 1703, 1815-1950. Originaux, 7.25 m (volumes 1-16).

Cette série ré-organisée en 1981, comprend une variété de documentation y compris des programmes, des documents historiques, des souvenirs collectionnés par Mackenzie King. Elle est organisée par type de document. Une liste des dossiers est disponible.

Affiches de la campagne électorale, Série J16, 1940. Originaux, 6 pages.

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Exécuteurs littéraires de M. King, Série J17, 1938-1969. Originaux, 1.8 m (volumes 1-9).

Cette série comprend de la corrrespondance des exécuteurs littéraires, 1950-1958, au sujet de la biographie de W.L.M. King et les documents sur le dépôt des papiers de M. King aux Archives publiques. Il y a aussi des dossiers financiers ayant trait à la fondation Rockefeller et du don de celle-ci au projet des mémoires de King, 1950-1957.

McGregor, F.A. Série J18, 1950-1956. Originaux, 10 cm (volume 1).

F.A. McGergor; Secrétaire du sous-ministre du Traval, 1909-1910; professeur au Collège Woodstock, 1913-1914, assista W.L.M. King lorsqu'il fit des études en relations industrielles grâce à une bourse de la fondation Rockefeller, 1914-1919; secrétaire particulier du chef de l'opposition et du Premier ministre du Canada, 1919-1925; greffier, Loi relative aux enquêtes sur les coalitions, 1925-1937; commissaire, Loi relative aux enquêtes sur les coalitions, 1937-1949; membre de la Commission des prix et du commerce en temps de guerre, 1939-1950, et agent d'exécution, 1941-1946; l'un des exécuteurs littéraires et des fiduciaires de feu W.L.M. King. Les papiers ont été présentés aux Archives en 1980 par M.A.N. McGregor.

Correspondance entre F.A. McGregor, les exécuteurs littéraires et les diverses autres personnes concernées par la succession et la biographie de W.L.M. King. Une liste des dossiers est disponible.

Personal

September 14, 1948

My dear Mary:

This letter written from the Harvard Club on my way through New York to attend, in Paris, the meeting of the United Nations Assembly and, in London, the meeting of Prime Ministers, will let you know that I have not forgotten but have with me the kind letter which you wrote me on August the 11th, telling me of your impressions of my speech at the Liberal Convention.

It was very sweet of you to write as you did, and I am glad indeed that you approve so completely of what I said. Having retired from the leadership of the Party, I am now looking forward to the moment when I can retire from the leadership of the government. This I expect to do as soon as I return from Europe. Perhaps then, there will be a little more time for correspondence.

It was a great pleasure seeing you, John and the children at Kingsmere. That visit gave great pleasure to myself as well as to my sister. I was glad to learn from Mrs. Lay, on 'phoning her on Sunday, that you were expecting John's return yesterday.

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I won't write more. This is just to thank you for your letter, and its good wishes, and to send with my love my best of wishes to you all.

Mrs. John Lay,
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My dear Harry:

I was delighted to receive, this morning, therradiogram from Dooie and yourself extending your best wishes for a good voyage. It has given me much pleasure to know that I was in the thoughts of you both at this time.

I did not attempt to cover the family circle in a word of good-bye before starting off. Had I done so, you may be sure that Dooie, the little children and yourself would have had a special greeting from me.

This is our second day at sea, and, thus far, the ocean has been delightfully calm. No doubt we shall have some rough weather before reaching the other side. I am glad, however, that the voyage, thus far, has been so pleasant.

I enjoyed immensely seeing Dooie, the children and yourself at Kingsmere during the summer, and was also glad to

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hear that John and Mary had recently paid you and Dooie a visit. Your mother has, I think, benefited quite a little from her too short stay at Kingsmere. The change, however, has done her great good.

Please let this line bring to Dooie and yourself and the children lots of love and every good wish from me.

Yours affectionately,
(Signed) Uncle Willie

M or was it Jean and Gordon. I think I have mixed up the two.
M.K.

Harry Lay, Esq.,
Ste. Adele, P.Q.,
Canada.

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Sept 21st 48

My dear Willie:

We were delighted to hear over the radio, that you had arrived safely in Paris. We say "for those in peril," for you, I hope you had a good trip across. There have been some pretty nasty storms on this side of the Atlantic this last week. On Sunday evening, Margaret was at Church & Rosalee was spending the day with a friend, so I spent my evening playing hymns. I wished I could have had the Kingsmere assistance!

We drove Hazel back to Toronto last Monday & had dinner at John's. He was just home from Bogota, & looked well, though tired. He was flying to Cleveland with Dr. Duncan in the Company's plane, for last week-end. So we didn't see them here, as we had hoped. I see Mr. Harris is to work on Sundays on account of power shortage & if that affects John, we will miss their Sunday visits, which were bright spots for me.

Wynnie Ballantyne is eighty today & is having a family party.

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It shows how much stronger I am, fm, three months ago, I couldn't have sat that long on a piano stool! If only I could walk a bit, life would be much more interesting, but it is hard to have to sit still in the house, when everything outside is so attractive!

I hope the trip has given you a chance to have a little rest. The next few weeks will be very strenuous ones, but when there is great interest, much of the fatigue is forgotten. Everyone was shocked at the brutal murder of Count Bernadotte.

Why do some cranks do the very thing which destroys all sympathy?

I haven't heard from any of the children so far this week, so suppose they are all well! I told Jean you really wanted her to take some of the fruit & vegetables from Kingsmere, so I hope she will. It would help them so much in the winter. Only wish we were near enough to benefit by your generous offer! Margaret has done a few tomatoes, & I'm going to have her do some peaches, so that we can have something to fall back on, during the winter.

I sent her a wire this morning, for she has always been very good to me. She is one of your warmest admirers!

I see Drew has finally announced his intention of letting his name stand, & "if the country thinks he will be of more use in the Federal than the provincial arena, he feels it his duty to accept!" I think Diefenbaker will give him a stiff race!

Rosabel is well; much better than when she was in Ottawa, & joins me in sending best love to you, & hope you will

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enjoy, & feel better for the
trip. With much love
ever your affectionate sister
Jennie

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Sept. 22nd, 48

My dear Willie:

I little thought, when writing to you yesterday, that today I would be thanking you for a lovely hamper of fruit and vegetables. They came as a very delightful surprise, & will be a tremendous help for some time. Thank you very much. The hamper contained a small pumpkin, 4 melons, 2 turnips, 2 cauliflowers, 4 pepper squash and a lovely lot of carrots. You

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can believe I appreciate your kindness, for we haven't a garden of any kind this year, & miss the vegetables. I phoned Jean last night & asked her to ring Lannie & have written Lay this a.m. House & thank them & Jean told me she got a lovely lot of fruit & vegetables. She said she had written me last week, but her letter hasn't arrived. It is more than good of you, & both Rosabel & I realize how kind you are, in the midst of all your engagements, to take time & thought for us. Margaret

was simply thrilled & says they will taste better, coming from Kingsmere! Hope you are enjoying your days in Paris and that the change will do you good.

Our best love, and again very many thanks

Your loving sister

Jennie

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Personal

Hotel de Crillon,
Place de la Concorde,
Paris, France,
September 30, 1948

I have duly received your two letters of the 21st and 22nd of September. I am glad indeed to have each of them.

You will be glad to know that my cold and touch of influenza which was most discomforting on the way across the ocean, and for the first few days here, has now completely disappeared. I am taking all the rest I possibly can.

Doubtless you have seen the report of the speech I made at the Assembly and may have heard some bit over the radio. I was not particularly proud of this effort but it was the best I could do in the circumstances, having had nothing in readiness before I left Ottawa.

The days here have been extremely pleasant out of doors, warm and bright. I hope we will have as good weather in England.

I am leaving for London on Tuesday of next week, and shall be relieved when the first part of my mission abroad has been completed. I expect that London will take a good deal out of me as I am not too familiar with some of the questions that have to be discussed. However, by taking a day at a time, I find one manages somehow to get through satisfactorily ere the close.

I am giving up being received at a special gathering, to be installed as a member of the Institute of France, and also a special Convocation at the University of London to receive a degree as I find myself too tired to prepare speeches for either occasion. All I wish for now is to get safely back to Canada, and to retire with the continued good-will of my Party and the public. I am more satisfied, however, that I have made the right decision,

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months ago, to hold the Convention at the time it was held, and to be giving up the leadership of the government in November. I am in great need of rest, and also of time to go through some of my own affairs which I have not had a chance to do in the years I have been in office.

I am glad to gather from your letter that you continue to regain some health and strength. The easier you take matters fr m day to day, the quicker Nature's response will be.

I am glad Lay sent on fruits and vegetables to you from Kingsmere. I wish he might have sent a larger supply than is indicated by your letter; also I hope Jean is taking full advantage of her chance to get something in the way of supplies from the garden.

Please give my love to Rosabel and all the children, and with fondest love to yourself,

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Boulderfel,
Barrie, Ont.,
CANADA.

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PARIS, France, Sept. 30, 1948

Captain Nelson Lay,
470 Oakhill Road,
Ottawa (Canada)

Pickersgill has wired me of injury you received in motor car collision. I feel so sorry for you and Helen. Relieved to know injury not serious but sincerely hope indisposition may be brief and recovery complete. Affectionate remembrances.

Mackenzie King

LC
Charge: 102

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568 Golden Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario

Sept. 30th 1948

Dear Uncle Willie, –

This letter is long overdue as I intended writing the week you left Ottawa. I phoned Mrs. Kelly and Gordon and I went out to Kingsmere. We came back with the trunk of the car loaded with apples and vegetables plus a huge bouquet of flowers and parsley. I can assure you we have been living like kings ever since. The melons were delicious and the cauliflower had the nicest flavour of any I've tasted. I put the parsley in jars if I can, because I imagine the frost will come soon – nothing was touched when I was there on Saturday.

We were so proud of your speech and the wonderful reception you got. I was hoping to hear it broadcast. I can quite imagine that you will be pressed to stay in Europe. I hope for your sake that your health is able to stand all the demands and that you manage to get some rest soon.

Mother seems to be better every day and feels a little more useful. I don't know when I'll get home again. With Winter ahead it makes trips by car too risky. Right now I have both children in bed – three weeks this Sunday. They have been running temperatures but I'm hoping the Sulpha pills will kill the virus germs soon. Gordon joins me in many thanks & best wishes and much love from

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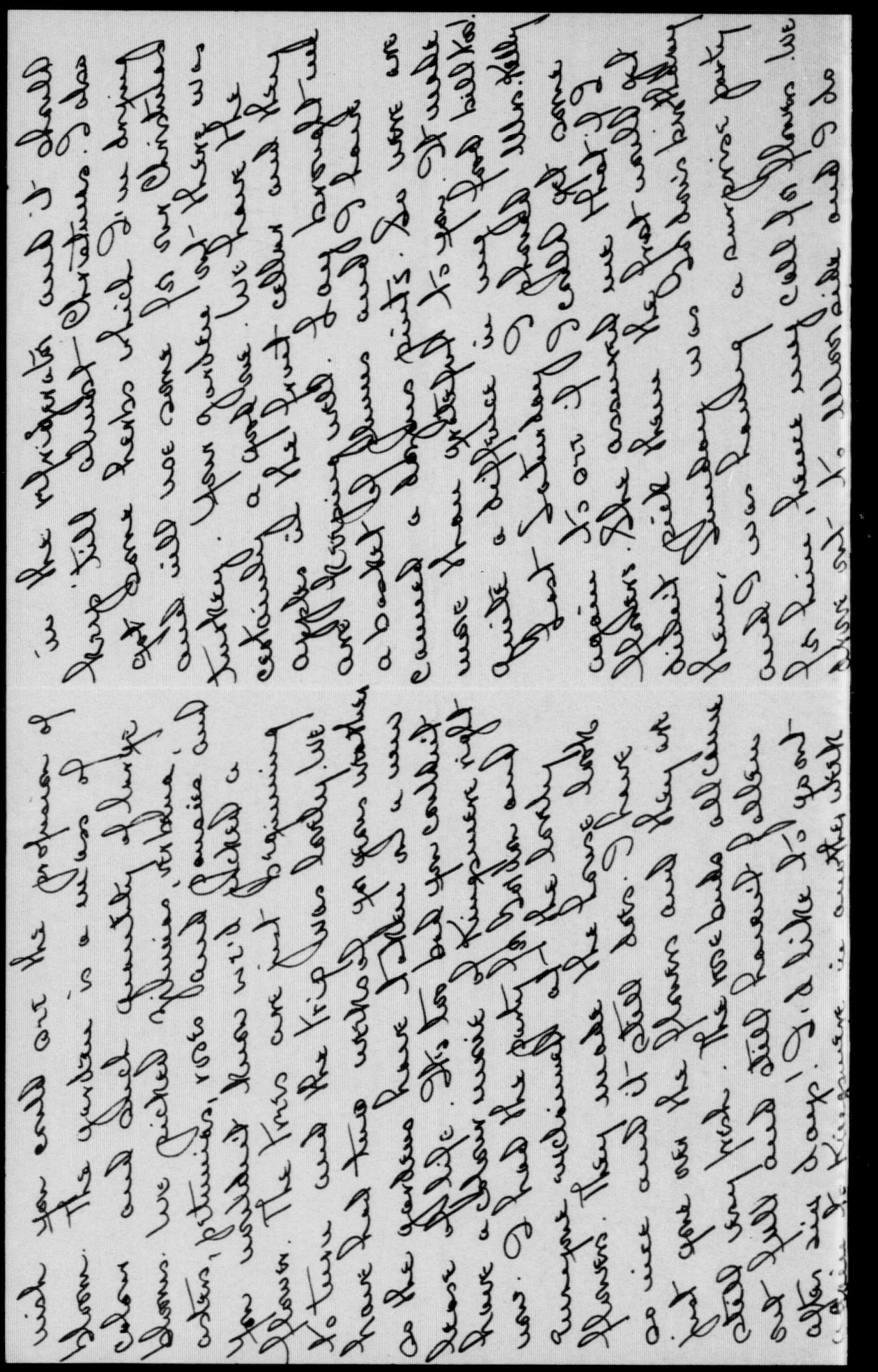

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Oct. 2nd 48

My dear Willie:

It was a great pleasure to hear your voice last Tuesday. Every word came though clearly it was a wonderful speech. After hearing others speak, I am more than ever proud of you! You sounded as if you had a cold, but I hope that was only the radio. Your voice cleared as you went along. I listened to Mr Bracken speak on Thursday night - don't see how he ever got the leadership of his party. He a great help as well as pleasure.

We were sorry to hear you had a cold, I hope by now it has cleared up. A cold can take the pleasure out of any occasion. The climate of England will not help you, but we hope you will enjoy your stay.

This is just a line to congratulate you on your speech, & to tell you that all goes well here.

Rocatel joins me in best love and in the hope that your trip will do you good in every way

your loving sister

Jennie

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Sparks arrived Tues & the "Scarf" his party shouldn't take, and made a day's journey unnecessary. That seems to me unfortunate in this affr. Karl might & leave his defendants speech & acceptance & his nomination & was terribly disappointed, for there was no criticism in his voice, & he doesn't come up to my expectations. I am sorry & didn't hear the other two speeches, but I gather Dew would make the best impression. He will know imperium. He will know triumph who is to be the next leader. I suppose any one & the three, would fill the bill

Garfield Case very wisely withdrew. He had considerable nerve to even think of offering himself.

Helen McMunich is coming up to a meeting today will stay over night with us, but we will drive her home in the morning. We are going down to John's for his birthday dinner. I wanted them to come up here, but Margaret wants to go to Toronto to some big Catholic "do", so we decided to go down. We have been enjoying your vegetables & fruit; finished the last melon this morning. They were delicious. We think of you with gratitude many times a day. Jean has been enjoying the fruits, vegetables & flowers of Kingsmere, too. They are

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London, October 9, 1948

To Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Boulderfel, Barrie, Ont. (Canada)

This word, dear Jennie, is just to assure you no need ~~of~~ for any concern regarding my condition. Already feel better for complete rest I am having. Absolutely no occasion to worry. Glad to receive your letter.
Fondest love Rosabel and yourself.

Willie

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Personal October 10th, 1948.

My dear Jean:

I was delighted to receive your welcome letter of September 30th, though very sorry to know that the children had not been well. I do hope that your anxiety on that score has now been completely relieved.

I am glad to know that you have been out to Kingsmere and able to get some vegetables, fruits and flowers, and that these have added to your happiness. How I wish I could be at Kingsmere at this time! I dislike very much missing the beautiful autumn days and the colourings of the trees.

You will have heard enough of my being in bed at this time, so there is nothing I need add other than to say that I am already greatly enjoying the rest and feel an immense relief at not having to participate in the Conference proceedings. Naturally I am disappointed, and particularly so at the disappointment my absence from the Conference may occasion others. However, I am sure it has been a kind Providence which has given me a chance to rest up in plenty of time and win back what I need in thd way of health and strength.

I am delighted to know that your mother is feeling better from day to day. That is the best possible word. When you write to her tell her to have no concern whatever about me. Before I leave England, which should be within three weeks, I should be in better shape than I have been in many years past.

With lots of love to Gordon, yourself and all the children,

Always affectionately yours,
(Signed) Uncle Willie

Mrs. Gordon Dunlop,
568, Golden Avenue,
Westboro,
Ottawa.

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October 11th 48

My dear Willie:

We are all very, very sorry to hear of your illness, & hope each days rest, will help restore your health. I suppose it is only to be expected after the years of tension, that the reaction was bound to come. You will now have to follow some of the good advice you have given me! We have both had many years of service, of course in very different spheres, but still very full lives, and we are now on "borrowed time" & it behooves us to remember it! I am very glad you have St

day & we are all deeply grateful. Jean has had both boys in bed for nearly a month, with flu & a temperature, & it has kept her very busy & anxious, but they seem to be improving.

I have had several interruptions since I started this letter & am now too late to catch tonights mail.

I do hope, by the time this reaches you, you will be feeling much better. It will be a great disappointment not to be at the meetings, but even harder if you had to go when you are not fit. We heard over the radio tonight that Mr St Laurent is flying over on Wednesday. I am glad you can hand over the responsibility & concentrate

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as far as England - from
seem a bit queer that when
you were in Paris.' from
letter from them somewhere
very tired, when speaking
to Jean a week ago, I remarked
that you would be glad to get
home.' He was so good of you
to send the cable & also the
message from the Office. I
don't know whether you have
that Mr. Pickersgill rang Jean
Hotel her the official phone me
instead of his doing so. I thought it
it was very thoughtful of him.
You can know that everyone
is thinking of you and
wishing you a speedy
arrival of your important

Yesterday was John & Mary's twelfth wedding anniversary so they came up for the day. Then today was Thanksgiving Day & it has poured rain all day. John phoned this a.m. & said he had two men from S. America, & intended to take them to the Falls but it was so cold & wet, they would rather come up here, so they came & brought two cooked Chickens (we had our Thanksgiving dinner yesterday) & we had pumpkin pie & turnip, both from Kingsmere we have kept the pumpkin specially for Thanksgiving. So you see you provided part of the feast.

It was a lovely hamper of fruit & vegetables we got from Kingsmere & we are still enjoying them. Jean, too, is having Kingsmere vegetables etc every

on getting well.
Many thanks for your cable.
Rockcliffe all the family join
with me in sending best
love. I in the hope that you
will be well enough to come
home.
With kind loving wishes
Jennie

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Oct. 12, 1948

My dear Uncle Willie, -

I just wanted you to know that we are all thinking of you and how sorry we are that you are ill. It isn't any fun being sick at any time but under the present circumstances I'm sure you feel just that much worse. I wish you were back in Ottawa in your own home. However, I'm sure you are getting the best of care and we'll hope you'll be completely recovered in the near future.

Uncle Willie, I do hope you are feeling much better and that you will soon be able to leave for Canada. The radio is a wonderful thing and we don't miss a news broadcast. So far, anyone has been very worried, not quite believing the radio! But I do hope you are improving steadily.

Gordon, John and Alice join me in the best of good wishes and very much love.

Very affectionately,
Joan

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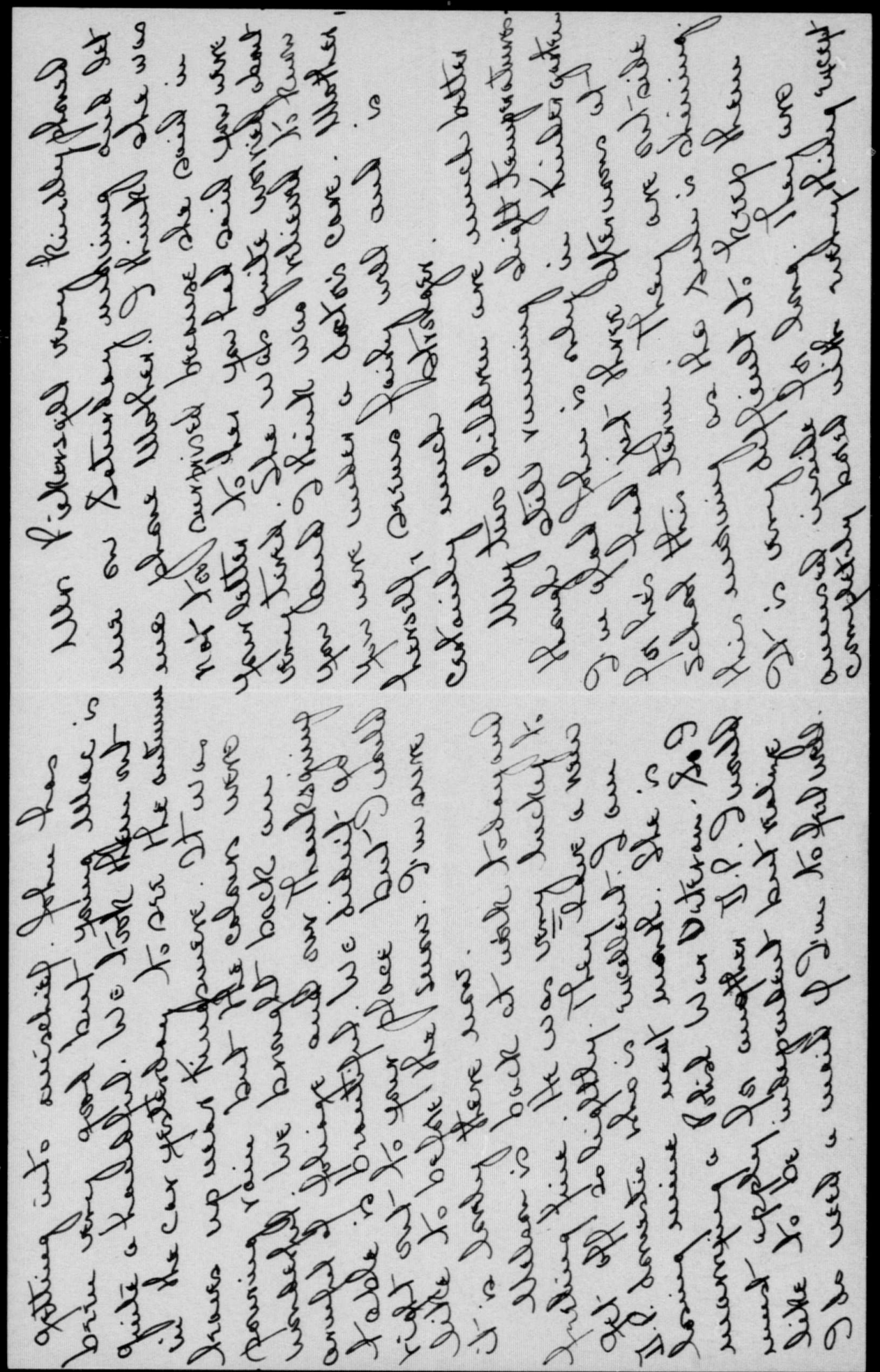

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October 14th '48

My dear Willie:

We are so glad to hear on all the broadcasts, that you are feeling the benefit of the rest you have been forced to take. The one thing we all feel so sorry about, is that you will not be able to take part in the Prime Ministers' meetings, when you have so long been looking forward to them.

It is wonderful to think that Mr. St. Laurent is already in London & has seen you, when only yesterday we heard him broadcast from Dorval! Truly we live in a wonderful

are left in the Newmarket office! She joins me in best love to you & in the hope that you will soon be well enough to make the trip home. We are all, always thinking of you

ever your loving sister
Jennie

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afe! That goes too for the greater
part the Bs now have, I am
sure you are getting the heart-
achiest parcels. It was glad to
see by the papers, that Mr. Lod Stuart
Hamby are with you. I don't
know any two who would be more
interested in your welfare.

I had letters today from Hazel
& Emilie Stuart, and both send
their love to you, I must do
sorry to hear of your illness.
Everyone feels the same - that
it is a shame you couldn't
have carried out this last
piece of national business; but
health comes before anything else.

be still have had no frost, but the trees
are beautiful. Jean says she wrote you
of the lovely flowers she got from Kingsmere.
I hope they haven't all been frozen; we have
such a short time to enjoy them. I hate
to see our window boxes go.

Had a letter from May yesterday. She
sounds well & busy. Her brother Stanley
has just been married again, & she seems
very happy about it.

Rosabel is working hard these days, as they
are taking over the Newmarket branch. I
yesterday she went down with Col. Cooper,
the manager here, to instruct those who

28 Southvale Dr.
Leaside, Ont.
Oct. 14, 1948

Dear Uncle Willie,

Kathleen and I have both been most sorry to learn that you have been ill during your trip to Europe. I, particularly, well know the added burden to the spirit caused especially by sickness away from home.

We do indeed hope that sufficient rest may soon result in as complete recovery as possible.

and interest to an adequate extent and she appears well prepared for the winter.

Kathleen and I would again like to express our hope that you may soon be on your feet once more, dear Uncle Willie, and that you will soon be home again here with us.

As always, we send our warmest of good wishes and fondest of love and devotion to you.

Your loving nephew,

Arthur.

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just now finishing the last of the fresh ones having procured considerable quantities earlier.

The furnace has been started this week and this next week end the storm windows will go on.

From her weekly letters, we judge Mother is feeling well and getting along satisfactorially. Her class of pupils is apparently sufficiently large to occupy her time

We have been spending a very busy but quiet fall cleaning and painting around our house, particularly the basement, which we have tried to civilize by means of whitewash and paint. It is nearly completed now and the results of our work well repay the effort expended in cleanliness and brightness.

We have had splendid vegetables from our patch of garden behind the garage all summer long and are

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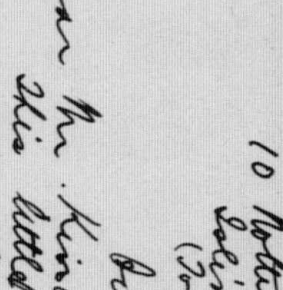
10 Rotherham Drive,
Leicester, Ontario
(Postal Code)
October 16, 1948

Dear Uncle Willie,

I just want to add a note to what Mary has said, to wish you a speedy and complete return to health, so that you may really enjoy a well-earned rest from the labours of office. The news-cast just now is quite some reasoning for those earlier in the week, and we hope the improvement will be steadily continued.

We were in Barrie twice last week-end, once for another very much better than she has been. The greatest difficulty is to keep her from overdoing things, but she has learned that role quite well. Careful, and does take life more easily than she used to.

The children join me in sending many loving (Signed) Eileen.



Dear Mr. King,

I'm glad that you like "Hello"; it's one of Lynn's favorites. We've been to Barrie a few times lately and Lynn always says "Hello" to the cows and horses. Lynn is very much interested in the animals and I'm sure she would enjoy a visit to your farm.

Mr. Kay has been very helpful when Lynn was ill. I'm sure he will be glad to hear from you.

Lynn joins me in sending you a speedy recovery.

Sincerely,

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10 Rotherham Drive,
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The children join me in sending
many loving (kisses for you.)
Eileen.



Not to worry. Shortened
it is easier this way =
we write when
it actually helps from
worrying. Keep
on thinking good thoughts
and I am sure
Mother will be home
well & happy. Love
and kisses from "Hello"
and Mother & Dad
We are thinking
of you. Much love
and kisses to Bill & you
Kay, "Phone!" you
a speedy recovery.
Love, Kitty-Kitty!
Ruth, Ray has very
reliever when
cable arrived
letting us

REPEAT

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Personal October 16, 1948

My dear Jennie.

I hope you have not been disturbed by the reports of my so-called illness which have appeared in the Canadian press. I really am in just as good shape as I was when you were at Kingsmere. Indeed, in most respects, feeling much better than I did at that time save that I always liked the out of doors.

Coming over on the ship, I had another attack of the influenza. What troubled me most was that I could not sleep at times; also that I suffered a great deal from shortness of breath. The influenza cleared up in Paris but not the shortness of breath or sleeplessness at night. As the former was troubling me a good deal, I thought it well to consult Lord Moran as soon as I arrived in London, and he and another Doctor, Sir John Parkinson, gave me a thorough examination before an X-ray screen. After a conference together, they said that my heart bore evidence of wear and tear; that it would be unwise to subject it to further strains without at least a good rest. While they said there was no occasion for alarm, they believed that if I went to bed at once, I would escape anything of a serious nature which otherwise might occur.

What the doctors were afraid of was a condition of heart developing which would keep me awake at nights from shortness of breath, the heart already being somewhat enlarged and giving evidence of strength insufficient for necessary pumping. The lack of adequate circulation was beginning to tell in my feet and in other parts of the body. They were anxious that liquid should not develop near the base of the lungs which, at a critical time, might lead to pneumonia. All that is now cleared up. I am able to breathe as freely as I ever have. Sleepless nights have changed into nights of sleep, and within another week's time, I should be better than I have been over some years past. Instead, therefore, of feeling any sympathy for me, I hope you will rejoice, as I am doing, at my having been spared a very heavy and trying task here, and having instead regained new life and strength.

There is really little that I can tell you about myself that you are not even more familiar with, in regard to

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your own condition. The remedy has been rest, rest, rest. As a matter of fact, I have had a very pleasant week. I have been able to do a certain amount each day on the work of the Prime Ministers' meetings. I have seen many of the delegates; also a number of friends.

I give the mornings over to working with Mr. Handy and seeing other members of the staff; the afternoons, partly to sleeping, and partly to meeting friends. The evenings, partly to signing letters or dictating, as I am doing now, and lights out then shortly after ten.

I hope you are following a somewhat similar regimen. I feel badly to have let a whole week slip by without writing you, but I knew you were receiving the messages I sent through Mr. Pickersgill and the office, and I have thought it as well to wait until the week was out before attempting to send any details.

I am really more anxious to know how you are. From a letter recently received from Jean, I was pleased to gather that you have been feeling stronger though necessarily limited in your activities. I hope you may continue to regain strength.

Mary Goldie came in to see me one afternoon and brought a letter I had written to her mother Norah in 1905. She had come across it in her mother's papers. Minnie's daughter, Mrs. Waterhouse, is now again in London. I had a letter from her on the same day that Mary Goldie called. Mary had not known Mrs. Waterhouse was back in London with her soldier husband. I have still to answer her letter.

Friends here have been very kind, and I am really enjoying the rest. I shall be leaving London within two weeks' time. I go aboard the "Queen Elizabeth" at Southampton, on Friday, the 29th, and should arrive at New York within the following five days, and then home.

It would look as if I had done well in the matter of timing as to the period at which I should give up office. That will be immediately after my return. From then on, I hope to have some time to give to my own affairs and friends, something I have not had in the greater part of my life.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Barrie, Ont.

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Oct. 17th '48

My dear Willie:

Your nice delightful letter through from Ottawa, this morning, that you are feeling the kindness of the people's care for me, & getting. It was so good of you to let Jean phone and we deeply appreciate from thoughtfulness. She said they had phoned the cable to Hull, so she may be at once. I am so glad you are in a comfortable hotel, where you can be warm: I think of the English homes as the coldest spots on earth. I know many

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said, the last time he was home, the only place he could get warm was in church.'
So far, he has had 20 first hits, but probably said Dunn Thinnies. When Jacqueline came to the phone when Jean was talking to us, he said "Gimme the letters are lonely out at Kingsmere." Jean is taking them out for a drive this afternoon to see them.
Jean told us Nelson Steele was at Joan Patterson's wedding yesterday. Too bad you had to miss it: they would be very disappointed. Nelson has gone to Washington on three weeks. Did I tell you that a woman ran into his car & smashed it pretty badly. Nelson had three ribs broken? He was in the hospital for a week, but had the strapping off yesterday. The woman, who bumped into him, was so blind she could read her licence plates!

Jean will be writing to you in a day or two but asked me to thank you in the meantime.
We get reports on your health, over the radio each day, & I don't want you to think of answering these little notes of mine. They are just to show we are always thinking of you, & send our love.
Margaret was here a year yesterday.
Rosabel joins me in best love
and your loving sister Jennie

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London, October 16, 1948

Mrs. Gordon Dunlop,
568 Golden Ave.,
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Please 'phone your mother Barrie through my office and say I am feeling wonderfully well.after week's rest. No need slightest concern. Am writing her today. Love to all.

Mackenzie King

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Personal

October 18th, 1948.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Boulderfel...,
Barrie,
Ontario.

I was delighted to receive this morning your letter of October 11th. You are quite right in saying that our conditions are somewhat similar and that we both have to take things a little easier from now on than we have in the past. As I wrote you yesterday I shall not add more at present. This line is just to let you know that your letter has been duly received, and that I myself am feeling better every day.

When you are next 'phoning Jean, or she is 'phoning you, please let her know that her letter of October 12th also arrived in this morning's mail. I was glad to hear that her boys are getting better.

Since dictating the above I have also receive in the morning mail your letter of October 14th. I am glad the radio has helped to keep you up to date with my "recovery". I really feel I ought to be attending the meetings at Downing Street instead of resting here in bed. As, however, I may not get a like chance for a long time to come I am making the most of everything by obeying the doctor's orders.

My love to all.

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October 18th, 1948.

Mrs. Gordon Dunlop,
568, Golden Avenue,
Ottawa.

I have just received this morning your letter of October 12th, also one from your mother written the day before. This line will let you know that I continue to make splendid progress and am feeling greatly benefitted by the week's rest in bed.

I expect to be here for another week or ten days and then return by the "Queen Elizabeth" which sails from Southampton on October 30th. There is really nothing whatever to be concerned about so far as my present condition goes.

I was glad to learn that the boys are able to be out and about again.

My fondest love to all.

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It will just mean so much to your future enjoyment of life.

Ottawa still looks lovely along the Driveway. They have taken out the zinnias and petunias and now have beds of chrysanthemums which will last well into December. It is a great pleasure for us to drive into the City and we almost always go via the Driveway.

Today I am going in and will drink well of the beauty as my destination is the Dentist!

Helen Lay was at Joan Patterson's wedding on Saturday and said it was lovely. The bride was beautiful etc. Mebon is in Washington at the Joint Defence Conference.

Again very many thanks Uncle Willie for your letter, cable & phone call to Barrie.

With lots of love and best wishes from all

Jean.

568 Golden Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario
October 19th 1948

Dear Uncle Willie, -

How very sweet you were to cable me on Sunday and let me phone Mother. It was a big thrill to get your cable and we were all so glad to receive such encouraging news. I put in the call to Barrie through your office. And incidentally, your switchboard operator is such a nice person. She was so happy when I told her how much better

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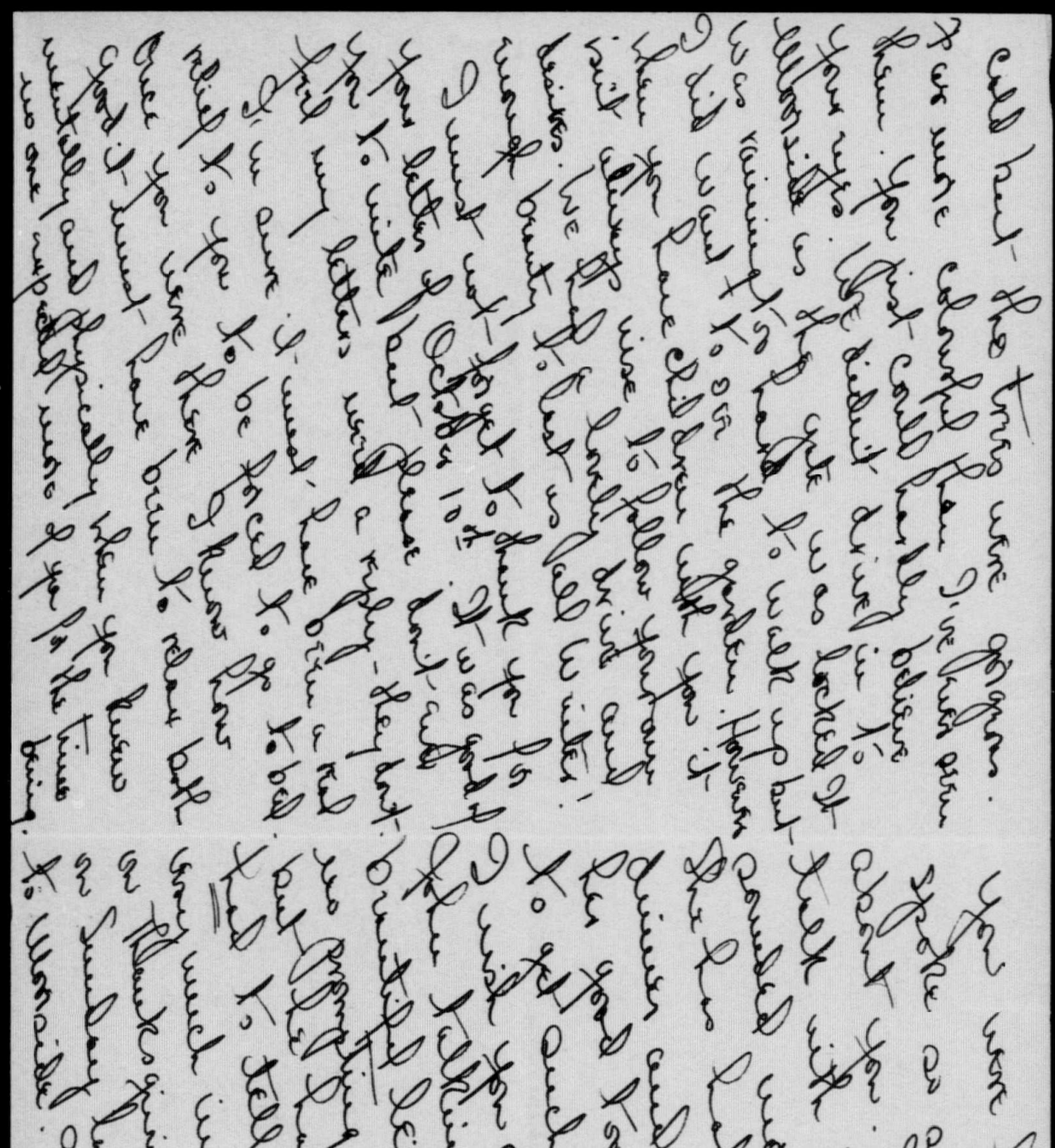

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October 20th, 1948.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Boulderfel,
Barrie, Ont.

I have just received your letter of October 17th. I was glad to get all the news it brought to me.

You will be pleased to know that I am feeling greatly benefitted by the rest I have thus far had. I shall be getting up on Saturday for a short time, and expect on Monday to be in shape to receive from the University of London the Degree of D.L.* Lord Athlone is the Chancellor of the University. He and other of the authorities are coming to the hotel to confer the Degree on me here. I am very pleased about receiving this Degree before returning to Canada. My first association with London was on a travelling fellowship from Harvard University. It helps to round out a wonderful circle of the intervening years, in which I have visited London from time to time on different missions. You will be pleased to know that I received a day or two ago from The Queen some beautiful flowers from Windsor.

I am glad you got my message through Jean, and to know that all is going so well. I shall be leaving here on Friday, 29th to sail for New York on the "Queen Elizabeth" which leaves on the following day. At that time I shall be in the best possible shape.

If I do not write again before sailing, you will know that all is well. I am so glad to gather that you yourself are keeping in such good condition.

* Doctor of Laws

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Ottawa, 20 Oct. '48

My dear Willie:

The news delighted to hear this morning in the C.B.C. broadcast that you had another good night's sleep. Keep it up in a few days. I hope you are exercising your leg while you are in bed, so that you will have no "pickets" when you get up. I did all the time I was in bed this year, with the result that I could put my foot down without pain. Do four exercises from old Colonel Bunn exercises in bed, many times a day? I know you have to keep quiet - but if doesn't

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hurt to wiggle your toes!
We will all be so glad when
you are back in Canada.
It is too bad you had to miss
Armistice with the King, I do
nancy often intervals events,
but you received the rest.
We were interested in the King's
remarks about you, at the
dinner for the Prime Ministers.
We have had our first
snow, but it didn't last-
long. Today is a beautiful
day sparkling, & the trees are
simply beautiful. Too bad
you can't see Kingsmere
in all its beauty! The trees
will be bare by the time you

Get home.
Rosabel & I are going to Mrs Bryanner's for dinner
tomorrow night - my first social engagement, outside
of the family, for several years! That is not quite
true, for I did go to several places when in Mexico, &
after I came to Ottawa, but this is my first in Banff.
I am much stronger than I was last summer, &
I hope this rest will set you up too.
All is well here, and we send best love & the
hope that you are feeling much better
ever your loving sister
Jennie.

Personal October 21st, 1948.

Mrs. John Lay,
10, Nottingham Drive,
Islington,
Toronto 18,
Ontario.

I have just received the sweet little letter from John and yourself. I thank you both very warmly for your kindness in writing, and for the good wishes which your letter brings.

You will be glad to know that there is really nothing in my condition to be concerned about. I am afraid all our family are given to over-doing, and, like Mrs. Lay, I have perhaps tried to attempt too much when I should have been resting. I have been in bed now nearly two weeks, and feel immensely benefitted by the rest.

I expect to be up on Sunday and to sail for New York aboard the "Queen Elizabeth" on Friday at the end of next week. The interval I shall be spending indoors, but hope to be able to enjoy the quiet of the rooms and all that I wish in the way of freedom. I expect on my return to feel in better shape than I have in years past. During the last couple of years the pressure has been much too great.

I was so glad to hear that John had arrived back safely from the south, and was in good shape. I am glad, too, to know that you have both been in Barrie, and that you have found my sister so much better. I do hope she will, at all costs, seek to refrain from attempting too much. Let her leave everything she possibly can to Margaret.

Please let this letter bring to John and yourself and the children my every good wish and fondest love.

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She, & Margaret too, were very pleased with your messages. We will all be relieved when you are once more in Laurier House, though I must say, it has been a great comfort to know you were where you could have the very best advice. You & I must both be pretty "tough" to have taken all that has come to us in these last years! Your letter has given me a great deal of pleasure, & I thank you most sincerely for it. Rosabel joins with me in best love & in happiness that you are so far on the road to recovery.

ever your loving sister

Jennie

BOULDERFEL
BARRIE, ONT.

October 23rd 48

Dear Willie:

We were truly glad to have your letter, yesterday, telling us a little of your condition. I sincerely hope the trip home will help you still further, to regain your strength. You always enjoy an ocean voyage and the fresh air, after having been confined to your room for so long, will be a grateful relief.

I don't wonder you were worried when you couldn't sleep, for that has always been one of your strong points. That has never been my good luck. I suppose, children

a bit of freedom to do as you [illegible]
Rosabel has been very busy with suspectors
et al, taking over the other offices, & is pretty tired,
but much better than when she was in Kingsmere.

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Fanny's two illness have made sleeplessness a terrific thought even in the old 'is bedside days. I was a light sleeper, I could always hear Mother when she needed me. Last night, for example, we were in bed by ten, but at 4 to 2 a.m. I got up to make a sleeping tablet, it being the third night I had been awake. Most of the night, I don't like taking sleeping tablets, though the Dr says it will never become a habit with me.' I am glad, too, that Fanny's circulation has improved. Her feet terribly weak when first set up, but that will pass, I hope, by the time Fan gets home, Fan will be feeling more normal. Fan certainly have had an enjoyable

of distinguished visitors so your illness has not been a complete loss.' We were very interested in hearing that the King had visited you, I had passed unrecognized though the hotel.' Also Gracie Fields & her husband! It all helps to pass the time & leaves pleasant memories! I am glad Mary Goldie met you. She was a beautiful young girl, though I haven't seen her for years. Nora Pirie Waterhouse, too, was very like Nora Gibson, & the Gibsons were really tall, very good-looking girls.

Though you may miss the strenuous life you have always lived, I am sure you will welcome a bit of freedom to do as you like.

Rosaleen has been very busy with inspections et al, taking over the other offices, & is pretty tired, but much better than when she was in Kingsmere.

Personal

October 24th, 1948.

Mrs. Gordon Dunlop,
568, Golden Avenue,
Ottawa.

This little line will let you know that I duly received your letter of October 19th. I was so pleased to know that the children are again well, and that John had been able to enjoy with you the drive to Kingsmere and that he was so appreciative of the beauty of the leaves of the Kingsmere trees.

I am now able to be up and about, and shall be leaving London on the 30th, sailing on the 31st by the "Queen Elizabeth" for New York. That means that in less than a fortnight's time, if all goes well, I shall be home again.

With love to all,

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Oct. 25th 48

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My dear Willie:

You were delightful to see by the paper, that you were able to sit up for a little while yesterday. That is a good start, and I hope all progress will and that you will be able to leave for home at the end of the week. I don't care how comfortable you may be, in a hotel no one may be, where else, when you are right there is no place like home. They will all give you a warm welcome

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at Laurier House, & everyone
will be glad to have you back
in Canada.

I had a letter from Rin
Gibson today. She said Mary
Goldie had written about
her visit to you. Was thrilled.
Rin thought she'd like to
hear you had to miss the
Throne Speech, but what a
conference, but what a
clearing it is, you stepped
in time!

Today is Hazel's wedding
anniversary. Do you remember
what a glorious day it was?
We walked home from the
Williams, & it was like a summer evening!
It has been a beautiful day here, & the trees never
were more beautiful.

This is just a line to send our love & tell
you will be singing "For those in peril", next
Sunday evening. I hope you have a good trip
across, and feel much better when you arrive.
All are well here & send best love
to you from your loving sister
Jennie

Personal

November 2, 1948

This is just to let you know that I am thinking of you on this return voyage and to let you know that I duly received your letter of October the 23rd, and also the little flock of get well wishes from Rosabel.

Please thank Rosabel on my behalf.

As I shall be 'phoning you from Ottawa about the time this letter is received, I shall not write more beyond letting you know that I am really feeling quite strong and well again.

I hope that you, yourself, continue to improve.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ont.,
Canada.

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Ottawa

Nov. 3 '48

My dear Willie:

Do we owe all so thankful that by the time you receive this little note, you will be safe in your own home. I can't tell you how much it will be a great comfort to you to have your own kit in which to travel for so much, but it is well to a

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Thank me kare pretty good
considering pennies! We
hope it will not be long before
we see you, but in the mean
time, Dellor and Kay love and
every good wish for your speedy
recovery.

The papers, with the account
of the conferring of the degree
of Doctor of Laws from the
University of London, arrived
yesterday. It certainly was a
signal honour, & Lin have the
part of ackbone would thoroughly
enjoy the ceremony. I thought
it was specially comprehensive
for them all to Non their toga
of office. The remarks made
by Dr Evans were very well chosen
& Time in every way. You don't
look specially "funky" in the
picture, & it must have taken a

lot of will to get up & dress, & go through the ceremony.
Thank you so much for sending the paper.
There was quite a nice little write-up in the Globe
about your departure from the hotel.

Jean will probably be over to see you as soon as
you are able to receive visitors. She has had quite
a time with her two boys, & must be very tired.

Lin not going to write more just now. We wanted
to say "Welcome home"! & send our best love. Pat
will give you a royal welcome, as will all the staff.
Rozabel joins me in best love

Your letter of Oct. 18th has just arrived. Many thanks.

Lots of love your loving sister
Jennie

Jean phoned last night, and gave me your messages. You have been most appreciative of everything, but I know you understand how much we would like to do, and how deeply we grieve that you have to take life at a slower pace.

Rosabel is at work, but joins me in sending best love, and in the hope that you will soon be feeling stronger

ever your loving sister
Jennie

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Nov. 9th '48

Dear Willie:

It was so good of you to phone on Sunday when you must have been terribly tired, but I fancy you realized how very anxious we would be to hear your voice, & know that you had arrived home safely. It was a great strain, taking the journey & meeting people, after being so long in bed, and, naturally, it will take some time for you to rest. It is too

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bad you have to be bothered with business, when what you need most is rest.

Harry phoned on Sunday night to hear how you were, (& also to wish Rosabel a happy birthday) and said, if there was going to be any public ceremony when you handed over office, he would like to go to Ottawa first. The children have all been most concerned about you, and we all hope that you will pick up quickly now that you are home.

Your letter from the ship arrived yesterday. It is very good of you to acknowledge all our letters, but please don't feel that you have to. I enjoyed having dinner at Mrs Brymner's, but much prefer having people here, to going out. My legs are strong enough, but I can't keep my balance, which means I can't go anywhere alone. The Dr examined my ears, & I went last week & had my eyes tested for new glasses, but it must be something else that causes it. Otherwise I am much better, but don't get out very often as Rosabel is busy till after five every day.

Boulderbel
Barrie, Ontario Nov. 12th '48

My dear Willie:
Thank you so much for phoning yesterday. I was very sorry to miss you, I was just looking up your number when I had to go with Mlle Chopoff. I knew you would be thinking of me, as I was of you!
Hazel phoned me the night before, to ask how you were and asked me if I would come down some time, if Mlle were

Rozatel joins with me in much love to you
ever your loving sister
Jennie

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coming. The invitation came the next day! So we drove down & I spent the afternoon with Hazel and was home again before nine. It did me good, & I feel much better today. This is probably the last time I shall write to you as P.M.; next time it will be M.P.!

I feel very sorry that you are not stronger when the change takes place, but no one has ever done more for his country or, probably, will equal your record. If only now, when you have a chance to rest, you can regain your strength, you will have happiness in doing many of the things you have long wanted to do. It is hard to see so much you know should be done, & yet just keep quiet! We hope that, each day, you are gaining strength, and I know you are thankful to be in your own home.

This is just to thank you, & send our love. Rosabel enjoyed her little talk with you & said your voice sounded strong. Our voices always have been clear & strong!

Ottawa, 17th Dec. 48

Dear Willie:

It was so good of you to phone again on Thursday night. I listened to the broadcast, and was glad to hear from you once or clear picture. I could picture you in the dining room after Lauzon Avenue. If it entails was a lovely letter for you last broadcast as Prime Minister. I hope R.S.L. Lauzon does well, and that the referendum so on from strength to strength. The pictures in last night's Star are very good. Mr. Haig looks more worried than ever!

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Thank you so much for the vitamins. I don't see how you remembered them on that day! I haven't had any for about three weeks, & I know they help me, as it is hard to eat enough to get all you need! I took your advice on Sunday night, & took a sleeping tablet, & had a good sleep. It does help when you have rested quietly at night.

Had a letter from Jean yesterday, & she said she hadn't seen you, & hesitated to phone, in case it might disturb you. She asks for you in every letter. I'm so glad you phoned her for she has been very going to anxious about you. I have wondered whether church would be a strain. I don't think I could face it, & all the people speaking to me! Of course I can't go, as I don't walk well enough.

Now that you have shed the Government responsibility, I hope you can really rest & enjoy doing some of the things you have so long wanted to do.

Rosabel joins me in best love, & in the hope that you will grow stronger day by day

ever your loving sister
Jennie

wonder the men at the top are feeling it is a bit too much.
I was sorry too, to see the notice of the death of Charlie Macdonald's was surprized to see he was 76!
One is inclined to think of people as you knew them!
This is just a little line to show Rosabel & I are thinking & speaking of you every day. I wish we could have you for Christmas! So far we haven't decided what to do, but will probably stay where we are.
Our best love, Hope you are feeling stronger every day.
Your loving Sister
Jennie

P.S. Should I put stamps on letters to you?

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Nov. 28th '18

My dear Willie:

It seems more than two weeks since you handed in your resignation to the Governor General, and yet the days have flown. We have been wondering whether the time seems long to you, or whether you are enjoying the freedom from responsibility you have so richly earned. It is hard to shake off the feeling that you are still responsible, & very hard for us to get accustomed to hearing another name than yours after

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"The Prime Minister!" I have guessed both of Mr H: Laurents' guesses — the first time he spoke I was driving home from town, & last week, after getting several people that he was going to speak, I stopped: till it was over! I was so sorry for I really wanted to hear him speak, but Lawrence happened to make me forget: I am so glad to finally be out of office in the Liberal Association hen the Commons have been out & I suppose you have been very busy. Lawrence's mother is truly remarkable this weather & truly grand it is- later on and, even if we pay for it- hilarious it is helpful the fuel bill part. Jean says she is still picking flowers in her garden. We have pansies & marigolds still blooming in the window boxes. Very different from last year!

Rosabel's little dog has been, & is, pretty sick. He had a touch of distemper, & then got run over by a truck, & the combination was a bit too much for him. We don't know yet whether we can save him.

Everyone will feel the greatest sympathy with the King & his family in the anxiety about his health. He is such a young man to be taken ill, but he has had many years of anxious Government, and has never shirked in any way. I don't think the ordinary man realizes the strain these last years have been on those at the head of affairs. Even we, who have had only our own families to worry about, are feeling the effects of the strain. & it is no

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November 30, 1948

I have just received your letter of the day before yesterday.

First of all, let me say how much I like the quality and colour of the letter paper and envelopes. They present a nice appearance.

Only last night, I had a good talk with Jean. I have tried to reach her on different occasions but either the party line has been busy or she has been out at the time I called. She had just received your letter. She told me of the illness of the little dog. I know how distressed you and Rosabel must feel. Curiously enough, my little Terrier has also had a touch of distemper and, over the last few weeks, was far from well.

I had Pat taken to Dr. Mitchell who looked after the other two Pats and he prescribed a treatment which seems to have worked splendidly and the little fellow is now apparently fully restored to health. On a separate sheet, I am giving you the course he advised me to follow. I have no doubt that if distemper is the trouble, the same prescription would be very helpful for your little dog. No doubt he is suffering, as well, from shock but that should disappear once he is freed of the other trouble. Mr. Handy has written out the prescription for me and I enclose it herewith.

It is just over a fortnight since I tendered my resignation as Prime Minister. I have been working pretty hard ever since trying to overtake a perfect deluge of correspondence. My strength has been returning but quite slowly.

A friend of mine, Mr. McConnell, of Montreal, had Dr. Brow, physician of the Royal Victoria Hospital, come up to see me personally on the week preceding the tendering of my resignation. This to take precautions against a possible extra strain.

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Far from my resignation proving a strain, it has, as I believed it would, brought the greatest possible sense of relief. However, to make sure that everything is in the best of shape, Mr. McConnell has invited me to come down to Montreal to spend a couple of days at the Royal Victoria so as to have a complete examination by Dr. Brownand an all-round check-up.

I shall be leaving here on Thursday afternoon for that purpose and will probably remain at the hospital until the beginning of next week. If you should hear any mention of it over the radio, or see anything of it in the papers, you will know there is no occasion for alarm. It is simply an extra precautionary measure as regards the future. Please, however, say nothing of this visit to anyone as I am anxious to avoid all possibility of publicity concerning it.

I have been wondering very much whether it might not be well for you to have something of the kind under Dr. Oille's direction. I know you will hesitate to think of a further examination but it might well be seeing that you have made such splendid progress over the last few months that an examination, at this time, would be just what is needed still to further advance the improvement of your health. If you could do this, I can think of nothing I should like to do more than to arrange for this as a Christmas gift from me to you. I would gladly do more by way of a Christmas gift in anything which would relate in this immediate way to your health than I might find it possible to do in other ways.

This reminds me that I hope, this year, you and Rosabel will not attempt to do anything either for my birthday or for Christmas which may occasion the least possible tax upon your time and energies. A letter will be all that I would wish or expect. The best of gifts will be to know that niehter of you were adding anything whatever to the demands upon your time and strength which are already far too many.

I have not, as yet, had time to enjoy anything of the new found freedom. I doubt if that will come before the present year is out. However, there is an avoidance of pressure which means very much indeed. Except for the engagements incidental to my resignation, I was not out

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of the house until Sunday last. The day being such a lovely one, I took advantage of it to go out to Kingsmere for the afternoon. Mrs. Patteson and John and Mrs. Gooch came along, and we had a most enjoyable time. It was the first day I had walked any distance. I took nearly the equivalent of my old early morning walk and have felt the better for it ever since.

Yesterday I went out for a short walk around this part of Sandy Hill. I can see, however, that for a little time yet to come, I shall have to continue to go quite easily.

I think you are wise in having friends come to see you instead of attempting much of local visiting yourself.

I am sure, too, that you would be wise in having Christmas in your own home even if only one or two of the family are able to be with you. Whatever will avoid overstrain will be all to the good.

I intend to make my Christmas as simply as possible. I shall not even attempt to acknowledge cards except by a calling card.

P.S. As to the use of stamps, I think matters might be allowed to continue as they have in the past. If any question is raised, it will be brought to my attention here.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Boulderfel,
Barrie, Ont.

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Re Pat III

On November 17, Pat was examined by Dr. Mitchell at the Ahimal Diseases Research Institute. He was given a haemoglobin test and his blood was found to be 64%.

After listening to Pat's heart and testing his reactions, Dr. Mitchell was of the opinion that Pat had had a mild case of distemper. The Doctor felt there was no point in having Pat vaccinated at the time against distemper. He said he, Pat, would not be immune against distemper for life.

Dr. Mitchell directed that Pat be given:

1/2 lb. of beef liver (raw) each day -
in addition to his regular diet;

also 3 pills (Blaud's) each day, and

a lot of milk.

The Doctor stressed that regularity was most important as regards habits of little dogs. Asked to have one of Pat's stools brought in for examination as to possibility of worms. (The specimen was subsequently found to be negative).

The above treatment was continued for a period of 10 days.

Pat was then re-examined by Dr. Mitchell who found the Terrier to be in good shape. The Doctor advised continuing the bloud pills as presdribed; to reduce the liver ration to 1/4 lb. per day - with other food, and also to give Pat 1/3 of one Yeast cake per day. This treatment to be continued for a period of two weeks.

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THE Chantecler

"YEAR ROUND RESORT HOTEL"
STE. ADELE EN HAUT.
QUEBEC. CANADA

Dec 5, 1948

Dear Uncle Willie,

Dosie and I were surprised to hear that you are confined to bed again. We hope that at least part of the reason is so that you may get a little of that long deserved rest. As to the other part, we hope that your doctors may do their best to make you comfortable and fit again soon.

We were in the city last Friday, the day after you arrived in the Royal Victoria, but thought it best to spare

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you the ordeal of relatives. We hope that the newspapers will soon carry the story that you are feeling better, and while we are not quite in the same bracket as those dignitaries you received at the bedside in London, nevertheless we would like to pay you a brief visit some day.

One of the Chantecler men, G. A. DeSerres, our Superintendent, has been in the Royal Victoria for the last two and a half weeks with pneumonia. Unfortunately space is at a premium and he was given a bed in one of the big wards as the only thing available. Dos and I called on him last week and the ward was certainly crowded.

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Last night the boy who drove up to Ottawa with us this summer broke his leg. He was acting superintendent — filling in the gap while Mr. De Serres was ill. It leaves us in an awkward position, and with the winter season just about on top of us I'm afraid that a few of the more valuable employees will find themselves working overtime from now till Christmas. In this business, Spring and late Fall are the periods in which alterations and major repairs

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may be effected. Thus it is always a
scramble to be ready for the top seasons.

The children are thriving in this
good Laurentian air. Apart from one
or two minor sniffles they have been
free of colds all fall. Now if the
snow would arrive they would have
something to keep them outdoors and
busy.

Doris joins me in wishing
you as speedy a recovery as
possible and hope that you may
soon be back in your own home
once more.

Yours affectionately,

Harry.

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Dec. 8th '48

My dear Willie:

We were delighted to hear over the radio last night, & again this morning, that you were home with a clean bill of health & feeling hale & hearty"! I am so glad you have had this examination, for it will relieve your mind, & knows what rest can do for you. It is a great blessing you gave up the office of Prime Minister when you did, for no one can keep on indefinitely giving every ounce of strength. Once you catch up with your correspondence you will feel a freedom, you have

Glad you like this paper - it was one of my birthday presents from John & his family.

Dr. Little is coming down to see me today, to see if he can do anything to help this unsteadiness. It is horrible not to be able to keep my balance. The other day I was taking my dress out of the wardrobe, I tipped just enough to break my new bifocals! That is more than annoying - it is expensive!!

Again let me say how glad Rozzie & I were to hear the report on your health, & to thank you for phoning before you left for Montreal. John phoned that night, to see what it all meant!

Rozabel joins me in best love

Your loving sister

Jennie

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back, the same day! Hazel says Miss Proudfoot flies to Trinidad every winter, to visit an old friend. There is something about her generation which the present one lacks!

We miss our little puppy, but I was thankful to see him go. Both vets here said he had been weakened by being struck with by the truck, was unable to throw off the distemper. It was sad to watch him suffer, & he was quite unconscious all the last day, so it was kindest to put him to sleep. It was so good of you to send the directions for cure of distemper, & we are keeping them, in case we ever get another dog, but for the present, I flatly refuse to have one. I am not strong enough to get after a pup, & they are a great care, when you are not well.

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more milk you take the better.

(12) Medecine: Follow nobody's direction about the medecine except the doctor's + follow his directions to the letter. If you are in doubt about anything call up on the phone and get his advice + do what he tells you.

Directions for Father.

(1) During the fine weather, spend as much time as possible in the open air

(2) In damp or very cold weather it is wiser to stay in doors with the windows open

(3) Avoid smoky and dusty atmospheres (tobacco smoke included)

(4) Take care always to breathe through the nose

(5) Clothing: Wear light flannels both summer + winter + if flannels or socks are damp from perspiration always make a change

(6) Verge on the side of dressing too warmly, + in cold weather be especially careful to protect

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the back of the neck the shins + the soles of the feet

(7) In cold weather sleep in soft flannelette night shirt between flannelette sheets. It is well to warm the bed before getting in on a very cold night.

(8) In cold weather avoid exposures of the body or sudden cooling of the surface of the body as in undressing or jumping out of a warm bed without immediately wrapping up. In changing a damp shirt rub the skin vigorously with a Turkish towel before putting on dry shirt.

(9) Bathing: cut out cold baths + instead each morning rub the chest + back vigorously with a cold wet towel. Warm baths are only to be taken before retiring. Chilling must be carefully avoided. One or at most two warm baths a week are all that are necessary.

(10) Exercise and rest: Go to bed at nine o'clock each night + get up at 7.30. Lie down for one hour before lunch + for 1½ hours before supper. Sit down for ½ hour after meals. Go for a gradually increasing walk each day, every day, at the same hour arranging it so as to lie down when you come in. In choosing the direction of a walk avoid as far as possible dusty streets + streets with cars.

(11) Diet: Eat as much as you can comfortably + as long as the appetite is good, take an egg-nog after each meal. The

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December 9, 1948

My dear Harry:

I was very pleased to receive, while at the Royal Victoria Hospital, your little letter which came at that time. I am sorry, however, that being in Montreal you and Dooie hesitated to drop in and see me at the Ross Memorial. By now you will have learned from the press that I was there only for the purpose of a check up and that I have come away not only rested in body by my few days stay there, but immensely relieved in mind by the report of my physical condition which I think may best be described as A-1.

You will be interested in knowing that while at the hospital I had the pleasure of meeting two gentlemen who were guests at your wedding in Montreal. The one, Dr. Sanford from the Maritime Provinces, and the other Dr. MacMillan, the celebrated eye specialist of Montreal. Both seemed to have retained vivid recollections of that memorable occasion. It was a great pleasure to meet them both.

You are certainly having a very busy time but all appears to be going well. I was particularly pleased to know that the children are well. I have thought many times of the little girls I met at Kingsmere, and how lovely they were. The third member of the family, if I recollect aright, was too young at the time of your visit to make as enduring an impression. Some day perhaps I shall be able to pay you all a visit in your own home. I shall probably be writing you a line for Christmas so shall not add more at the moment, except to send my best love to Dooie and yourself.

Harry M. Lay, Esq.,
The Chantecler,
Ste. Adele en Haut,
Quebec.

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December 14, 1948.

Dear Uncle Willie, -

Just a line from the four of us here and from Mrs. Gates to offer our congratulations for your birthday, and wish you many very happy returns of the day. We were all very pleased that you had returned to Ottawa in a bit better health, and we trust that you will continue to improve and to benefit from a bit of leisure, which you have hardly known but nobly earned in the

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last few years.

Under separate cover I am sending a copy of "Harvest Unlimited: the story of a hundred years of pioneer development of Canada's agriculture and of the Massey-Harris Company. From what I have already read of it, I am sure you will find it interesting and enjoyable reading. It goes to you with our best wishes for your birthday and for Christmas.

We are planning to stay in our own home for Christmas this year, and have invited three young people from Massey-Harris in South America to have dinner

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with us. One lad is from Ecuador, and another and a young lady are from Argentina. All of them are a long way from their own families and friends. We shall probably go up to Barrie the day after Christmas to give Mother and Mack and Margaret a chance to "enjoy" the children for a few hours.

Again, many good wishes for your birthday and for Christmas, and much love from all of us here.

Ever your loving nephew.

John

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15 December, 1948

Dear Uncle Willie

Many happy returns of the seventeenth. I hope you'll be able to spend a much more restful day than last year. We all hope that you're feeling much better and that Friday will be a very happy day.

Barrie had it's

the grade. It's amazing how much you miss them. We were glad to hear that Pat had recovered from his siege.

Best of luck in your new year. We'll be thinking of you especially on Friday.

Your loving niece.

Ronabel.

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well but has trouble keeping her balance. The odd trip in the car is a help as it can't be much fun staying in the house all the time.

I've been wanting to thank you for the directions you sent when my little spaniel had distemper. We did our best for him but the poor little fellow couldn't make

first blizzard of the winter to-day. It's been blowing and snowing hard all day. I had the day off so we had considered driving to Toronto. However after hearing the news broadcasts we decided to do our shopping here. Mother and I went downtown this morning and managed to get quite a lot done. Mother seems fairly

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Christmas. Jean would like to come up, but their tires are not too good, & you never know what the roads will be like. John & his family are coming up on Sunday but will be in their own home for Christmas. They want us to go down but we would rather be at home.

I thought I would do some shopping this a.m. Rosabel had the day off, so we went down town, but I found I wasn't equal to it, so retired to the car! It is too bad not to be able to do anything!

We shall be thinking of you on Friday & will listen to the radio for any scraps of news.

My very best love & every wish for your health & happiness

ever your loving sister

Jennie

Birthday letter

Dec. 10th '48

My dear Willie:

We are all thinking of you, and hoping that Friday will be a very happy day for you, and your new year, one of health & happiness. This last year has been full of strain and heavy work, & we all hope you may now rest on your laurels & enjoy life to the full. I am so glad they are giving the dinner for you at Government House, for they certainly should show you some attention. I am glad too, that Gordon & Jean are going, for I don't think many people in Ottawa, even among Jean's own friends, know you are her uncle! Both she and Gordon are much too shy & sensitive to ever push themselves. It will be a big thrill for Jean if they can go. I

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I hear Pat needs a coat, so I have knitted him a sweater, & hope you will use it! When Harry took little Jo to Alaska, I made one for him, & he wore it whenever he went in the plane with Harry. Had no way of knowing Pat's size, but hope this will fit. Also hope you will use the gloves. They are knitted of Jaegal wool, so should be warm.

They go with a great deal of love & the wish for great happiness for you in days to come.

I would like very much this Christmas, if you would let the allowance you are making me, be my Christmas present. You have been more than generous, and I would really be much happier if you would let this cover Christmas as well as birthday. Sorry I can't do more for you but the will is here, even if the means are not! We don't know what we are doing for

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Dec. 21st '48

My dear Willie:

This is just a little note, to wish you a very happy Christmas, & all that is best in the new year. You have given so much happiness to so many in this last year, that I trust much of it may be bread cast on the waters! I wish you had it quite so much work in connection with all the good wishes which have come your way. but that is the price you have to pay!

We are sending off today, a very small box of joy logs, or as you call them, "Flares", & Jean is looking after our gift to you. We

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send very much love. Rosabel is working hard slate, I can do very little after she gets home; so we are not trying to do the things we would like to do. We don't know yet; who is going to have dinner with us, but we can always get someone who will be glad to share our Christmas pudding!

Was glad to see the two liberals won in yesterday's elections. I suppose Drew was bound to get in somewhere, so it is well to have the decision made! Then will be some choice scraps in the house next session, but you will not have to worry!

This is all for just now except to say once more "A very merry

Christmas, & a happy bright New year
Best love from us both
Your loving sister
Jennie

December 22, 1948

My dear John:

Time has become so precious at this season of the year that I fear I must be brief in my acknowledgment of your kind letter received on my seventy-fourth birthday anniversary, which brought to me good wishes not only from Mary and yourself but from the boys and Mrs. Gates as well.

Let me thank you also for the words of your letter in reference to my health. While the result of the physical check-up at Montreal was even more satisfactory than I had believed it might be, it is clear that, for some time to come, I still have to take things leisurely. Fortunately, while in England, I was wise enough to follow Lord Moran's advice and go to bed for several weeks. I can see now that Had I done otherwise I should have suffered a breakdown of some kind, from which it might have taken many months to recover. Recovery comes much more slowly as one advances in years. It is hard for me to realize that I have passed my seventy-fourth

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birthday and am now in my seventy-fifth year.

While I shall miss very much many of the associations of public life, I am certain that I have followed the only wise course in carrying out my intention to retire this year. I should never have been able to stand another general election.

Let me thank you and Mary for your gift of "Harvest Unlimited", which you so kindly sent with your wishes for birthday and Christmas; also for the lovely card which brings further wishes from Colin and Donald as well as Mary and yourself. What a fascinating card it is!

Your Christmas Day promises to be a very happy one. I think you are wise to plan to spend it in your own home. I am glad too to know that you plan to pay Barrie a visit on the day following, as I know how pleased your Mother will be to see you all. How marvelous your Mother's recovery has been! That will be for all of the family our chief joy at this Christmas Season.

I have not yet had a chance to more than glance at "Harvest Unlimited", but I can see from a hasty perusal how

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interesting its pages will be. Your association with the Company makes the gift one of exceptional personal as well as historic interest. I thank you warmly for it.

Please find enclosed my own gift to you and Mary. It is really intended for the children. I shall leave it to you both to decide whether you would like to have it divided between the boys for something that each might like, or whether you would prefer to secure some Christmas remembrance which you all might like to share together. Please allow it to bring to one and all my fondest love and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

I shall trust you to extend my best of wishes to Mrs. Gates. I am glad to know that she will be with you at this Christmas Season.

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Islington,
Ontario.

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December 22, 1948

My dear Harry:

I was indeed delighted to receive this morning from Dooie and yourself the photograph of your three little girls. What lovely children they are, and what a beautiful picture they make! Do please accept warmest thanks for this welcome gift at the Christmas Season.

Let me thank you both as well for the card of Christmas greetings which brings love and good wishes from Dooie and yourself and the little people. I just cannot tell you how much pleasure the photograph and the card have brought to me.

As time is so precious this week, I shall not attempt for the present more than this word of thanks. I am anxious that you should receive the little enclosure which goes with this letter as a Christmas remembrance to each of the little girls. If instead of a small gift

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to each you would rather procure something which may give pleasure to the family combined, do as you think best. Please allow it to bring to you all my fondest love and best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

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The Chantecler,
Ste Adele en Haut,
Quebec.

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My dear Jean:

I have already thanked you for the gifts which you brought to me from Gordon and yourself on my birthday. I should liketto thank you again for what they express of your loving thought and your good wishes, not only for my birthday, but as well for Christmas and the New Year.

I do not know anything more beautiful for the Christmas Season than "Holy Night". I am particularly happy to have it as a gift from you and Gordon. Let me say also how much I shall enjoy the grape juice, especially as it as a home product.
I shall always remember among the associations of my birthday the little visit you paid me in the afternoon and our tea together in the library, and our being together at the dinner at Government House in the evening. What a happy occasion it was!

Time is too short to write at any length. I shall, therefore, leave for a

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letter at a later time, or a word over the telephone, what I might wish further to say to you both at this season. What is most in my thoughts, as I know it is in yours, is the wonderful recovery your dear Mother has made thus far. I think it is safe to say that your loving care and great affection for her has done more than all else, not only to spare her life, but to renew her strength. No joy could be greater than what this means to us all.

I am enclosing herewith an enclosure which I hope will reach you in time to enable you to secure, as a remembrance from me, some gift for your two little boys, or if you should so prefer, procure something which may help to give pleasure to the family combined. It goes to you with fondest love and best of wishes to you all for a merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Mrs. Gordon Dunlop,
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My dear Rosabel:

First of all, let me thank you for your birthday letter, which added very much to the happiness of my seventy-fourth anniversary.

Next, let me say how sorry I was to learn of the loss of your little dog. I know so well what it means to lose such a dear little companion and can understand what the loss must mean to you and feel deeply for you.

You will know, without words, how pleased I was to learn from your letter of your mother's steady improvement. I believe the New Year will see her stronger than she has been for years. It is my earnest prayer that this may be so.

I am enclosing a little gift, which I send to you with warmest love and with my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. I hope that Christmas Day will be a very happy one for all at "Boulderfel" and that the New Year will bring with it many blessings in the course of its days.

Miss Rosabel Lay,
"Bouladerfel",
Barrie,
Ontario.

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My dear Jennie:

I have already thanked you over the 'phone for your most welcome birthday greetings and for the gifts that came with them.

I was delighted with the hand-knitted sweater for little Pat and particularly pleased with the knitted gloves. The latter fit me perfectly and are just the shade that I like most.

My birthday was a very happy one rendered exceptionally memorable by the dinner given in my honour by the Governor General and Lady Alexander. As it possessed a certain historic interest, I am enclosing a dinner plan which I kept for you and which I know you will like to keep. I wish that you, yourself, might have been present on the occasion. I assure you, however, you were very much in my thoughts all the day.

As you know, you were, if anything, even more in my thoughts on the day following. It was a great pleasure to me, as well, to have had Jean and Gordon at tea with me on the afternoon of my birthday. All the

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members of your family and of Max's family seem to have remembered the occasion, and the greetings received from them added much to the pleasure of the day. I know that Jean and Gordon enjoyed the dinner immensely as Nelson also did. I am sorry that Helen was prevented from being present.

Your birthday letter gave me very great pleasure but you must not overtax yourself by writing at too great length.

I should like to write you a long letter but I shall reserve that for another time. This is a busy week for us all.

You will know, without words, all that I would most wish to say. In the year now drawing to its close, there is nothing which has given to all who love you so dearly, the same happiness as the marvelous manner in which you came through your illness and operation.

Nothing at this Christmas Season could begin to mean what it doesto us all that your life should have been spared as it has, and that your recovery, though gradual, has been very real. My most earnest wish is that your strength may be greatly renewed in the new year. I am sure that will come as a reward of your great courage and patience and faith.

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You will find my Christmas gift enclosed with this letter. I send it to you with my fondest love and every possible good wish.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Boulderfel,
Barrie, Ont.

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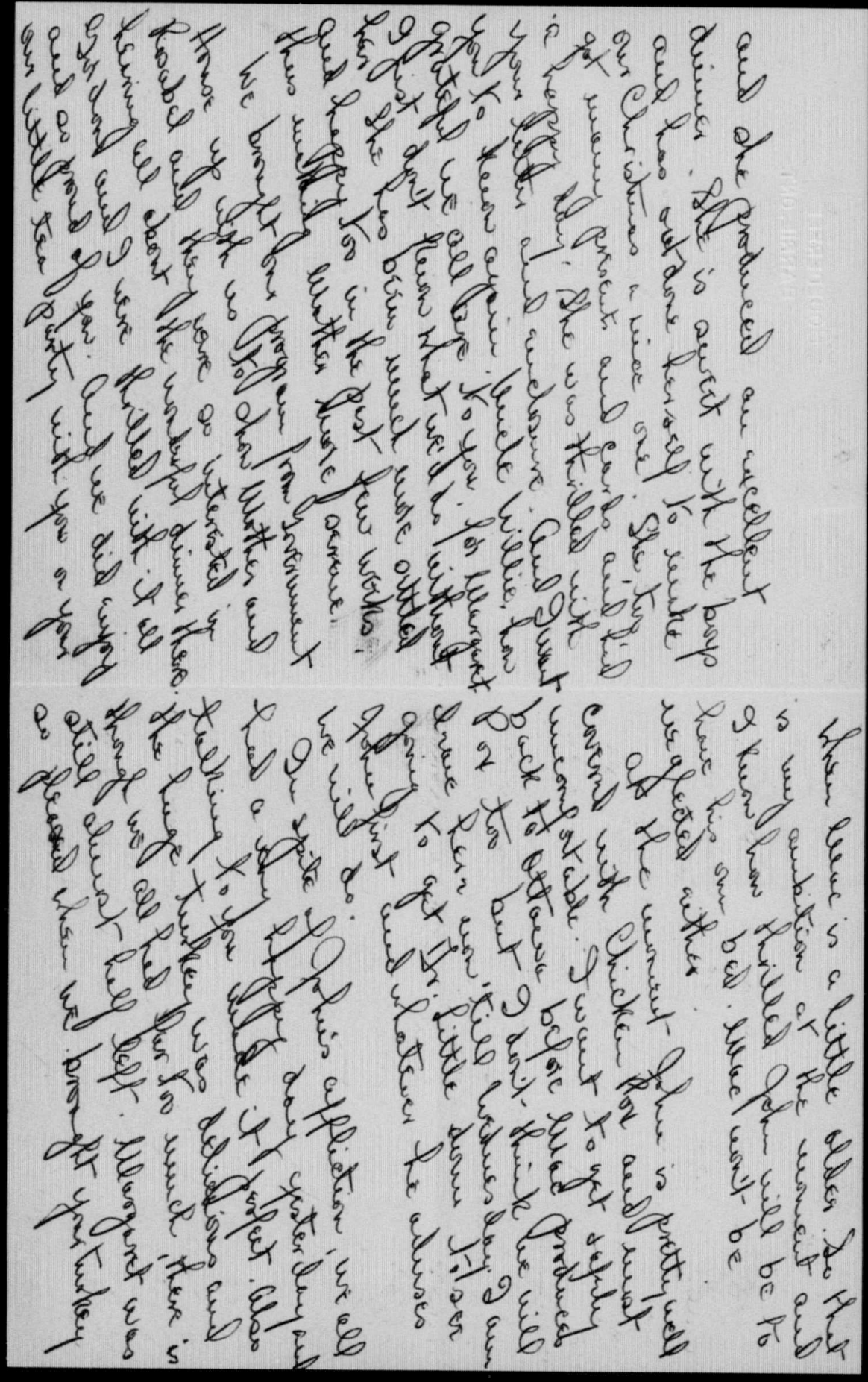

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Dear Uncle Willie

The two little ones being in bed for the afternoon gives you me a minute to catch your breath.

We had a lovely day yesterday and with the others here opening their presents it was more like when we were all at home.

You were certainly very very generous to all of us and especially to me. I can assure you your present is very much appreciated and will be put towards

letters to read and answer so no doubt you'll be very glad if I just say thank you very very much for you wonderful present.

Best wishes for a very happy New Year.

Your loving niece
Rosabel.

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noticed anything wrong with him. last week when we were getting evergreens for decorating we brought home a whole load of cedar knots which make a beautiful fire. We've kept both the dining room and library fires going so poor John won't catch cold.

Pat will probably be glad of his coat these days. It was ten below zero here this morning. Margaret was the first one out as she went to early mass.

Jean says you have a terrific amount of something special in the very near future.

It was a great thrill for Mother and me when we heard Gordie and Jean would be here for the big day. The two boys were so excited yesterday morning. There were papers strewn from one end of the library to the other with toys and books strewn all over the floor. Johnnie's chicken pox didn't interfere too much and thank goodness they got here before they

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My dear Willie:

Your wonderful presents to all of us, together with the loving messages, were the "high light" of the day. John & Nancy & Bobbie & Mary all spoke of them & of your kindness. My own gift was beyond my wildest dreams. The reason & kindness prompting it, make it doubly precious. I really meant what I said when I asked you to let my monthly allowance be my Christmas gift, but you were too generous to act on my suggestion. I am going to speak to Dr. Little & see what he says about letting Dr. Aille give me an examination. I don't worry about myself, but he might suggest

seemed a good idea, as neither Rosabel or myself can do much shopping, & an extra blanket can always be of use! Most of my gifts were knitted this year!

This isn't much of a note, but it is the first I have written, & carries the love of the whole family & sons thankfulness that you have been able to regain a large measure of your former health & strength. We both have a very great deal for which to be thankful. We just need to look around to realize how lucky we have been! Certainly this time last year I didn't expect to see another Christmas, & think of all the happiness I have had this last year! I truly hope there is great joy in store for you in these years of freedom from official anxiety. And last love & many many thanks, ever your loving sister Jennie

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something that would make me a bit steadier on my feet: It is more than good of you to "foot the bill" & then some! Christmas was a very happy day. All the children; Nelson, John & Harry & their families had a word with us, & about ten last night Gordon got his family on the phone so everyone was happy! We got a lot of lovely gifts, & the turkey was a wonderful bird. When Jean told Margaret how delicious it was, her remark was "well, Mr King sent it"! I don't know whether you appreciate just what a gift that was. I had paid $16.00 for one about the same size, which we have frozen & will enjoy later! John & his family were to have come up

for dinner today, but are afraid of chicken pox for Donald, so will not come till the Dunlops have left! Johnnie has had a good "crop" but he hasn't been very sick, & is very obedient. We spent one afternoon making paper chains, & it reminded me of our old nursery, & our wonderful decorations! It is such a joy having Jean & her family here and they are all as happy as we are! It is 42 years today since Harry & I were married! so the day is being happily celebrated. It makes such a difference not being alone. I hope you had a happy day, for you deserve it after doing so much to make others happy. You probably didn't need blankets, but when Jean offered to get them for us when she was getting some for Gordon's parents, it

December 27, 1948

My dear Jean:

It would be difficult to tell you and Gordon the pleasure that your many gifts and greetings and kind remembrances have given to me at this Christmas Season.

Yesterday I played on my radio-phonograph, the records which you gave me - one on my birthday, and the other at Christmas, and I was delighted with both. They will be a joy throughout the year.

I just don't know how to acknowledge the loving birthday greetings with in themselves and all that they disclose of the loving attention which has gone into giving them the most fascinating Christmas appearance. So many are the loving thoughts to which expression is given that I feel I shall have to retain the wrappings as well as the gifts. They are all quite lovely.

I wish to thank you and Gordon also for the most attractive Christmas cookies which are particularly welcome at this season of the year. I shall have to ask you to thank John and Mac for the home-made candies which, if anything, are even more welcome.

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Mr. Handy and I have had to set aside dictation for a while. We have found it impossible not to continue our sampling of the candies.

I was so pleased to know that you all arrived safely at Boulderfel but greatly distressed at hearing of one of the little boys having had a touch of chicken pox. I hope that it is only a very mild attack, and that the anxiety you necessarily experienced did not mar the joys of Christmas Day.

I can think of nothing that would give your mother the same happiness than that you should all be with her at the Christmas Season. Nothing, I know, would give you more pleasure, and I can say with emphasis that certainly nothing has contributed in equal measure to my own happiness.

I am addressing this letter to your Ottawa address and shall await anxiously meanwhile word of your safe return. I do hope the weather will be satisfactory and that you will all come back happier for the days spent at Boulderfel at this Christmas Season.

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Ontario.

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I have written your mother to thank her and you for the beautiful gift which came from you both at Christmas-time.

This is just a line to let you know personally the great comfort I expect to derive throughout the winter from this most welcome of gifts and to thank you for the love and good wishes that came with it.

I am sure you have all had a very happy Christmas Day. I shall be anxious to learn more about it from Jean when she returns. Meanwhile, let this little line bring with my thanks for your Christmas gifts and greetings, my fondest love and best of wishes for the New Year.

Miss Rosabel Lay,
Boulderfel,
Barrie, Ont.

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Dear Jennie:

This line is just to bring to you and Rosabel my warmest thanks for your lovely Christmas gifts and greetings. Nothing could have meant more to me at this Christmas Season than the beautiful blankets for my bedroom. Where you or Jean, on your behalf, could have found anything so welcome at this Christmas Season, I really cannot imagine. I have told Edity she is to keep these blankets exclusively for me and to begin with their use at once. They are so soft and, at the same time, so warm - just what I want.

Let me thank you and Rosabel, too, for the lovely card of Christmas greeting. It is one of the prettiest I have seen this year. You will be interested in knowing that I have already had acknowledgments made of over a thousand cards. Getting out of office does not seem to have lessened the extra duties, to say nothing of the pleasures of the Christmas Season.

The box of flares has not turned up as yet but I find Christmas packages are many days late. They will come in time.

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Meanwhile I thank you for them and send a word of thanks on behalf of the staff for the gift which you mentioned, was included for them.

All the packages were so beautifully wrapped up that I still want to keep the wrappings as well as the gift.

Little Pat had on his overcoat yesterday and displayed distinctly his pride in it. It will be a great service to him this winter.

My gloves, too, will be of very special service to me. Like the blankets, they are both soft and warm and the colouring is wholly to my taste.

I hope you have all had a very happy Christmas, only I am sorry to hear about the little lad having chicken pox. I hope it has been a mild attack.

It was a great delight having the talk I had with you and Jean and Rosabel over the 'phone. The fact that you were all able to have Christmas Day together, at Boulderfel, has meant more, I am sure, to each and every one of you than all else combined. I believe your health will continue to improve in the New Year.

P.S. Pat was particularly taken with the little card which came with your love and good wishes on my birthday. He feels

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that was intended for him as well as
for me.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
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My dear John:

I have already thanked you for the gift which came from you and Mary and the boys on Christmas Day and which I was particularly pleased to have from you. Since then, I have received the lovely card of greeting with love and good wishes which I should now like to thank you for.

You and Mary and the children will be surprised at learning that Jean and her husband and their two boys were to spend Christmas Day with your mother. I imagine because of the chicken pox which one of the boys appears to have contracted, you would hardly have brought your own little people up to Boulderfel. You may even have postponed the trip itself. However, I know the joy it will be to you and to Mary and the children to know that your mother has made the great progress she has, this year, and for you all to be so close together at the Christmas Season.

With this little note, I send love and best of wishes to you and Mary and the children for 1949. May the New Year be a very good one for you all.

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Ontario.

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My dear Harry

I have already told you of the pleasure the Christmas letters, love and good wishes which came from you and Dooie brought to me at Christmas. I feel, however, I must add just a line to let you both know how much you and the children have been in my thoughts and how much your kind remembrance has added to my own happiness at this Christmas Season.

Some day, I must take a trip to St. Adele and see you all there. I shall probably have to wait until the Winter is over but it is one of the pleasures to which I am looking forward in the New Year.

Your Mother told me that she had had a phone message from you at Christmas time, which had added greatly to her happiness. You will be pleased to know that Jean and Gordon, along with the children, were with her, andthat John and his wife and the little people were coming up to see her on the following day.

Your Mother, though she still finds walking a little difficult, has improved greatly in health. Norhing has given me, as I am sure it would you, more pleasure at this Christmas season. I hope and believe her health will continue to improve in the New Year.

Please let this letter bring, with my thanks for your Christmas gift and greetings, lots of love to Dooie and yourself and the little girls, and my best of wishes to you all for 1949.

Harry M. Lay Jr., Esq.,
The Chantecler,
Ste Adele, Que.

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Our best love, dear Willie
& again many thanks for
phoning
Ever your loving sister
Jennie

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but this is the first time it
has been convenient to have
them. When John & his family
didn't come up on Sunday, I
saved the roast, & had my
guests on Monday!! It was
a "duty" dinner & I feel better
now that they have been here.
It is probably for the last time,
but it makes it more pleasant
doing business with people
when they know you.
Tonight Rosabel is going to
see Barbara Ann Scott. She

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saw her in Toronto, & is quite looking forward to tonight's performance. She wanted me to go with them, but I don't attempt that kind of thing. We occasionally go to the movie but there it is warm, & you don't have to speak to anyone! Talking to strangers takes more out of one than anything else, I find. I wonder if you ever read the articles in the Star, by Stanley Russell? This one I thought specially interesting & perhaps you may think so too. I want it back!

I did the puzzles in the Star, & am expecting a $20 000.00 prize! I love doing puzzles, & these were "proverbs", & were of sufficient interest to pass lonely evenings when I didn't feel like reading or knitting. I try to do different things so that life never becomes monotonous. When I can not go out, & it is too much trouble to have people in, hobbies are a good thing.

I do hope you are feeling better. It worries me that you are so far from all of us, but that is probably the least of your worries!

Harry is working very hard but enjoying the work very much. I was so pleased the other day to overhear some guests remarking "Just speak to Mr. Lay and you'll know that it will be done" There are so many aspects to Harry's job that it seems impossible that he can get everything done but he does and is well liked by everyone. So often the French resent the English people up here but as one French woman told me "Monsieur Lay est très humain et très sympatique" which I think means more to him and gets better results

JAN 1949

Chamberlain Hills
Ste. Adèle en haut.
Quebec

Dear Mr. King,

We were so pleased with your wonderful Christmas gift and have spent many moments discussing what the children should have and what they need most. Helen received her first pair of skis this Christmas and we thought that her boots and ski harnesses were most needed. It's such fun to watch the little tots starting out on the small hills

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have a few slides myself in the afternoon, Alison watches all this and looks as if she would like to join in the fun!

We had a perfectly lovely Christmas and New Years. Everyone said it was the best ever. We are enjoying the life up here so much and it is beautiful at night with the moon shining down on the trees laden with snow, the lights can be seen for miles on the Christmas trees and the village Cross on the mountain stays alight all night.

and they do very well, too.

Janet wants a rubber doll to take in the bath and as Santa didn't bring one Mother is going to have a look in town to see what she can find. Alison is still sleeping outside in her carriage in the daytime and is getting a new wrap, a "baby bunting" so everyone will be pleased and satisfied.

Mrs. Lay sent the children a toboggan and now that the snow has arrived they are out all day sliding down our front bank and I even

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However, we can always make ourselves understood and will hope our children speak pure French than we do!

We were so glad to hear you liked the children's picture, it was sent with much love and the very best wishes in the New Year. Thank you so much again for thinking of us at Christmas time, Mrs. Lay told me you were very generous to all the family and I know how much everyone appreciated your thoughtfulness. With love from us all

Doris.

than the drive and attempted efficiency that is so often applied.

I often think what a handicap it is to step into a job as a relative of the 'boss' and certainly Harry has overcome that difficulty. My brother has told Mother what a satisfaction it is to have Harry with him as he was most anxious to have a member of the family in the Company.

I do hope that you can manage to visit us some time and I know Harry would

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that in his country life there's never a chance of becoming dull from ordinary routine - you never know what will crop up the next day. And the very next day we had the blizzard and no power!

The children look so rosy and well and love living in Ste. Adèle. I'm hoping they will learn French along with their English. Helen is picking up a few words, Harry is doing very well with his and mine is strictly the "kitchen patois"

very proud to show you the workings of the resort business.

I went out with him the other evening when he was looking after a few after-hour details. We started off by putting in a new filter in the garage furnace, went on to do a bit a plumbing with the night watchman in one of the cottages, went to the storeroom, the paint shop, the laundry & ended up discussing business with the orchestra members.

I remarked to Harry later

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blessing they left when they did. I hope the New Year has started well for you. Have just heard, over the radio, that your resignation & Mr. St. Laurent's appointment, were top, front page, important items. Was glad to see you were able to attend the New Years Day reception. I hope every day will show some improvement in your health, & that you may be spared for many years to enjoy your well-earned rest. Rosalet is at work, but joins with me in many thanks for your good wishes, gifts, and in the love, & hopes for all that is best in the New Year ever from loving sister

Jennie

Jan. 3rd 1949

My dear Willie:

This is my first 1949 letter. It was so good of you to phone on New Years morning, & also to send the telegram. I, purposely, didn't send a wire, as I thought you already had more than enough, but I intended to be first in phoning in the morning. You were up early; we were late, as Margaret went to church, & Rosalet was trying to catch up on sleep lost the night before. It was an awful day here, & we

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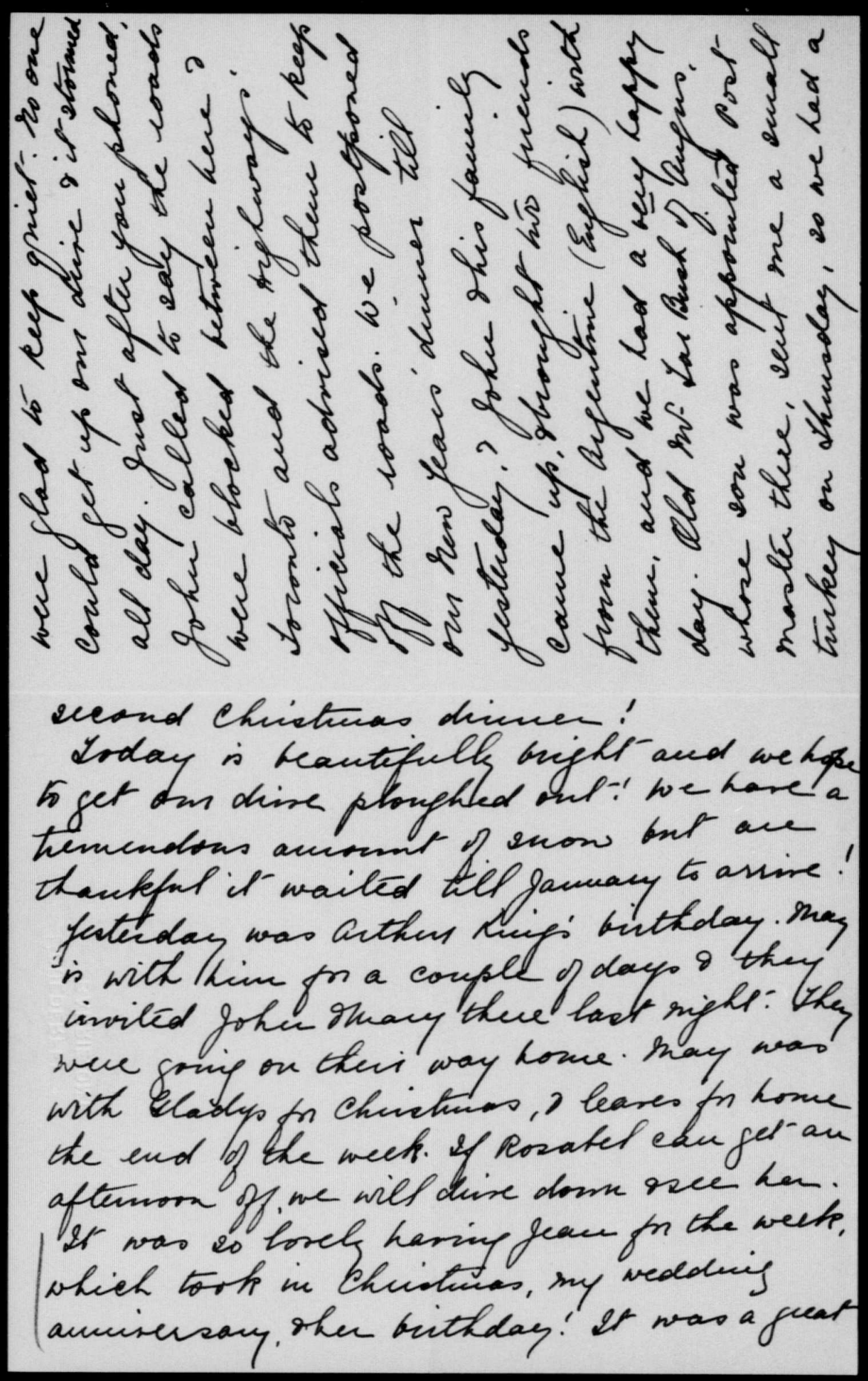

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were glad to keep quiet: No one could get up our drive & it stormed all day. Just after you phoned, John called to say the roads were blocked between here & Toronto and the highway's officials advised them to keep off the roads. We postponed our New Year's dinner till yesterday, & John & his family came up, & brought two friends from the Argentine (English) with them, and we had a very happy day. Old Mr. Tar Bush of Angus, whose son was appointed Post master there, sent me a small turkey on Thursday, so we had a

second Christmas dinner!

Today is beautifully bright and we hope to get our drive ploughed out! We have a tremendous amount of snow but are thankful it waited till January to arrive!

Yesterday was Arthur King's birthday. May is with him for a couple of days & they invited John & Mary there last night. They were going on their way home. May was with Gladys for Christmas, & leaves for home the end of the week. If Rosabel can get an afternoon off, we will drive down & see her.

It was so lovely having Jean for the week, which took in Christmas, my wedding anniversary, & her birthday! It was a great

January 6, 1949

My dear Doole:

Let me thank you most warmly for the delightful letter which I received from you yesterday. Its account of your Christmas with the children, and of your own and Harry's doings afforded me a special pleasure. I am now looking forward more than ever to a visit to Ste. Adele.

Mrs. Harry Lay,
Chantecler Hills,
Ste. Adele en haut,
Quebec.

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Friday. January 7th
1949.

Dear Uncle Willie

First of all, I want to thank you Uncle, ever so much for your lovely Christmas letter and for the very fat cheque enclosed for the children and for us. It was very kind of you to think of us and Lin afraid you were a bit too generous! As a matter of fact the cheque came at a most opportune moment just when we were feeling that it was going to be a struggle to get through until the next Salary cheque came along! So, for that reason, I didn't write to

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Islington, Ontario

went up last Sunday to spend
the day with Mrs. Lay. It was
a lovely day for a drive and we
enjoyed it immensely. Mrs. Lay
didn't seem the least bit
tired. I think that Jean's visit
did her good — in spite of the
chicken pox!

We dropped in to see Art
and Kay and sent Mary on
the way home from Barrie on
Sunday evening. Art and Kay
have a lovely little bungalow
with two bedrooms and a very
nicely finished basement. Kay
has it most attractively
furnished. John and I were
very much taken with it.
Aunt Mary is looking very well
and we really had a most

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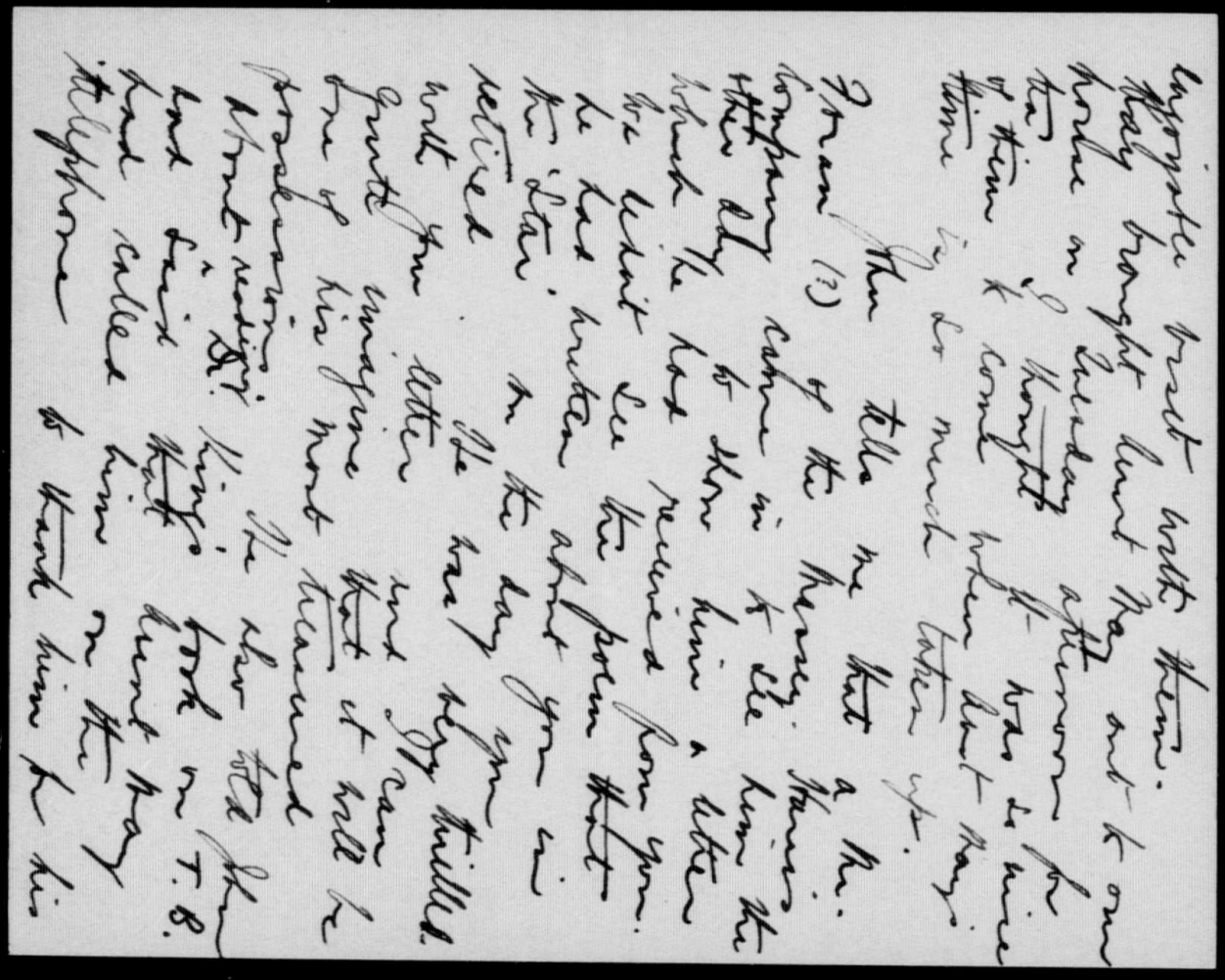
enjoyable visit with them.
May brought Aunt May out to our house on Tuesday afternoon for tea. I thought it was so nice of them to come when Aunt May's time is so much taken up.

John tells me that a Mr. Foran (?) of the Massey-Harris Company came in to see him the other day to show him a letter which he had received from you. We didn't see the poem that he had written about you in the 'Star' on the day you retired. He was very thrilled with your letter and I can quite imagine that it will be one of his most treasured possessions. He also told John about reading Dr. King's book on T.B. and said that Aunt May had called him on the telephone to thank him for his



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Rio I believe, making a quick tour of all of the countries en route. It would be a wonderful experience for John. but I wouldn't be sorry if it fell through! I'm not very fond of 'plane travel in the first place, and, secondly, I don't care for the idea of a private 'plane!!

I am enclosing a little pocket-book calendar which I bought before Christmas to send to you. I hope that you may find it useful.

Again very many thanks for all of your Christmas wishes to us. We are glad that you are starting out the New Year feeling better than you have for some time.

Love from us all

Lovingly. Mary G. Lay.

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January 7, 1949

My dear Jennie:

It was very sweet of you to make your first letter in the New Year one to me. It was duly received and I enjoyed very much the account it gave of the happiness at Barrie at Christmas time, and also at the beginning of the New Year.

As I have a busy day ahead, I shall not write more at present. I am anxious, however, that you should know of the due receipt of your letter and of the pleasure it has brought to me.

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ont.

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January 10, 1949

My dear Mary:

This little line is just to let you know that I received this morning your letter of January 7. I am glad to know that my Christmas remembrance is serving so many acceptable ends.

I was particularly glad to know from your letter of the visit you had had with Mrs. Lay at Boulderfel, and also of the visit with Arthur and Kathleen.

The trip with Mr. Duncan through South America would, indeed, mean much to John and his future. It is pleasant to see that he is so much in the confidence of Mr. Duncan himself.

Many thanks for the charming little pocketbook calendar. It is a beautiful little thing and will be very useful in this house.

Mrs. John Lay
10 Nottingham Drive
Islingont, Ont.

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Ste. Adele, Quebec
January 13, 1949

Dear Uncle Willie,

Dodie has been my font this Christmas and New Year's and preceded me and my belated letter. I refused to do any other duties but those that were most pressing. The Hotel was packed during Christmas week and the first week of the New Year. Most of the department heads were about breaking their necks and mine too getting things rolling from the almost dead stops of the pre-christmas days.

However I have yet to meet Mr. Jean, which is a fair indication that people can come here for a rest and enjoy their privacy. If you have any qualms as to what you might encounter should you plan a visit here, please be assured that this resort caters to the best clientele. The hotel has a quiet gracious air, and most of the rooms and services are I believe in good taste.

Some time soon Dodie and I wish to have Janet and Alison christened. Perhaps we might persuade both you and Mother to visit us at the chosen time

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pleated skirts for our three girls.
You have been so good to us all during this past year. Mother's illness must be a constant worry to you, but I am sure that her splendid recovery has been due to a very large extent to your assistance both moral and financial.
Let me say my small word of thanks to you for that.

The remark you have made in your letters that you might be able to visit Ste. Adele has filled us with high hopes. A colleague of yours, Hon. Joseph Jean, visits quite often at one of his friends home here on Chanteclerc Hills.

Now, with poor skiing conditions prevailing generally throughout the Laurentians, our Hotel is down to the ratio of two employees to every guest.

For the last three days our whole little family has been in Montreal visiting Mrs. Thompson. I attended an Exposition at the Mount Royal Hotel sponsored by hotel & restaurant suppliers, which was the purpose of the visit to the city.

Dosie got a chance to do some shopping. She made good use of your very generous Christmas gift to us purchasing ski-boots, poles & harness for Helen, and plaid material to make

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in order to be present for the ceremony.
I am averse to Church christenings
as neither Dosie nor I have become
attached to any one church since we
were married. The children are too young
to take to church, and having no maid
we have no one to leave them with for
us to attend regularly any of the somewhat
distant protestant churches. Our Helen was
christened in our little home we had near
Victoria B.C. The home to me seems to
be the most important phase of a child's
upbringing, and as such, I believe the
christening ceremony should take place there.

Dosie, the children, and myself are very

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always a cheery fire is burning. I am sure you will approve of our decision to live in Ste Adele when you see what we should have to forsake should we move elsewhere.

I seem to have prattled on & on about nothing at all so perhaps I should stop. Thank you so much for your Christmas and New Years wishes, and thank you very much for such a nice present. 1949 will be a radically different year for you and your household. Please accept my best wishes for your health and further successes. yours affectionately

Harry.

happy here. While my hours are long and unpredictable, nevertheless, I am always in and out of the house or nearby. The air is clean and healthy and there is none of the city scramble to get to work midst thousands of cars and scurrying people. As a result, I get more than an ordinary husband's share of his family, and I believe the unit functions more satisfactorily as a result.

Our house is small but compact. Its interior walls are plain pine boards mellowed with time. We have most of the gadgets to make housekeeping easier, and a large stone fireplace where nearly

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January 15, 1949

My dear Harry:

I have just received your letter of the 13th. It has given me great pleasure to hear that my small contribution at the Christmas Season made possible such welcome gifts to the little girls. I am glad, too, that you all had such a pleasant though busy time at the Christmas Season.

You may be sure I shall pay you a visit one of these days. It will have, however, to be in the spring or summer months. Perhaps y your mother may be paying me a visit again this summer, in which event we might drive over together for a christening of the little girls.

I am still seeking to acknowledge letters received at the time of my retirement in November last or would write at greater length. Please, however, allow this line to bring with my thanks for your letter itself my fondest love to you all.

Harry Lay, Esq.,
The Chantecler,
Ste.Adele.

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January 31st 49

My dear Willie:

It was so good of you to phone last week, and I meant to write & thank you, but the days go so quickly. I suppose that is a good sign!! For the week I was pretty miserable for about ten days, with my stomach & a touch of lumbago but am better: I think I was saturated with digitalis, & feel much better for a week without it. I expect the Dr. today & know he will say all is well. Everyone asks me how you are, & that is much more important. There was a very nice little article in the Star, about you on the day of the Opening. I let John read it & then sent it on to Jean.

I was very shocked to read of

looked in all the papers but didn't find any reference to it. Have you heard any more about restoring "Woodside"?? I would like to dine & sup & see the old place once more!

We have practically no snow in this part of the country, but it looks now as if the skies are full of it. However, January is over, & the sun gets warmer every day!

I hope you are gathering strength so that you will be able to enjoy the warm weather when it comes. It is too bad you have to spend so many hours in the house!

This letter is an answer to your phone call, so doesn't require acknowledging. That word was too long for the line!

Best love dear Willie from Rosalie & me, & many thanks for phoning

lovingly Jennie

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Mr. King's death. Dr. King will be lost without her. She is one of the few people I remember in Ottawa! Probably, partly, because Mr. Bryanne (of Barnie) has spoken of Dr. Mr. King so often. Dr. King was their Dr. when Mr. Bryanne was manager of the Bank of Commerce in Cranbrook. You & I are luckier than a good many people!

John & his family & a young friend from Ecquador, came up for the day yesterday and we went for a drive in the afternoon. It was a lovely day & I was so glad to get out. It is the first drive I have had since Jean was here. Jean says she wishes you could see the thrill Johnnie is getting out of his skates, & Harry writes

that they got little Helen a ski outfit from you & she takes the slopes like a veteran! That is the time to learn. I think of the barrel staves we used to use, & compare the modern child, but I don't believe they have a bit more fun than we had at "Woodside". I often wonder if that hill would seem as high now, as it did when we were children!

I had a letter from Min Gibson & she says her daughter Nora, is coming out with her two children, for three months. They are expected in March, and Min hasn't seen either of her grandchildren so is very much excited.

I heard over the radio that some village near Kitchener, had been named after you. I

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Ottawa,
February 1, 1949

My dear Jennie:

It has occurred to me that you might like to have a copy of the Speech from the Throne read at the opening of the present session of Parliament, which, in its concluding paragraph, contains a reference to myself you will be pleased to see. You will, I am sure, wish to keep this copy with such records of the family as you may have.

I have given your name to the King's Printer for the Hansard, which should be arriving at this time. If, by any chance, it has failed to come to hand, please let me know.

You will, I think, be interested in the reference made by Mr. St.Laurent to my retirement, which appears on page 3 in Hansard of January 26th - the opening day. This, too, you may wish to keep, and which one or other of the children may later on wish to have.

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I do not believe there is another instance in history when any one of whom mention has been made in a Speech from the Throne was still a Member of Parliament.

As you will have seen by the papers, or heard over the radio, I have been in the House every day since the opening, until last night. I have concluded, however, that I cannot stand the strain of the long sittings, or afford the waste of time involved in attending the debates regularly. Therefore, for reasons of health and saving time, I intend to be very little in Parliament this session. If I am to retain what I have gained in the matter of health, I shall have to limit my activities as much as possible at least until the Spring.

I was sorry to learn that you have had a touch of lumbago. I hope that you are now able to be up and about again.

-- I am enclosing a little clipping from the Ottawa Citizen, which you may not have seen in any of the other papers. It refers to that part of old Berlin which was on the road from Berlin to Galt and near where Harvey Sims came to have his home at "Chicopee". It was Mrs. Louis Breithaupt who suggested that Kingsdale should be substituted for Sunnyside.

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I understand there were only two persons who fought against the suggestion. They were persons part of whose land was in the area concerned. All others favoured the change in name.

A curious thing: when I read the item in the paper, "my man", John King, had just come in to the bedroom . Incidents of the kind are indeed amusing.

This line is just to remind you that you continue to be much in my thoughts.

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie,
Ontario.

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Feb. 6th '49

Personal

My dear Willie:

You will be thinking of me today, as I am of you, & remembering the many happy birthdays of the past. Today is Gordon's mother's birthday too.

Thank you very much for your letter, and the copy of The Speech from the Throne as well as the clipping about Kingsdale". In Margaret's edition of the Citizen, it went further, & said that John King's son is William Lyon Mackenzie King! It is gratifying to find that people appreciate what you have done for the country. The scholarship at the University was another fine tribute. Hansard I sent

winter is going very quickly & we will soon be able to be outside again.

I think you are very wise not to spend your strength going to the Commons when there is so much you can do that is of more importance just now. I hope the Liberals win in Quebec tomorrow It seems to me Drew will be much like Bennett, in wanting to do everything himself. He is certainly much more forceful than Bracken ever was. I'll never forget Bracken the day you were to give the speech about the spy investigation. He showed up very badly that day.

Hope you are really gaining strength every day, & that you will soon feel your former vigorous self. It is miserable to have to be careful.

Rosabel joins with me in sending best love, & again many thanks

Your loving sister
Jennie

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is why I didn't write sooner to thank you. Dorothy McKnight-Griffith is in town this week, and there have been several little parties for her. We have a friend with us for the weekend, & they all went out to spend the day at a cottage, to ski and have a good time generally. Rosalie went down to Toronto on Jan. 15th & was bridesmaid for Dorothy. I haven't met her husband yet, but expect he will be in to see me tomorrow.

They are to live in Grimsby.

We have plenty of snow this week, & yesterday had to have the jeep plough out our drive. We have been lucky this year, for this is only the second time we have needed the plough. As it costs us three dollars each time, we don't have him any oftener than we have to! The

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Feb. 7th '49

Dear Willie:

It was very good of you to phone last night & it is re-assuring to hear you are able to go to church & do some visiting. I am very sorry for Mrs Patteson for I have a pretty good idea of the

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strain, physical as well as mental & emotional, which she is going through.
This is really to let you know that all the copies of Hansard, arrived this a.m. I've just been reading the speech from the Throne & Mr. St Laurent's remarks. They couldn't have been finer. Am very glad to have the copy.
Best love & many thanks Jennie

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Feb. 17th '49

My dear Willie:

We were quite a while when we heard from Ottawa that Speaker in the House and Leader of the Opposition were to speak in the Chamber, I decided I would go down to the House of Commons myself. It was packed to the doors, when I got there. Mr. Speaker then announced that Mr. Drew would speak first, then Mr. Coldwell, then Mr. Garson, then Mr. Duplessis, then Mr. Blackmore, then Mr. Fraser, then Mr. Low, then Mr. Jaques, then Mr. Ilsley, then Mr. Abbott, then Mr. Howe, then Mr. Gardiner, then Mr. Claxton, then Mr. Martin, then Mr. Pearson, then Mr. Ralston, then Mr. Macdonald, then Mr. Harris, then Mr. Fleming, then Mr. Hansell, then Mr. Green, then Mr. Knowles

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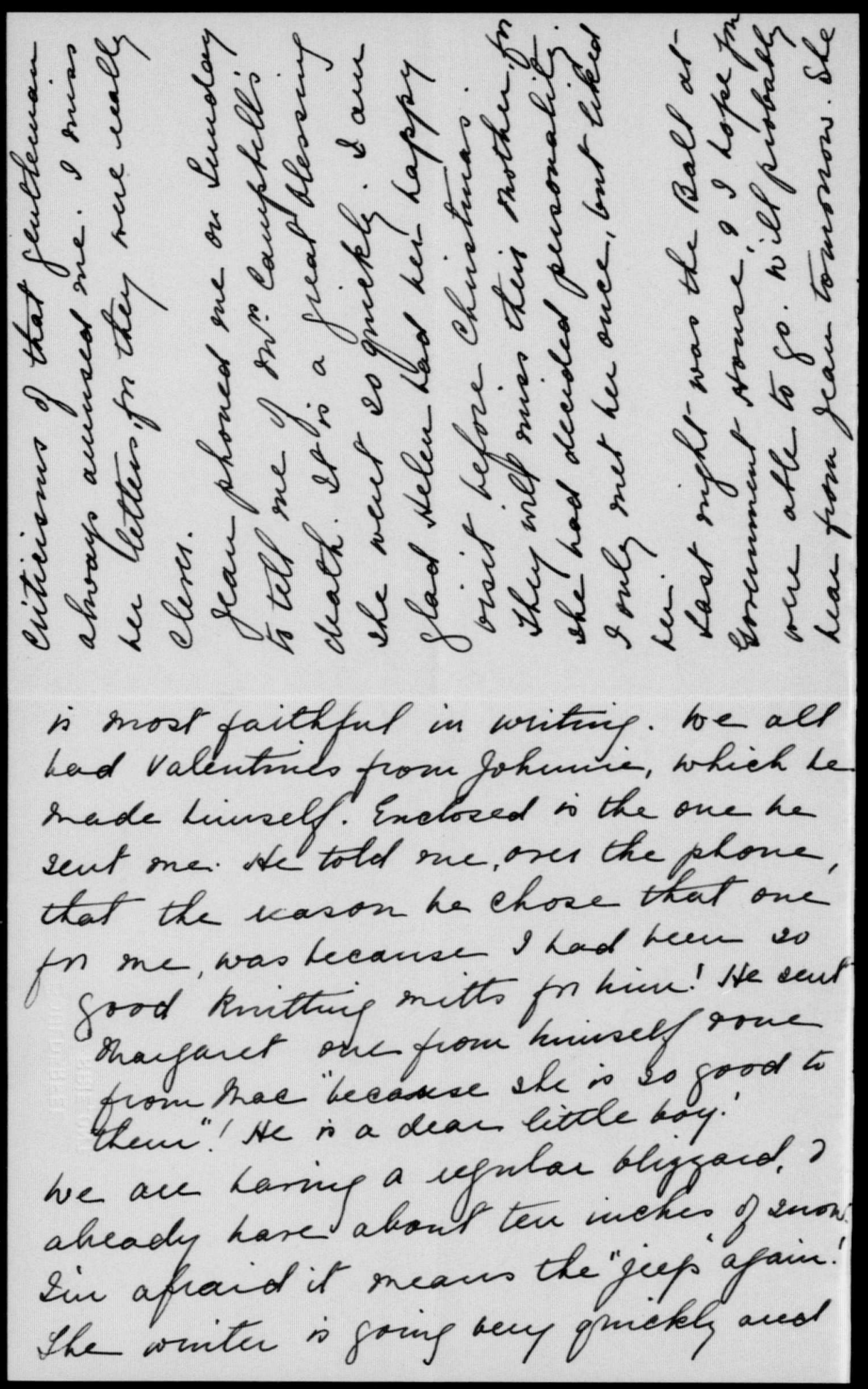

is most faithful in writing. We all had valentines from Johnnie, which he made himself. Enclosed is the one he sent me. He told me, over the phone, that the reason he chose that one for me, was because I had been so good knitting mitts for him! He sent Margaret one from himself some from Mac "because she is so good to them"! He is a dear little boy.

We are having a regular blizzard. I already have about ten inches of snow. I'm afraid it means the "jeep" again! The winter is going very quickly and

Ste Adele, Que.,
Feb. 28, 1949

Dear Uncle Willie,

We saw this little line in Saturday's Gazette and wondered if


TRAVELLIN' FOLK: Former Prime Minister Mackenzie King has a reservation in the Laurentians for a mid-winter vacation.

perhaps you were going to honour us with a visit after all.?

I suppose by now you have had a word or two with Mr. Pearson concerning the Chanteclerc. We were very pleased that he was able to spend

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a day or two here, and we hope he will return sometime.

I had a most enjoyable drive to Montreal when I drove Mrs. Pearson to the city. Perhaps she doesn't particularly like the way Mr. Duplessis keeps his roads during the winter, but I did my best to give her a comfortable trip down.

Mother phoned last night. Peach may come down for next week-end and do a bit of skiing now that the sun is getting warm again.

Wish you would change your mind and come before the snow goes. Harry

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Ottawa,
February 28, 1949

Dear Jennie:

This is just a little line to let you know that I duly received your letter of the 17th instant. You will since have read what I had to say in the House on the Union of Newfoundland with Canada, and you will have also heard from Jean about the ball at Government House. I did not go down to Government House until 10.30. Took an hour or two of rest before going down, and left ther half an hour after midnight.

During the evening Jean and I had a nice little talk and walk about together. I think she enjoyed the evening very much and I thought she looked quite pretty and bright.

I am returning to you the Valentine from Jean, as I imagine you will wish to keep it. It is quite original, and I thank you for allowing me to see it.

It is quite possible that the speech I made on Newfoundland may be the last of any significance I shall make in the House of Commons.

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I find that it is not possible to serve two masters. If I am to get on with my Memoirs and, even more, to clear up my own personal affairs so as to have them in the shape they should be in, I will have to give all my time to that particular work.

I do hope you are limiting your own activities as much as possible and taking no risk in the matter of overdoing. This reminds me that I have meant ever since you had the unfortunate turn you had some weeks ago to ask you to let me know what disbursement you were obliged to make on doctors' accounts. I would like to relieve you of that extra expense. Please do not hesitate to let me know.

Mrs. Patteson asked me to thank you warmly for your inquiry about Godfroy and herself. For her, the situation is,as you have assumed, pretty much the same as yours was in the case of Harry's recent illness.

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ontario.

This is quite a line as I am working quietly and not seeing much of people or participating in events there is not much to write about. Let this word as always bring fondest love to Rosalind and yourself

yours very affectionately

Willie.

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March 8th-49

My dear Willie:

Thank you very much for your letter. It is not at all necessary to answer my letters, though I am always glad to hear from you.

First let me thank you very much, for your kind offer to pay my extra Dr accounts, but it will not be necessary as I can easily finance them & prefer to do so. As I have told you often, you are giving me far more as it is, than I should take from you, but you know as I do, that without your $100.00

when you have eight grand children you don't keep very much! Their own parents can look after them. I haven't space to hoard useless things. Not very sentimental, but true! I am very sorry Mrs Patteson is going through such a trying time. It is hard for her being alone. I at least, had Rosalet to speak to. Give her my love when you see her. This is just a line to acknowledge your letter & to thank you for your very kind offer. Hope you are gaining strength. We shall all be glad to see the last of winter. Rosalet joins me in best love, & again many thanks lovingly.

Jennie

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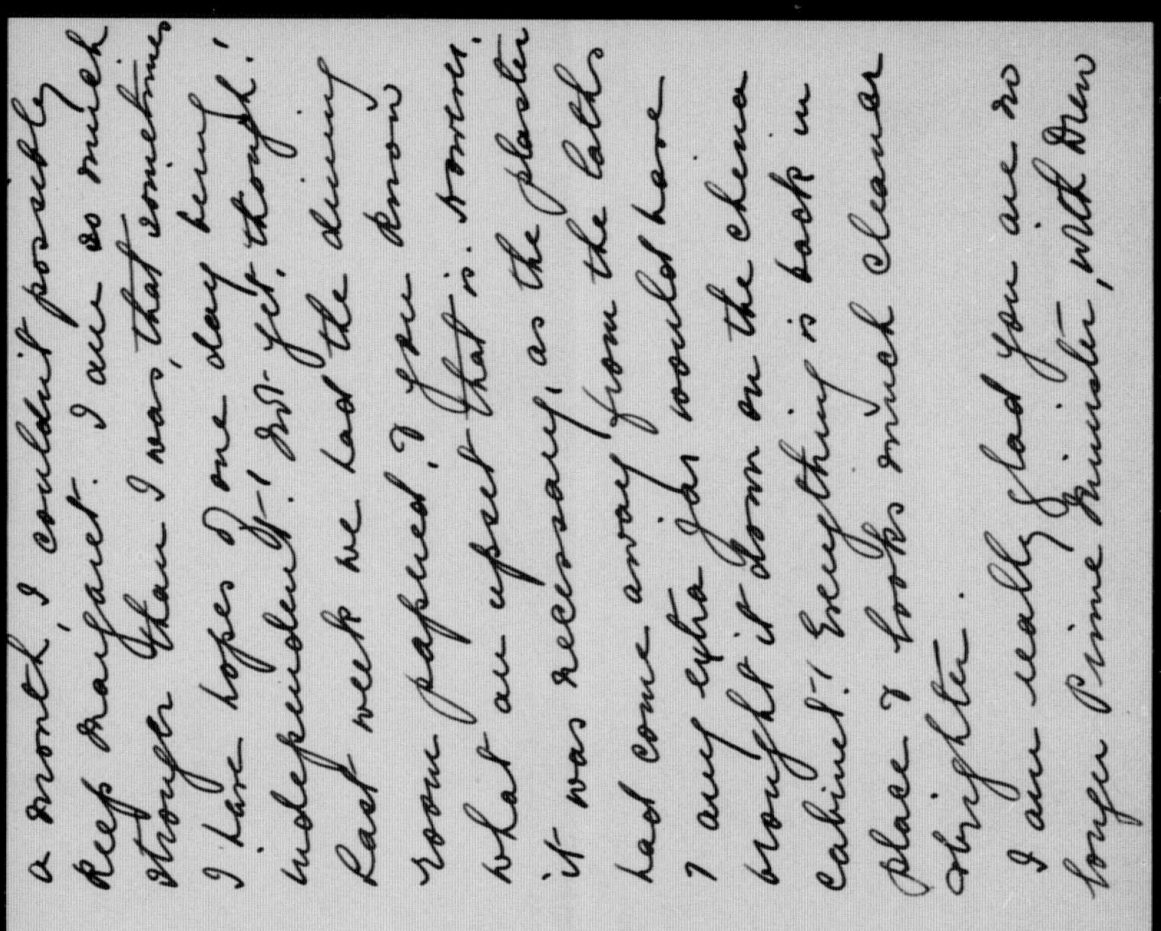
a month, I couldn't possibly keep Margaret. I am so much stronger than I was, that sometimes I have hopes of one day being independent! But yet, though! Last week we had the dining room papered, & you know what an upset that is. However, it was necessary, as the plaster had come away from the laths. I any extra jar would have brought it down on the china cabinet! Everything is back in place & looks much cleaner & brighter.



I am really glad you are no longer Prime Minister, with Drew leading the Opposition. It seems so undignified to have such heated controversies, & Drew is only out to make trouble. He can't think it is in the best interests of the country to bring up that Hong Kong business again. It all is rather horrible.

Jean told me how good you were to her at the Govt. House ball, & she enjoyed it thoroughly. I am glad she was there, for it will probably be her last chance if they are moved to Trenton. Thanks, too, for returning Johnnie's valentine.

March 5, 1949.

My dear Harry:

I wish the item from the Montreal Gazette were correct and that it meant for me a visit to Ste Adèle. Unfortunately, it is only a figment of someone's imagination. I have not been able to think even of Kingsmere as a "reservation in the Laurentians for a mid-Winter vacation". It is no doubt to the little cottage at Kingsmere that the item quoted in your letter has reference.

I regret too that I have not thus far had a word with Pearson concerning the Chantecler. I shall do so however the first time we meet again. I shall be happy to tell him how much you enjoyed the visit of Mrs. Pearson and himself.

I was delighted to have a phone call from Rosabel this morning and to learn that she was on her way to Ste Adèle. I hope that you will all have a very happy week-end together.

With love to all
Yours affectionately
Uncle Willie.

Mr. Harry Lay,
Chantecler Hotel,
Ste Adèle, Que.

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Sunday 20th 49

My dear Mother:

I suppose you know that I suppose you might like Rebecca Mackenzie's diary sent to Edinburgh. I often think of her. Gordon is working for Mr. Pattison. Gordon has the children in a few days. Gordon's dad is getting away from Parliament also next Thursday. If you are writing Dr. Jean Mackenzie in Edinburgh you might enclose the diary. Jean will be glad to get it. I am sending it by registered mail. Jean is keeping her eye on Rosalind's letter. I don't know how much longer she will be with us. Rosalind had a bad cough this winter. If was a severe if very short. If was a kind thought, but she can't be spared for children under 13, I think. Jean is in the hospital with pneumonia. Dr. Penfield says she is very ill. Dr. Penfield says she is very ill. Dr. Penfield says she is very ill

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them, & have our meals with them!
We haven't made any definite plans
for this summer - a lot depends
on when Rosabel gets her holidays
I also, when Jean goes to Stanton.
A little, too, at Kingsmere! I really
am much better than a year ago.
Last week I made a little dress for
Rosabel, & I never expected to make
any more clothes! It was a real
thrill to find I could!

Ann are you feeling? I hope for
Lorne's sake special must be
in the manner, for it's a very
edifying spectacle! If they fine
Dieu enough rope, he'll do for himself.
It is awfully mysterious, but I
suppose if you admire Dieu, for
comical things he was aware! I miss
Coral's letters — they would have been
worth reading just now!

I don't know whether I told you, John & Mary
came up & got me the Sunday Rosabel was in
Ste Adele, & I stayed with them, & came back
with Peach on Monday night. It was a nice
change - the first night I have been away
from home, except at Kingsmere, for over
two years. John & Mary are always very good
to me, & I enjoyed my little visit. This last
week Jic had an awful cold, one of the kind
you get! & had to take to bed for a couple of days.
But am almost back to normal. The weather
is so changeable, it is no wonder people have colds!
Margaret asked me to ask you if she had
to get a "slip" from you to put in with her
income tax returns. She is having plenty

Ottawa,
March 22, 1949

My dear Jennie:

I duly received your ~~splendid~~ Sunday letter yesterday, and thank you warmly for it. I was glad, too, to have the talk we had together over the phone, though sorry to know that you had such a heavy cold. I do hope you are over the worst and that your cold will clear up entirely within the next few days. I am sure had I not gone to bed at once I would have had a real siege of it. As it was, I managed to keep the cold out of my chest, and the worst of it is now gone out of my head.

I am still seeking to overtake arrears of letters which date back to the time of my illness in London and subsequent retirement. I expect to be through with the lot by tomorrow night. Other obligations have followed in quick succession.

As to Margaret's income tax. I have forgotten just what the amount is you are paying to her month by month. My recollection is that it is $70.00, but it may be $75.00. Miss Zavitske tells me that I made the last return for her for the three months: October, November and December 1947, which means I would now wish to know the amount paid to her in wages for the twelve months of 1948. Miss Zavitske further tells me that, in addition to paying tax on Margaret's wages, I have to include a subsistence allowance of $15.00 a month as part of her income. When I receive the information requested, I will send Margaret a cheque for the amount of tax, which she can endorse over to the Receiver General of Canada and pay her tax at the Barrie office. As Margaret's tax was not paid quarterly during the year 1948, I cannot send her the employer's slip.

As to you

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ontario.

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on Sunday, but I was
sorry to hear you too, had
been ill. This is a treacherous
time of year.
My best love & hope
yours are feeling stronger
Your loving sister
Jennie.

March 23rd '49

My dear Willie.
This is just a little
note to tell you I had a
letter from Gina Lay Spence
telling me that Frank Lay
died very suddenly on
March 15th. He had gone to
the Post Office & simply
collapsed & died immediately
They have recently moved
to a bungalow in another
part of Surrey. It must

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have been an unpleasant shock to them all, as Frank was apparently quite well. Eliza with Frank kiss very much.

Had a card from Jean this a.m. from Syracuse where they stayed over Saturday night. She said they had a good trip so far, price exploring the country. Budget should just help people. I should get off right to Ottawa.

I wonder if Jean could stay one week. I'd love to. I'm coming to Ottawa? I need a rest. Spring is coming, needs work inside and out, but I'm so tired. Perhaps I need it, don't I? Maybe we can take trip. Hope to see you. Would get Eddie & Jim to come & help, and I could manage. Eddie could sleep on floor.

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March 23rd '49

My dear Willie:

Your letter came this afternoon, just after I had mailed one to you!

It is very good of you to look after this tax for Margaret. I know so little about what has to be done. Hope the new budget means she will not have to send in a tax report at the end of this year! She is getting $70.00 a month. Will I have to

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give her a slip, stating the amount paid in wages?

I am glad your cold is almost better. This is the hard time of year for colds. I only hope we have a warm spring, & that it comes quickly. We got no snow over the week-end, and the ground is practically bare. I hope this is the last of the winter.

Sorry to have to bother you when you are so busy, but thank you most sincerely.

Rosalet join me in best love

affectionately

Jennie

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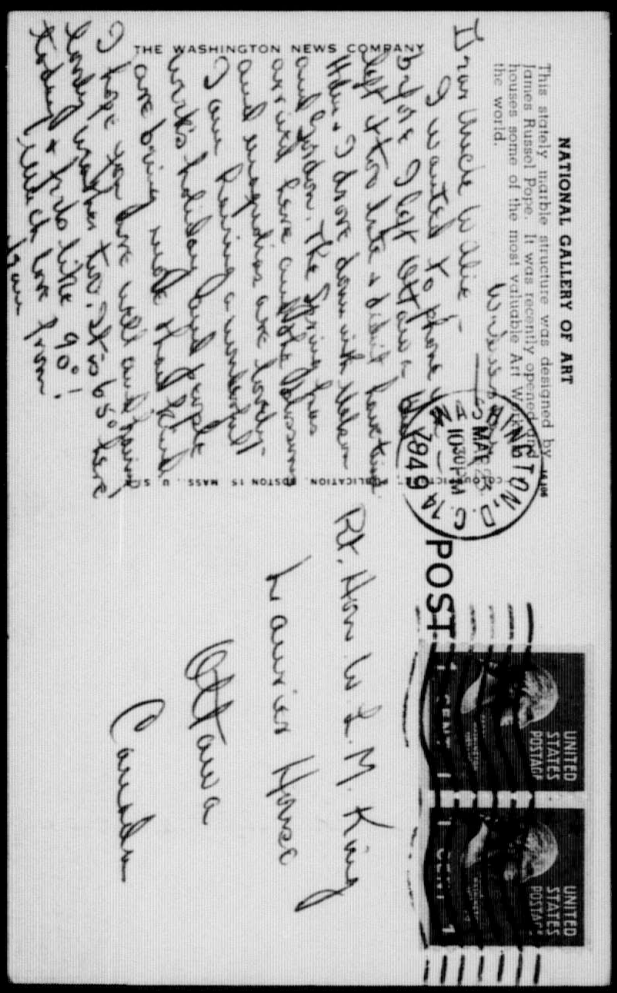

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March 26, 1949

Dear Jennie:

Apparently the simplest way in which to pay the tax that is due on Margaret's income as a person in your employ is for you yourself to make a cheque payable to the Receiver General of Canada for the amount due on the wages she has received over the year - in excess of the $750. exemption allowed to single persons.

There has to be added to the salary received by a servant an amount known as subsistence allowance, the minimum for which is $15. a month. That is the amount allowed for subsistence for servants here at Laurier House.

$70. a month for 12 months equals $840. (for the year 1948)		
$15. a month for 12 months equals $180.		
	Total	$ 1,020.
Less exemption		$ 750.
Balance		$ 270.

$270. is therefore the taxable income, for which the tax is $31.00.

To cover what should have been paid to the Receiver General through the nearest

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district office of the National Revenue Department for Margaret, you will have to issue a cheque payable to the Receiver -- General for this amount. I enclose my cheque payable for this amount. If you endorse the cheque to the Receiver General of Canada, and give it to Margaret, she can enclose it with her income tax return to be sent to the nearest district office of the Department of National Revenue.

For this year 1949, should Margaret be with you for the entire period, there would only be tax on $20. as the exemption for single persons has been raised to $1,000.

Margaret's income tax return for 1948 should be fyled before the end of April. Provided she has no other sources of revenue, she will not have to pay anything additional.

I am very sorry you have been suffering from such a heavy cold. I know how weakening it is at this season of the year. You cannot be too careful to guard against a relapse.

I sent on the vitamins last night and hope they reached you safely. I am so sorry to have overlooked enquiring about your supply. Always let me know a little in advance. I think I am now quite free from my attack.

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I saw the picture of little Janet Lay in TIME. I was delighted with it but even more with the reference to her beneath the picture. If I am not mistaken, Harry told me that the skis were part of my Christmas present to the youngsters.

I am very sorry to hear of Frank Lay's death. He was a fine man and I always liked him very much. When you write to Jina, please express my deep sympathy to her.

I am sure you will like the new budget and will find it helpful.

P.S. I assume, of course, that you do not regard the $70. that I pay Margaret as a part of your income though you pay over the cheques to her, each month. It is really a part of my income.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ont.

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March 29th '49

My dear Willie:

Thank you very much for your letter received yesterday enclosing cheque for Margaret's income tax. It seems awful to have to pay that, in addition to the wages she receives! It may not seem as bad to you as it does to me, but here, where the highest wage is $35.00 for a maid who does everything, this seems an awful sum! Of course it is Margaret's faithfulness that counts with her. She has had a bad cold this last week,

Jean phoned me Sunday night when she got home from Washington. I think the "high light" of her trip was seeing Winston Churchill! Am so glad she had the trip for she was pretty tired.

Nancy says Janet got the prize as "the youngest lady on skiis". Helen, the elder, is quite a good skier, and it certainly was you who gave her the outfit! She has certainly made good use of her skiis, as Johnnie has of his skates. I think Colin too got his skiis or skates from you. Roald was with Nancy when those photos were taken and said the children were lovely to watch. It is a

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the first she has had since she came, so I told John & his family not to come up on Sunday, and as Rosabel was out for dinner, she had a good rest. She is almost over it now, but there seems to be a lot of it going around.

I want to thank you too, for the Vitamins which came on Saturday. I hated to ask for them, for you are so kind, but they really do help, & I was so miserable all last week, that I was ready to do anything! It is more than good of you to send them to me, & I am deeply grateful. It takes so little to upset me, & the word of Frank Lay's sudden death was quite a shock. He has always been the one to whom we could write to have things done. Harry always sent his home contributions to Frank, & when Nelson went as a Cadet, it was Frank who saw about his uniforms etc. I suppose he was an old man, but he never seemed so to me. I had a very bad turn that Monday night & have been feeling wretched ever since. Have asked the Dr to come down & see me, as I want to be well for the summer!

enjoy Kingsmere this year & I do hope the Pattersons will be there too.

Rosabel joins me in best love & with very many thanks

Yours loving sister
Jennie

healthy life, & even Harry looks much better than he did last year.

I have never declared your money to me, as I do not consider it part of my income: it is a gift: I can stop at any time. I don't think I shall have to pay any tax this year as my medical expenses will take care of anything I might be taxed! By next year there will be enough exemption to take care of my income! The budget ought to help in a

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lot of ways, & "every little helps!" Am very glad you have shaken off your cold, for you cannot do your best work, or enjoy doing it, when you are heavy with cold. There is a lot of sickness in town, & the Dr's are kept very busy. It was very kind of you to have Margaret's form made out for her, and she will get it off at once. I finally persuaded her to put her money in the Bank, for I didn't like all that money lying around. She said "Oh, I have it well hidden," but I told her she never knew when there might be an accident, & anyway she might as well have the interest. The last argument proved convincing!

The snow has practically gone, & the robins are all over the place! Even crows are welcome as a sign of spring! It will be such a blessing to be able to get out once more, & I'm just longing to get out on our side verandah! You will be able to really

enough to be half sick as I am, but to be helpless would be awful! The bright, warm weather will help everyone.

John helped me with my Income Tax, & I will have nothing to pay! That is one thing for which to be thankful.

Had a letter from Mr Farquhar Maclean & she is coming up on Thursday to stay two weeks in Barrie - but not with me. I would like to invite her, but it would be a strain, so she can board. It is strange that she has always kept in touch with me, & says she feels cheated if she doesn't see me every year, & she is over 80!!

Again many thanks for phoning, & for your constant thought of us. Rosabel joins me in best love & in the hope that you will benefit by the change

Your loving sister
Jennie

April 5th '49

My dear Willie:

It was very good of you to phone last night. I was thinking of you, & intended to write on Sunday, but we went for a drive, & as Margaret was out, we had to get tea when we got back, so that was enough!

Isabel is always very much in my thoughts at this time. The day she died, she asked me to read again March 30th in "Daily Thoughts", & it was while I was reading to her, that I realized that it was the end. I can never forget her death, for it seemed that Heaven was so near!

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I am so glad you are gaining strength, & a change will do you good. It is probably a good deal warmer farther South, for Jean said the trees etc. were in bloom when she was in Washington.

Am sending you this picture from the Globe as I know you don't take that "sheet"! Also this editorial shows what we would get, were McCullogh to have control of the Star! I don't know what you think of that bill, but I think it is a disgrace to everyone connected with it. I listened to F.B. Joliffe last night & I'm afraid this bill will help the C.C.F. for he spoke well. John

said everyone in Toronto predicts it will kill the Conservatives, but whatever happens, it is a disgrace.

The snow has all gone off our lawn but the ice is still in the bay, & it is always cool here, till after it has gone out. One big storm would send it down or out!

Had a letter from Min Pirie, & Nora & her children were to arrive last week for a three month holiday. Nora has two children, & Min hasn't seen either of them.

Judge Wismer is still alive, but has been pretty feeble for the last two weeks. Delivers me from a long illness! It is bad

be bare no snow, & the crocuses & snow drops are blooming in front of the house. They are a cheering sight!

I hope you will have a very happy Easter and that your trip will do you a lot of good. It is cheering to look forward to seeing Rosalel joins me in best love every good wish for your holiday ever your loving sister

Jennie

Jean, her maid, & two boys are coming up on Tuesday, to stay with us for a week while Gordon is in Kingston. It will be a joy to have them

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April 13th 49

My dear Willie:

I was delighted when I saw that the Rockefeller Foundation is making such a splendid contribution to help with your work. It is wonderful to have such friends, and the friendship has lasted over so many years. It will be a tremendous help to you & relieve you of much of the detail work, which takes so long. It is often very interesting when there is so much you want to do.

I meant to write on Sunday but it was such a lovely day, I've

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were alone, so right after dinner we got in the car & drove down & had tea with John Mary. It is a treat to get out like that, for Rosabel works till after five every day, so there are not many chances. We were home, & in bed by nine, so it did us good.

I had a very nice little note from Mrs Gooch last week, thanking me for the candies I sent at Christmas! It was good of her to write, & you might tell her I appreciated it.

I am sending you a pair of socks which I hope will be useful when you go away! If they do not fit, send them back, & I'll correct them: I am so glad you are going away for a little holiday, for a change does do you good. I know I felt better for just one day in Toronto! We hope to get out more, now that the warm weather is in sight. I went to a movie last week, the first time I have tried it in two years, & thoroughly enjoyed it. Jean saw the picture in Washington "Johnnie Belinda", & said it was good, so we took her word for it & went. The heroine was the "prize" actress for 1948.

April 14, 1949

My dear Jennie:

This little note is just to bring to you and Rosabel my fondest love and best of wishes for a happy Easter season.

You no doubt have seen from the press that the Rockefeller Foundation has voted a large sum of money to McGill University to assist in securing the necessary expert assistance in the writing of my Memoirs. None of the appropriation comes to me. It may be used in payment of the services of ohhers who may be obtained to go through my papers of the last fifty years and prepare material from them which will help me, if Providence so decrees, to get the writing of my Memoirs completed before the end of my days.

While the Foundation grant is an exceptionally fine expression of personal and international friendship and good-will, I am by no means certain that I have been wise in consenting to the grant being made. It places on my shoulders a new, continuous and heavy obligation, which I may find it

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difficult to meet. At most, I had thought of writing a short biography. I have never contemplated a volume or volunes which would involve the writing of some quarter of a century or more of Canada's history, which is evidently what is now expected.

While none of the grant of the Foundation comes to myself, it has nevertheless left me free to use in other ways some of the monies that I otherwise would have had to pay out for secretarial and other assistance in writing my own autobiography. I am, therefore, a little freer to do with my own savings in a personal way than I otherwise would have been. I have always known that the day would come when I would be out of office and out of Parliament and with no security than that which I have been able to make through the years for the last of my days. As the Foundation grant will help me to meet some of the expenses I would otherwise personally have been obliged to meet, I, naturally, feel less anxious than I have hitherto been.

With the situation what it now is, I feel I should like, at this Easter season, to share with Rosabel and yourself a little of my new found freedom. I should be happy, therefore, if you will accept, with my warmest love and all good wishes for Easter, the bank money orders which I am enclosing herewith in the little envelopes attached to this letter.

$250 m. Jean
$0 Rosabel

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Night letter

Ottawa, April 16, 1949

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Barrie, Ont.

Every loving good wish, dear Jennie, to you and Rosabel for a happy Easter.

Willie

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16 April, 1949

Dear Uncle Willie

A wonderful surprise arrived for Mother and me yesterday. We were both completely overwhelmed! Thank you very very much. One thing I need very badly is a pair of shoes and I was wondering how I was going to manage a pair so now

different animals they have there.

It will be fun to have Jean and the boys here next week. They should add a bit of life to the house.

Thank you very much again for your wonderful Easter present. You've no idea what a treat it is & how far your present will go.

Lots of love,

Rosabel.

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Mary and John and it didn't seem to tire mother to much. The weather has been so lovely that you enjoy a drive once in awhile.

Mary and John are coming here for dinner to-morrow as well as Mrs. Farquhar Maclean. Mrs Maclean has been here for a short time and has been at the house two or three times. We drove to Springwater Park one evening to show her the swans and the

the answer has arrived. We were so thrilled we wanted to phone you right away but apparently you are away this week-end.

Mother is certainly much better than she was a year ago. She seems to have good and bad days and the good ones seem to be much more frequent in the last little while. We drove to Toronto last Sunday to see

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Day message

April 17, 1949.

Mr. Mrs. John L. Lay,
10 Nottingham Drive,
ISLINGTON (Ont)
(~~Toronto~~)

A HAPPY EASTER WITH LOVE TO ALL.

" UNCLE WILLIE "

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Day message

April 17, 1949.

Mr. ~~Mrs.~~ Harry M. Lay,
~~c/o~~ The Chantecler,
STE. ADELE, (Que)

AFFECTIONATE EASTER GREETINGS TO ALL.

"UNCLE WILLIE"

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Easter Sunday.
April 17th 49

My dear Willie:

It was very good of you to phone last night. I tried to get you on Friday again yesterday, & John must have recognized my voice when I said I had asked for you personally. Central immediately chipped in and shut me off, & then told me that Mr. King was out of town, & would'nt speak to anyone else!

When I read your letter, I felt that the thing I most wanted to do, was to speak to you & thank you most sincerely for your kind thought & very generous gift. It was such an unexpected and welcome addition to my finances that I was quite overcome! So was Rosalet, we both

in Canada, like there are in the States, but this new law, will not tend to increase them.

I will try & jot down anything that seems of interest about Father & Mother, but I'm afraid I'm not much good at that. I may have a few letters, & I'll look through them & see if there is anything of historic interest. I know when & where they were married & that Mother's mother died a month later, & things like that, but you know them too.

Rosalet is off for the day, to a cottage on the lake! John & his family are coming up for dinner, & Mr. Vaughan Maclean is coming too. She has never met John, but knows all the rest of the family well.

Again let me send my very loving thanks, & you have no idea how much happiness I can have, & give, with your very generous gift. Hope you will have a happy day & that the peace will do you good. With best love

ever your loving sister
Jennie

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Hazel, while Mlle. was at a lecture. It was a lovely day for a drive, & Hazel & I had a happy visit. She was speaking about the Rockefeller grant and was delighted about it. Though now a good Tory, she agrees that it would be a calamity if you were not able to write your memoirs. I say everyone will rejoice that you are receiving help. She doesn't quite agree with me that the "Drew McCullough" bill is scandalous! She said "you know, Jen, Mr. Atkinson wasn't really a good man" & I told her I didn't know anything of the sort - that she had been listening to the wrong people! I am very fond of Hazel & it would take more than politics to affect our friendship. It is a pity though that there are not foundations

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April 19, 1949.

My dear Jennie

I was delighted to receive this morning the letters from Rosabel and yourself which were awaiting my return from Kingsmere. I am glad my Easter gift has given you both the pleasure it has. I wish I could tell you how much it added to my own happiness at Easter to have been able to send these remembrances at the Eastertide.

I meant to send something to Margaret. Perhaps you would give her the enclosed as a remembrance at Easter time from me.

I enjoyed so much our talk together over the 'phone, and am particularly happy that your strength seems to be gradually though certainly coming back. Be careful not to presume on this good fortune by attempting too much at any time.

It was most kind of you to send me the pair of socks which you had knitted for Easter. They are indeed a welcome gift, and

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I thank you warmly for all that they express of your thought and love. I enjoyed too the little card of Easter greetings which accompanied them.

I am glad you are going to have Jean and the children with you this week. That will be a great happiness for you all.

Just a further word about recollections concerning father and mother. I am at last making a beginning today on my Memoirs. Please do not take for granted that I know the things you do about the family. I was in Toronto part of the time while the family were still in Berlin, and left almost immediately after graduation for Chicago, Harvard, and abroad, and I have been in Ottawa most of the time since.

Speaking of father and mother, you say, "I know when and where they were married, and that mother's mother died a month later, and things like that, but you know them too." As a matter of fact, I did not know about mother's mother's death, and I have a very vague idea of when and where father and mother were married. As I recall, it was at Mrs. Lindsay's house.

I am thinking of trying to arrange with someone to write a real biography of grandfather which would include the story of mother's early life. Anything you can

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recall of what she told about her early life, or things about her father, would be of immense interest to me. Just jot these things down as they come into your mind. Keep them on a separate sheet which can be enclosed with your letters. It would be surprising how the knowledge of one's small incidents helps to lead to a wider understanding of others.

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Boulder Jel
Barrie, Ontario April 26th 49

My dear Willie:

The cake arrived yesterday morning in *perfect* condition. Not even a leaf was out of place! It is lovely - quite as pretty as last years, which says a lot! Thank you very much. There will be several people here this week, so it will be a joy to show it to them, & let them taste it! You have been much too generous, giving us *two* stories. (Not very sure of the plural of that!) but you may be sure it will

lunch. Edith is right has the car & is bringing them! Margaret is planning a suitable menu!!
I was glad to hear you say Vitamin E couldn't hurt anyone! I know it has done me good. I took one bottle (100 pills) & then went without for a week, & at once, noticed the difference. I haven't spoken to my Dr about them but as long as they help me, I'll take them regardless of advice!
My very sincere & loving thanks for all your kindness. Jean & Rosalee join me in best love, and also in thanks.
ever your loving sister
Jennie

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give pleasure to a great many people. It seems a shame to spoil it by cutting it!
It was lovely to hear your voice on Sunday. We had gone to bed in good time as it had been a full day. We were thinking of you yesterday, when the House opened. You will soon be quite free of it, as we hear this morning that the Session ends this week, & elections come on the 27th June. Sincere you are glad not to have any responsibility in the matter!

Jean & I drove to Toronto yesterday, & had lunch at Peggy Thistle Jones. Hazel & Mary, (John's wife) were the only other guests. In the afternoon we took them to see "The Quartette," four of Sommerset Maughan's short stories, & which are very well done. We thoroughly enjoyed the day, & were home before seven, so were not too tired. It is wonderful having Jean here, for I can do a lot if someone is with me, but am helpless alone. Next week Hazel & Peggy & Amy Wright & Edith Wright Snively are coming up for

April 30, 1949

My dear Jennie:

I have just concluded writing up proceedings of the last hours of the twentieth Parliament which was prorogued and dissolved today.

I should like my first letter at this place of new beginning to be to you. I should like you to share in my new found freedom, and am enclosing a cheque which, I hope, for you, will contribute toward that end. — 25-0-

I really meant at Easter to send what I am now sending in addition to what I sent at that time, but delayed so doing in the feeling that another occasion would soon present itself when I could make good what was originally intended.

This little gift will now have its association with the end of my days in the House of Commons.

I am so glad the cake arrived safely and apparently just at the right moment. The mention, in your letter, that you had been visiting friends in Toronto and that

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some of your friends from there and elsewhere would be visiting you, has caused me to feel that the contribution enclosed may give you a sense of greater freedom in enjoying hours spent in this way.

I hope you will use the proceeds of the cheque in giving yourself more in the way of enjoyments of the kind. In that way, you will be sharing, in fuller measure, some of the new freedom which I am hoping, from now on, to experience in a larger measure than has been possible hitherto.

I am so glad that each day seems to bring more in the way of health and strength to you.

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My dear Willie:

It is difficult for me to express my gratitude for your continual kindness & generosity. The letter and cheque received this morning was, you may be sure, a complete surprize, coming as it does, on top of your very generous cheque at Easter. I don't know what to say, except that I appreciate more deeply than words can tell, not only the gift, which is most acceptable,

you. Will keep a pad by my bed, for it is at night that I seem to do most thinking. As I think of things, I'll jot them down. If you can use any that appeal to you!

We all rejoice that you will so soon be free of any connection with the work of the House, and hope your leisure will improve your health as well as increase your pleasure in life.

Again my very loving thanks. Jean will have phoned you & given you the latest word of us all. Will send on any items I can think of! Yours loving sister

Jennie

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but, even more, the love and thoughtfulness which prompts it. We all crave love, as we grow older, and it seems to me. I am getting more than my share! You, & the children have all been so loving and kind to me, that life is far from being the lonely state it might have been. Every day I am more than grateful for the kindness which surrounds me. I only wish I could repay, in even a small way, all your kindness which has come to us all, through the

years. You have certainly made life a lot easier for me since Harry died! Sometimes I wonder if I would still have been here, if you hadn't been so kind. I send my very loving thanks and hope to be able some way to show you how very sincere I am.

I have jotted down a few items, which you may remember yourself, to see if they are of any interest to you, or are the kind of thing you want. I was thinking in bed last night, & wrote these down this a.m. to send to

May 4, 1949

My dear Jennie:

I have just received your letter of yesterday and its enclosure. I thank you warmly for both.

I was glad to be able to supplement my Easter greeting by an equivalent amount on what was one of the most memorable days of my life. I hope you will derive as much enjoyment from its proceeds as it has given me to send it on to you.

Saying that the cheque was a complete surprise will enable you to understand how I felt when I learned of the appropriation that the Rockefeller Foundation was making to McGill University to assist me in the writing of my Memoirs. I have still to decide whether I have the strength to undertake the larger task which use of the Foundation's grant would imply.

What you have sent me of matters of interest incidental to mother's life is exactly the kind of thing I am most anxious to have - for example, I had known that there was very little food in the house when

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mother war born, and that her mother and father often wondered whether she being so frail, and they so poor, an effort should be made to spare her life. How different the story of the Liberal Party in Canada might have been had her life not been spared!

I knew about the golden medal being melted down. I had not associated it with the giving of pennies on birthdays. In Lindsey's Life, the melting down is mentioned as being necessary to secure food for the family.

I had heard about grand-mother Mackenzie having heard the men discussing about her husband being drawn and quartered but had quite forgotten this incident.

You mention that mother and father were married in her mother's house on Widmer Street. I had understood that they were married at the house on Bond Street. I had had some idea that they were married at Mrs. Lindsey's house (aunt Jennie). What is probably the case is that they went from Mrs. Mackenzie's house after the wedding to a reception at Mrs. Lindsey's. Your mention of Widmer Street makes me wonder whether the names of the streets have not been changed since that time. The house that belonged to Mrs. Mackenzie was the one given to grand-father at the time of his return from

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exile. The name of the street at the present time is Bond Street near the Normal School. I wonder, therefore, if the names of the streets have not been changed.

Do keep on sending any more material you may think of.

By the way, you will have, after this week, to put stamps on your letters all of which should be addressed to me at Laurier House, Laurier Avenue.

I have found the closing days of Parliament a considerable strain but intend to rest up a little more than usual in the course of the coming weeks. I shall probably go down to spend a day or two with Mr. Rockefeller in New York before the month is out.

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Colin's school principal called me the last week to ask my permission for Colin to enter Grade IV immediately. He says that he is a very superior student with an amazing ability to grasp subjects beyond his years. We are pleased that Colin is doing so well in school, but we don't believe in pushing him too quickly. However we are going to allow him to take up next year's work now and see how he does in it.

Love from all us,
Mary.

Carolyn Earle

file

90 Nottingham Drive.
Toronto 18,
May 13. 1949.

Dear Uncle Willie,

I am writing for John as well as for myself to thank you for your telegram of Easter greetings. It was so nice of you to remember us and we were really thrilled when we arrived home from Barrie and found your

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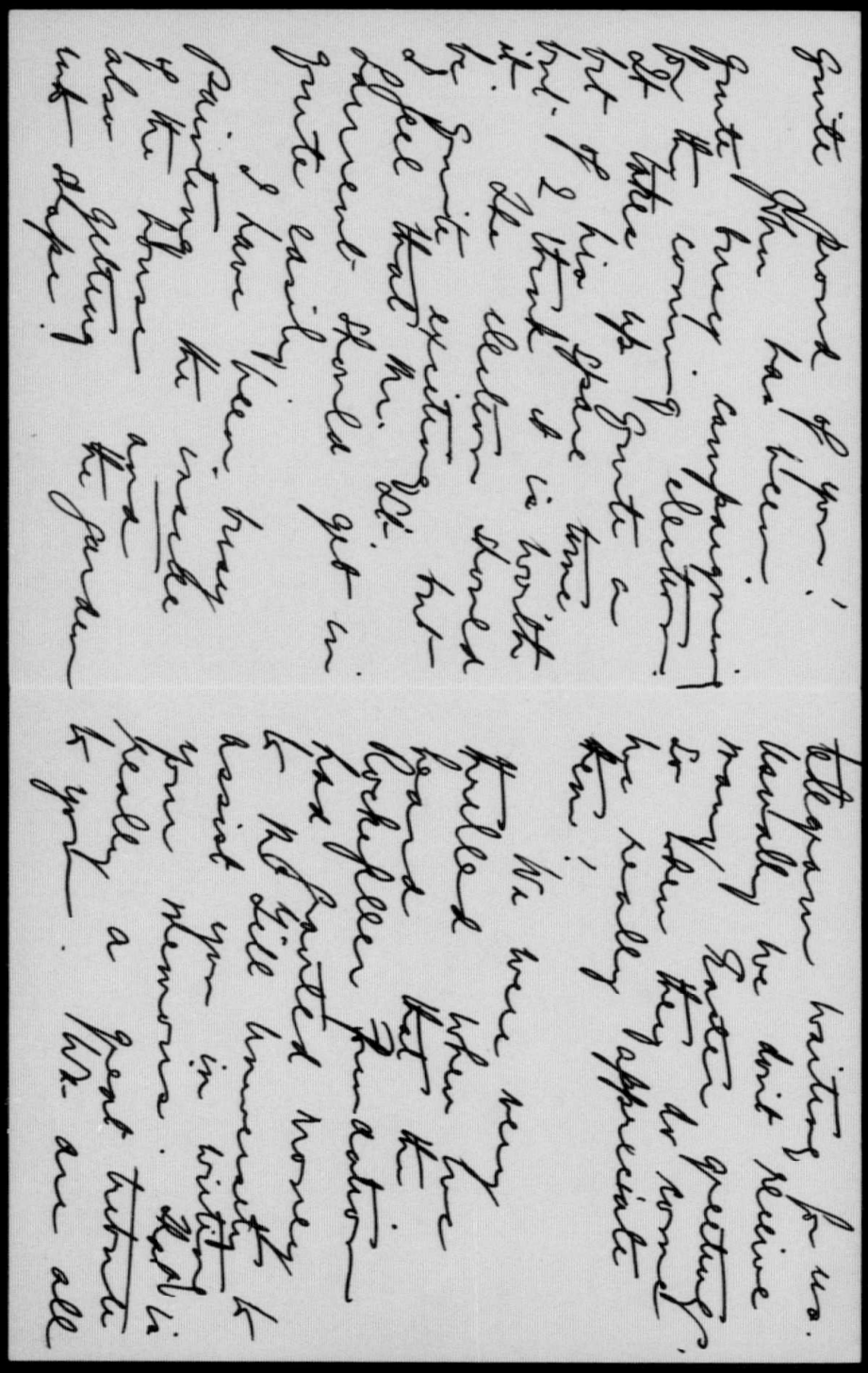

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In your last letter you speak of Mother living on Bond St. but she was only 18 when her father died, & 29 (23 engaged) when she was married. I'm sure they had given up the Bond St. house long before then. Mother used to speak of living next to the Convent ("Loretta," I think) & going to school there; for she had a story about being allowed to dress in a nun's dress on some holiday, & going out and throwing kisses to her Mother who was sitting at her window. Grandmother thought it was a nun who had gone crazy, & when she found it was Mother, she took her away from the Convent & never let her go back! I know

May 20th '49

My dear Willie:

We are most anxious to hear what report the Drs gave you in Montreal. These last weeks have been strenuous for you, & if you have come through them without harm, you can look forward to a happy summer. I am so glad it is summer, & not winter, that is before us, but it is going much too quickly.

It was very good of you to phone on Sunday evening. I was just starting a letter to you when Mlle. Shopoff (from Arendon)

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came in, and as she didn't
leave till 10 P.M., I decided bed
was the place for me, & a letter
could be written in the morning.
The Arundel "Heads" are very good
to me, & never a week passes
without one or two of them coming
in to see me.
You have had good weather
for your holiday, & I hope you
have enjoyed your stay with
Mr. Rockefeller. You would
have much to discuss, & you will
feel more satisfied after having
talked with him. A friendship
such as yours has been with him
is a very precious feeling, &
one that gives equal pleasure

whether you are together or apart.
In going over some of my papers, I came
across an article by Gregory Clark, written
on your 25th anniversary. I enjoyed
reading it again & it brought back many
memories. I haven't had time to go through
many of my letters etc, but hope after
the cleaning is done, I can devote
my days to them. I am not working
at the cleaning, but there are some
things I have to do, which no one else
can do, and as I do so little at a time
it seems endless! I find reading letters
etc take hours, but I don't want to
dispose of them without going through them

company, & is always disappointing when the children don't come up for Sunday dinner!

I hope your trip has done you good & that you are not too tired. It will be lovely at Kingsmere just now when all the blossoms are out. Rosalee & I went for a drive & had tea in the country last night & the country is truly beautiful.

Rosalee joins me in best love & in the hope that you have benefitted from your holiday

your loving sister
Jennie

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Mother lived on Widmer St. at some time, for she used to point it out when we went past it & always referred to it as "little Widmer St." after Grandmother's death, Aunts Libbie, Ellie Maria & Mullen moved to "King St. west" which you probably remember. I well remember staying there, and at "Foxley", Aunt Jennie's home. We stayed at Foxley when Mother & Father took us all down to Toronto to see the troops come home after the Riel Rebellion. That was in 1884, wasn't it? A long time ago, but it is one visit that is still very clear in my mind, even to Mother fainting when we got home!

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We moved to "Woodside" in 1886 and to Toronto in '93. Both moves are still clear in my memory: to "Woodside" in December when it was bitterly cold, & to Toronto in July when it was equally hot! I have a "programme" from the dance we had at "Woodside" one summer, when they had the platform out in front of the house. Do you remember it?

It was a "very fine shine"!! She last party we had there was for the Glee Club, when you were at Varsity. Father & Mother certainly loved entertaining, & we come by it naturally! It is always a much greater pleasure to me to have people here, than to go to other houses!

We are hoping John & his family will be up for part of the holiday this week-end John gets from tonight till Wednesday a.m. & unless Colin has to go to school on Monday they will be here. It is always a joy to me to have the children for short visits!

Margaret asked me, when I was writing to you to thank you for "the little envelope you sent her at Easter". She was very pleased. She enjoyed having Jean & her family here, & Stasha (Jean's maid) is a very nice girl. Margaret & she went to Red Cross & rolled bandages, one day each week. I am glad Margaret goes to that as she has met a lot of people, & enjoys it. One thing about Margaret — she loves having

left the baby at home with the maid, & the two little girls were no trouble. Nancy has been a year at Ste Adele, & has had no holiday, so used the Toronto Fair as an excuse for a trip here! They are a very happy little family & Harry always looks such a gentleman! John & his family were up on Sunday too. John had just returned from Mexico where he spent last week! It seems so wonderful to be able to cover so much ground in such a short time! I am always glad to have the children together, so that they may not grow apart! Nancy's Uncle,

WLM

June 9th '49

My dear Willie:

Your voice sounded so much more rested on Sunday, that I am sure you are beginning to feel the good of your freedom from public office. It was very good of you to phone, & I think you are more than kind to invite us to Kingsmere again this summer. I really feel it is too much of an expense to open the house & go to all that trouble, just for

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two weeks' pleasure for us. If you were opening the house anyway, I wouldn't feel it was such an imposition, but you have been so very generous to us that I feel we should use what you have given us for our holiday and put you to more expense. Rosabel has to take her holidays from the 9th - 24th July, & we could go to Muskoka or some other resort for the two weeks. We haven't made any plans, as it depends

on how I feel at the time. Rosabel went out to Kingsmere on Sunday but they didn't disturb you, as they had the children with them. She said it was simply beautiful out there. We haven't had any rain for over two weeks & everything is dried up & parched. The lawn looks worse than it does in August, & it was so lovely a month ago. It is cold too, but I suppose we shall be complaining of the heat before long!

Harry & his family left yesterday. It was a great pleasure having them. They

Rosabel is at work but would send her love if she were here. She enjoyed her little trip to Ottawa, & it does her good to get away occasionally.

I fully appreciate your kindness in asking us to go to Kingsmere, but really feel it is an imposition. Please be quite honest & tell us if you agree with what I've written. We will understand & make arrangements accordingly.

Am so glad you enjoyed your visit with Mr Rockefeller & that you got a good report from the Drs.

With best love from Rosabel & me & very many thanks over your loving sister

Jennie

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who is the manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Guelph, has been transferred to Kitchener and has bought a house on Frederick St. From what Mary said, I think it must be near our old public school. They drove out to "Woodside" & went through the house. It is a great thing for children to be able to look back on a happy home, & I am sure my children will love "Boulderfel" in much the same way as I think of "Woodside".

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Did you see the notice of Walter Buckingham's death? I was surprized to see how old he was - thought he was about your age. He was one of the men I really liked, & it was always a pleasure to see him, when he dropped in here on his way to Muskoka. We are hoping to have Hazel here for a few days. Tomorrow is her birthday & I've just been writing to her. I am alone so much, that it will be a joy to have a little visit from her. Ethel Kirkpatrick will be married fifty years on June 21st! That is a long time to live together. I don't think Arthur is any too well; his eyes are giving him trouble & he has lost the sight of one with glaucoma. I am very sorry Mr Patteson is so poorly. You will miss them at Kingsmere. It would be difficult to care for him out there if he is not able to go up & down stairs. Mrs Patteson is going through much the same kind of strain I had, & she is not as young as I was. I feel very sorry for her.

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June 11, 1949

My dear Jennie:

I have just received your letter of Thursday. I have been at Kingsmere and the mail comes out only occasionally.

I certainly l ok forward to the pleasure of having you and Rosabel come down for a part of July. I am arranging to have the house opened and will try to make you as comfortable as possible.

The only problem is that of securing a maid. I would not wish you to be here without a suitable servant or a servant of some kind. I doubt if Frances will be able to come this year as she is, at present, at the Chateau Laurier. I have, however, written to see if she could not arrange to come for at least the time that you are here.

The only thing I would have to ask is that too many children are not on hand at the one time. Though she said very little, I know Frances felt, last year, that the numbers were somewhat greater than she had anticipated at one particular time.

As Jean will not be moving until August, being here for a fortnight will give her a chance to see something of you before she moves.

I am not sure as yet whether I shall use the other house for any other purpose this summer. That, however, need not interfere with your coming at the time you mentioned. I, myself, shall be away from Kingsmere during the first two weeks of August. I have begun work on my Memoirs and may make some use of the large house in that connection as a place for conferences and work possibly with the staff. It is a very big task to undertake.

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I gather from what Jean tells me that you would not find the journey down and back too trying. If there is any doubt about this, I would rather you would arrange to stay overnight somewhere half way.

This is all I have time for at the moment. I want you, however, to feel that I really am wholly in earnest about your coming for the time mentioned, provided we can work out the servant problem satisfactorily.meanwhile. I shall continue to see what may be possible at this end. Perhaps Jean, too, could lend a hand.

While Mr. Patteson is very poorly indeed, they are both counting on coming out for some time in the summer. I expect, about the beginning of July.

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June 14th '49

My dear Willie:

It was very good of you to phone last night & Rosalet & I were delighted to hear that Frances will be at Kingsmere. She is the kindest & most thoughtful person, I ever had to do with, & nothing seemed too much trouble if it added to our pleasure. We shall all try & not impose on her.

It is more than good of you to go to so much trouble & expense for our two weeks' holiday. It will not write more; only want to thank you for all your kindness & tell you we are looking forward to seeing you very soon.

Rosalet joins me in best love

ever your loving sister

Jennie

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is certainly the most beautiful spot to spend a couple of weeks. I hope you got some relief from the heat. We haven't so far, but it looks as though we might have rain today. The pastures are just dry hay! We drove out in the country last night, to try to cool off, but it was sad to see how everything is dried up. We will have no strawberries in this part of the country this year, & unless we get rain & plenty of it, soon, we'll have no raspberries. The vegetables are suffering too, & it is too bad.

I suppose you got an invitation from "Col. & Mrs Kirkpatrick" for their golden wedding anniversary on the 21st! I am sorry I can't be with Amy & Hazel for the event, but nothing would induce me to attempt it. I expected Hazel today, to spend a few days with us, but the heat has been too much for her, & she will wait a few days. I always love having her.

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June 28th '49

My dear Willie:

The election results must have been a thrill to you, as they were to all Liberals. It is such a complete endorsation of past & present Liberal administration, & such a complete surprize to the Conservatives! I think the Liberals owe a lot of their success to George Drew, personally! He certainly did a lot to hurt his party. I think! He has worked very hard in this election & was delighted that Toronto did so well. He spoke to Mr. Howe after the St. Laurent meeting, & said Mr. H. was literally dripping!! It was 90° in Toronto that day. It has certainly been a hot election!

This is just a line to tell you how delighted we are, & to send our love. Are looking forward to seeing you next week.

Your loving sister
Jennie

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This clipping is from a front page article in the Globe yesterday. I hope the Editor gets some of his conceit knocked out of him! He & George Drew are a pair!

I was so surprized to see the notice of Mrs Acklands' death. I thought she had died years ago! This heat has been hard on old people. We have not been uncomfortable as long as we stayed at home, but down town has been pretty awful. Rosabel says

the difference between her office & our house is about 50°! We are all three looking forward with the greatest pleasure, to our visit in Ottawa. Kingsmere must be lovely, for you have had so much rain, while we have had scarcely any.

We expect John & his family up for the holiday. They say the heat in Toronto has been awful, & they haven't a tree near their house! John phoned last night, & was so excited he could hardly

This is just a little note to thank you, & to say we are looking forward to seeing you at the end of the week.

Rosabel joins me in best love

Your loving sister

Jennie

July 4th '49

My dear Willie:

It was very good of you to phone last night & I was sorry the connection was so poor. I could hardly hear you, but I gather you are expecting us on Saturday, & that is of paramount importance. We are eagerly looking forward to our holiday in Kingsmere & know it will do us both a lot of good. I would be much happier if you would let me

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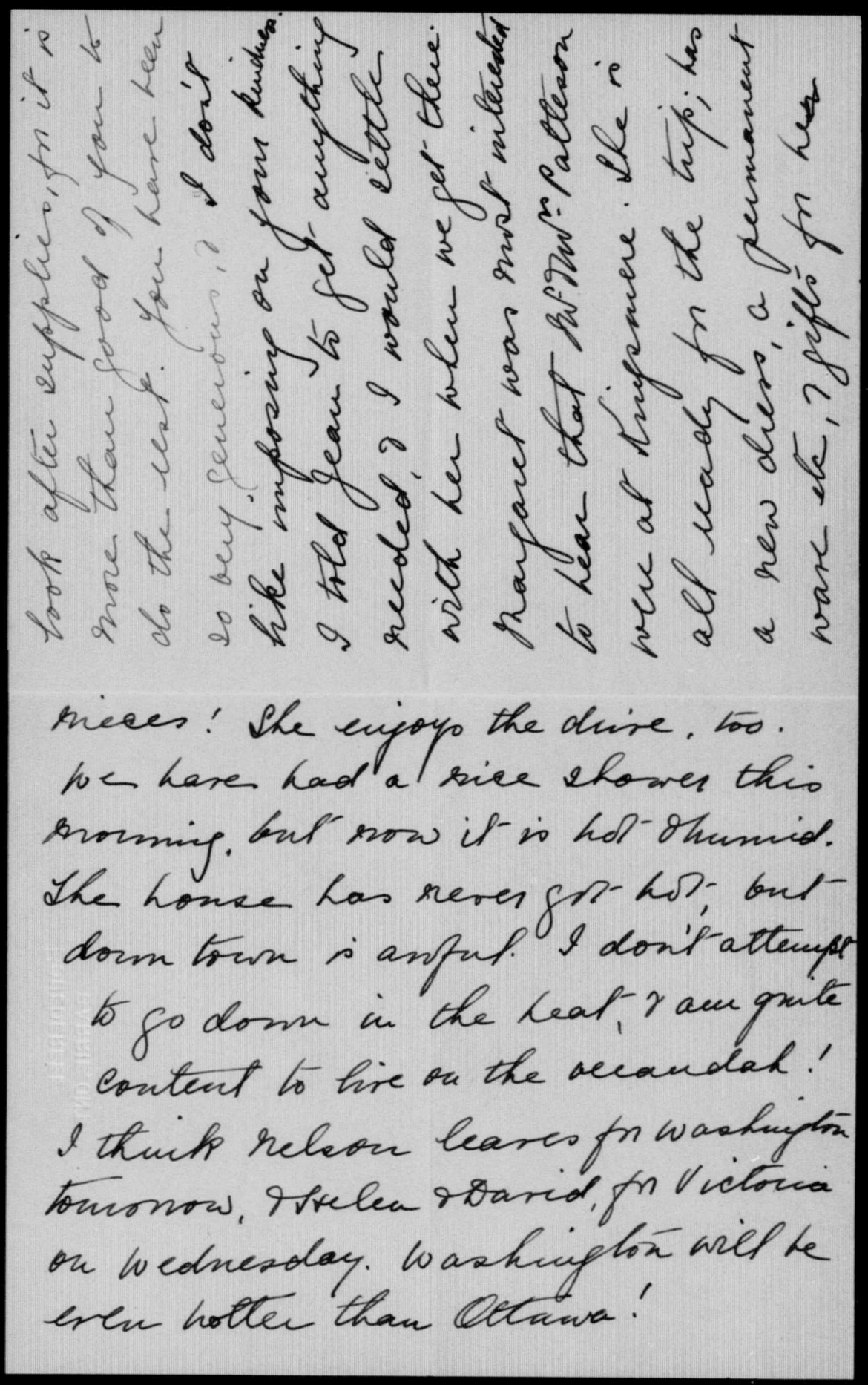

nieces! She enjoys the drive, too.
We have had a nice shower this
morning, but now it is hot & humid.
The house has never got hot; but
down town is awful. I don't attempt
to go down in the heat. I am quite
content to live on the verandah!
I think Nelson leaves for Washington
tomorrow, & Helen & David, for Victoria
on Wednesday. Washington will be
even hotter than Ottawa!

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July 19, 1950.

My dear Jean

I received from your mother, last night, a letter telling me how much she and Rosabel had enjoyed their visit with you. I only hope they have not been overdoing in the way of late hours, and that you and Gordon will begin to think of yourselves and what you need in the way of rest.

At Easter, a supporter of mine sent me a fine fruit cake as an Easter gift. I had intended dividing it up among the "family", but the icing on it was so generously worded that I hesitated to let part of it out of my sight. Having told your mother of my predicament, she assured me that you would be able to scrape the icing off without letting any one see ~~you,~~ it and that you would find the contents of the cake itself very useful at your various receptions.

In the circumstances, I am sending the cake to you, just as it is, and hope you will make the best you can of what, I am sure, is a delicious bit of confectionery.

Your mother's trip seems to have done her great good, also Rosabel. I do hope, however, they will not overdo. We all need all the rest we can possibly get.

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I have missed you all at Kingsmere very much. It was fortunate, however, that no one ventured the trip in the exceedingly hot weather.

With fondest love to all.

Yours affectionately,

W.L.M.

Mrs. Gordon Dunlop,
R.C.A.F. Station,
TRENTON, Ont.

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July 25th 49

My dear Willie:

Our lovely holiday seems like a dream! I don't think I ever had a happier, or more satisfying, two weeks! The lovely weather & beautiful surroundings, added to the luxury & comfort of our daily life, & the happy hours of companionship, have left memories which will help all through the years. You have been more than good to us & we all send very grateful & loving thanks. Rosabel

Rosabel gave Margaret your envelope but she is not very demonstrative! She really was very happy coming back with us, & stayed in & helped unpack the car & make us a cup of tea. She implied she was glad to be back!

I do hope you get as much good out of your holiday with Mr. Rockefeller as we have out of being with you! It has been a wonderful vacation.

Rosabel & Hazel join me in sending best love & many thanks. Give our love to Mrs. Patterson. I would like to have seen Mrs. Patterson but didn't think Mrs. P. was very keen on my going in! Everyone was so kind & we are truly grateful

ever your loving sister

It was good of John to give me the picture of your house & I am glad to have it.

Jennie

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is at her Office, so her written thanks will have to go later. We are all feeling much better for the change & Hazel was thrilled with everything! We had a lovely dive home, and Mrs Gooch's chicken & bread & butter, added to Frances' sandwiches & cake made a wonderful lunch. We stopped in a lovely cool spot, (all the eating places were crowded) & ate our lunch & then had a cup of tea when we got to Lindsay. We had some of the delicious raspberry jam for tea, when we got home

& altogether had a most satisfactory day. I slept like a top, & feel very well today & not a bit tired. I brought the wheat germ home with me & Margaret is going to use it. I thought there was some in Mrs Gooch's bread, but may have been mistaken. Mr McConnel's roses looked pretty tired, but I put them in water & they are a bit revived this morning. You are so very thoughtful in so many little things, which probably accounts for your being so big in big things! We all appreciate much more deeply than we can express, all your kindness.

27 July, 1949

Dear Uncle Willie

It's really warm here to-night although I've just come back from a swim and should be cool.

Mother and I have just been talking about what a beautiful spot Kingsmere is. We and the guide who drove us around the city certainly knew the history since Quebec first appeared.

Thank you very very much for a perfect holiday. The two weeks were mighty wonderful.

Lot of love,

Rosabel.

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Quebec trip. It was a big help especially on our return trip when we bought some of Quebec's handicraft. I only wish I'd had a chance to show you the two hand woven blankets I got with your present. It was such a treat to be able to see Quebec

both had a marvellous holiday. It's hard to start the working life again. Fortunately we've been so busy that I haven't had time to think whether I liked it or not.

I'd like to thank you again for your wonderful present for our

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July 27th 49

Dear Willie:

We are having another hot spell, but it will be cooler in Kingsmere. I'm glad you are not in the city.

Hazel left this morning, I didn't try to keep her longer, as she had had a lovely holiday, I can come back later on. I find it easier to do things in small doses! We went up to see Mrs Pirie last night. Nora was there with her two children, having had her leave extented for two months. Madge was there too & Gibson Pirie & his wife, & a daughter

cottage for a week, but it was doing them so much good, they decided to stay another week! They will be here on Sunday.

My holiday has done me a world of good, & I am truly grateful for all your kindness & thought for us. I do hope your visit with Mr Rockefeller will be equally beneficial.

Margaret was very pleased with your gift as well she might be. I hadn't another stamp so just slipped the note in!

Best love & many thanks ever your loving sister

Jennie

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of Rev. W. J. Clark. We had a very happy evening - just stayed about an hour, but it is a lovely drive to Penetang. All the Gibsons sent their love to you; Madge said a lot of things but I couldn't understand her. It is hard on everyone.

I meant to tell you before I left, that Harry phoned on Saturday night to thank us for the happy Sunday, & to say good bye to us. Dorie spoke to me too, but she had an awful cold & said she had been sick all week. They both sent their love to you & said to thank you very much for all your kindness.

I phoned May King on Monday night & had a long talk with her - I thought she'd never stop, & it was "Long Distance"! She said Gladys & her husband were coming the next day & she couldn't make plans till she saw what they were going to do, but I think she will come up here for a few days before she goes back. I asked Arthur & Kay to come up for dinner on Sunday.

John & his family are staying two weeks at a cottage at Birkendale, Lake of Bays. He said they took the

July 29, 1949

My dear Jennie:

I have just received the letters from Hazel and yourself and cannot tell you the pleasure they have brought to me. I was hoping that this summer's visit would be a really restful and happy one for you and, in this, I have not been disappointed. Your saying that you do not think you ever had a happier or more satisfying two weeks affords me a pleasure I cannot begin to express.

There is only one thing which remains to make the visit all I intended it should be. Had circumstances not made the actual arrangement more satisfactory all around, I should like to have had you and Rosabel as guests under my own roof. The fact that I had you as guests in an adjoining cottage should, in no way, preclude my having that pleasure. Until you were leaving, I did not know that you had been meeting expenditures on account of the food supplied. Had I been made aware of it, I should certainly not have permitted this.

Unfortunately I do not know what the outlay came to but I must insist on meeting at least some of it. Accordingly, I am enclosing a cheque for $50.00 by way of reimbursement. If it does not cover what you have paid out in addition to the few vegetables and other supplies sent over from the Farm, I wish you would let me know. If the

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amount is in excess - which I very much doubt - you may give the difference to Rosabel to offset the part of the expenses of the trip down and back. That, too, I should be only too happy to meet if you and Rosabel would allow me to do so.

You must, on no account, return the enclosed cheque. I shall be very much hurt if you do.

I am leaving tomorrow for Seal Harbour. My address there will be;

c/o John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Esq.,
The Eyrie,
Seal Harbour, Maine.

I expect to be back within a fortnight. I can always be reached either by letter or telephone, either direct or through Laurier House.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Boulderfel,
Barrie, Ont.

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July 31st 49

My dear Willie:

All I can say is "Thank you very much". You have been more than kind & generous. We had a lovely visit - I gained a pound - the first I have gained in two years. Have lost steadily in the last two years, so this is probably the turning point!

As I said to you over the phone, guests don't usually invite visitors, & I would not have been so generous if I had thought it was all at your expense! However, I did want

struck & set on fire. It is a great deal cooler today, so the storm probably cleared the air.

John & his family return from their holiday today, & I am hoping they will stay here for the night.

These pictures are not too good but perhaps Rosatelli may be better. Her film is not finished but will be in a few days.

I do hope you are feeling the good & the change & lovely sea air, & that you will come home greatly improved in health and spirit.

Again very many thanks and best love from loving sister

Jennie

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to see Harry & the children
& Doorie, & also Dorothy Laidlaw
& Jean & her family. Hazel, I
could have done without, but
you have no idea what a
thrill that visit was to her,
& I always enjoy being with her
so, my very grateful thanks
for all your kindness.
As to the car. Rosabel & I own
it jointly. She pays the
ordinary running expenses,
as she is the one, who uses it,
but any trip we take, no
matter how short, I pay the
gas etc. There are often weeks
at a time that I am not in
it, & she uses it every day,
so we have made a working

plan & find it satisfactory. She would
not come home at noon, if we had not a
car, & she needs it in many ways, but
she has a good salary, so can afford to pay.
Her only expense on her holiday, was her
trip to Quebec, & you practically gave her
that! She is away at a cottage for the
long week-end. Dorothy McKnight & her
husband came up, so they are together.
I hope you got away before the big
storm on Friday afternoon. We didn't
get a drop of rain. I cut out these
items, as I know you don't see the Globe!
Over the radio, we heard that a big tree,
in front of the Parliament Buildings, was

Dictated at Seal Harbor, Me.
August 3, 1949

My dear Rosabel:

I was pleased, on the day I left Ottawa, to receive your welcome little letter, and to have the assurance that the return journey to Barrie had worked out so successfully, and that the little visit to Kingsmere had left for your mother, Mrs. Thistle and yourself, the many happy memories it did. I particularly rejoice that it seems to have been to all - and to your mother in particular - a real advantage with regard to health and strength. For that and other reasons, I should have been happy if it might have been a week or so longer. To me, too, it was a great happiness to see you all.

There is just one additional aspect of the visit which I should like to round out to my satisfaction, and that is to refund to the extent, at least, of the outlay made for gasolene and other incidental expenses incurred on the trip to and fro. Accordingly, -- I am enclosing my cheque for Twenty-Five Dollars ($25.00) which I shall be pleased if you will see is applied in that way. I would like the little holiday which you and your mother

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enjoyed, to be as much a gift in whole as I should like to have it, and hope, therefore, you will both appreciate the pleasure it would give me to have you accept this small additional amount for the purposes mentioned. I feel I am still somewhat in debt to both for other disbursements made which I should like to have met - and would have met - had I known of them at the time.

Will you tell your mother that I received, this morning, her welcome letter of a day or two ago. I am particularly pleased to know that the trip seems to have done her the good it did, and that, among other things, she has added to her weight. I really believe she is now beginning to reap the reward of her years of patient effort to regain the strength which, for a while, she had lost in such large measure.

I am much enjoying my visit with Mr. Rockefeller. It is a little like the visit you and your mother had with me, in that we have the house and grounds all but completely to ourselves, and are free to do just as we like in the matter of obligations assumed.

I shall be here until the end of next week, and then return to Kingsmere for the remainder of the Summer, and as long into the Autumn as I find the weather and other circumstances will permit.

Miss Rosabel Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ont.,
Canada.

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call from Jean to let her know they'd arrived at Trenton safely.

Thank you very much for your most generous cheque. It will be a wonderful help.

Mother joins me in sending our best love and many thanks again for a wonderful holiday.

your loving niece,
Rosabel.

8 August, 1949

Dear Uncle Willie

Your letter arrived to-day with it's very large enclosure. My gasolene bills have not yet arrived but I'm sure your cheque will more than cover them. It was very sweet of you to think of that part of the holiday although

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office. For a small
~~town~~ like Barrie
you'd wonder how
so many people find
their way here. At
present of course
with part of the
~~staff~~ away on leave
it means the rest
of us are doing twice
the amount of work.
However the days
pass much more
quickly when you
are busy.
Heather had a

I feel you have been
so very generous all
ready ~~that~~ you should
not do any more.
We had a wonderful
holiday and talk
about it each day.
I just hope you are
managing to have
even half a good
a time as you gave
us. It must be a
lovely spot where
you are.
We are still
very busy at the

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Boulder Reel
Barrie, Ontario August 12th 49

My dear Willie:

This is just a short note to say we hope you have enjoyed your visit with Mr Rockefeller, and that you are a bit rested. You have missed some terribly hot weather! We heard yesterday, over the radio, that Maine was the one cool spot! It has been hot here, but nothing like Toronto.

It was more than good of you to send Rozabel the cheque for $25.00 after you had already given her the same amount. I think you can

You will be sorry to hear that Hazel cracked her ankle. She was getting up from the sofa & felt something break, & an X ray showed a cracked ankle. She has to keep quiet. I am glad it didn't happen when she was with us!

Rozabel joins me in sending best love, & in the hope that you are feeling very much better.

Your loving sister

Jennie.

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feel you have completely financed our holiday! Too bad there isn't some one to do the same for you! Rosabel & I, both, appreciate deeply your generosity. We are driving down to Trenton this afternoon, to see Jean's new house. It is the one week-end Rosabel can get off, & it fits in very well, as John & Mary will spend the two nights here, on their way up & back to see Colin at his camp in Muskoka. I am glad Margaret will not be alone, & we couldn't take her as Jean has not yet any extra

beds. She has a lovely house & seems delighted with everything. The swimming pool is right beside their house, & they go in twice a day, in this hot weather.

The town is putting a sewer on St. Vincent St. here (that is the St. to the west of our property) & we are being connected. I am greatly relieved, as in the spring, especially, we often notice a very unpleasant odour, & I'm always afraid of typhoid. We had a bad time with our septic tank when I was in the hospital, & the temperature was 20° below. Jean had all the worry, but it will be much better to have sewer connection.

23 August, 1949

Dear Uncle Willie

On Sunday we used the rest of the film in my camera and I discovered these two of you and Mother. Kingsmere is such a beautiful spot I often wish I'd taken more pictures while we were there.

See Box family Photos.

Jean is coming here for the weekend so

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nearly every night. This week should be better as two of the staff are back from leave.

To-night d've been doing some grass cutting and trying to bring the lawn back to life with the hose. It's a shame to see it getting so brown and dry. Guess d'd better get back to it before it gets too dark!

Lots of love

Rosabel.

things should be fairly lively. They look a lovely spot in Trenton and seem to like the life on the station very much.

Mother has just asked me to thank you for phoning last week. She hasn't been very well the last few days but seems better to-night. Neither of us have been doing very much for the last two weeks. As d've been working

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Dictated at Kingsmere, P.Q.
August 25, 1949

My dear Jennie:

I have much in mind that, on Saturday next, you will have another birthday anniversary. I need not tell you how grateful I am that, though a year older, your health is so much better than it was a year ago.

I am glad to think that the little visit to Kingsmere and the change and rest here may have contributed its mite to this fortunate result. What my own recent visit to Seal Harbor has meant to me enables me the better to realize what the little change at Kingsmere may have meant for Rosabel and yourself. I only wish the stay might have been longer than it was.

Since my return, I have been a good part of the time with the men in the woods. Mr. McConnell arranged to have a tractor come to widen some of the paths so that it would be possible to see different parts of the grounds, and particularly the old paths down by the stream at Moorside, from a motor car instead of one being obliged to walk. The work has been so successfully carried out that it is now possible to go from one point of interest to another in the car without having to climb any hills or to walk any distance. When, therefore, you are again in Kingsmere - a further visit to which I am already looking forward - I hope it will, should we both be spared, be possible for me to take you "all over the property".

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I was particularly pleased to learn about the localiimprovements Barrie is making on St. Vincent Street. I hope they are now complete. Nothing could be more necessary.

I was deeply sorry to learn of Hazel's accident. When you write to her, please give her an expression of my sincerest sympathy. Tell her that her little visit with you has left for me many very happy memories as well.

There is little in the way of news I can send you by letter. As I am expecting Mr. Roy to call for me in a few moments, and as General LaFleche is coming out to have dinner with me tonight, I shall not add more except to say that -- I hope you will accept the enclosed cheque, as a birthday gift, with my best wishes for the day and this new year of your life. It goes to you with my fondest love."

I shall be 'phoning you on your birthday so shall not write more at present.

Yours affectionately

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ontario.

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she comes, we hope, next week-end. Harry & Dorie phoned & sent me a lovely wicker hamper & some wool, & knitting needles with those quaint carved Quebec habitant heads, as knobs on them. Then I got flowers, candies soap etc etc & any number of letters, so I was very lucky. Among my letters were ones from Emilie, Madge & Min Gibson, who all sent their love to you. From Emilie's letter I take it she is pretty much of an invalid. She is staying with Gwennie just now, but lives with Irene.

August 29th '49

My dear Willie:

Your letter arrived right after breakfast on Saturday. You are really more than good to send me one hundred dollars, after all you have given us this year. I feel guilty in accepting it, but you will notice, I am not returning it! Thank you very, very much for the gift and the loving letter which accompanied it. It has been a happy summer, & you are largely responsible. Our

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visit in Kingsmere has left many happy memories & did us a lot of good physically, as well as mentally. The peace and beauty of "Moorside" could hardly help doing one good. How lovely it will be, to be able to drive all over the property! Mr. Holden had that done out at his home in Shanty Bay, & several times drove me around & showed the different beauty spots. It was a real joy to him, for of course he couldn't walk & would have missed all the pleasure of his home. You must have walked miles overseeing the work! but it will be well worth it all.

My birthday was a very happy day. John, Mary & the two boys came up on Friday night, so were here to greet me in the morning. Rosabel has Saturdays off during August, so there was no rush. The John Lays gave me a lovely shade for my tall lamp, & Rosabel gave me an aluminum chair for the verandah. It is so light you can lift it with a finger, & that means a lot to me now! I saw one in Trenton & expressed a desire to have one, but never thought of it again, so was delighted when it was presented on Saturday morning. Jean phoned, & is bringing a gift when

Jean told me, when she phoned, that Mr. & Mrs. Lawson were delightful. I spoke so kindly of Stanley & said they both "loved" him. She said they couldn't have been kinder. She had a busy day on Friday & I was glad she did try to drive up with the two boys. Gordon had to go to the luncheon at the Et. Margaret made me a birthday cake with "Happy birthday" on it & went herself & bought fresh candles to put on it as the old ones had been used several times! We had a happy week-end & all

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August 30, 1949

My dear Rosabel:

I thank you for sending me the two photographs of your mother and myself taken at the front door of my cottage during your recent visit to Kingsmere. I am glad indeed to have these pictures which are a welcome souvenir of your recent visit.

Please tell your mother that I received today her loving letter of yesterday, and am glad to know that her birthday was such a happy one.

I send to you both my fondest love.

Miss Rosabel Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie,
Ontario.

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Sept: 6th '49

My dear Willie:

In a letter from George Spence, (Gina Lay's husband) he tells me that Miss Barbara Morris, a great friend of theirs, & one of your ardent admirers, is to be in Ottawa some time between Sept: 15th & Oct. 6th, & would very much like to meet you. He asks me to give her an introduction to you & I can't very well refuse!

You will be glad of a little fire at Kingsmere these days. We had breakfast in the house this morning, for the first time since June. We live on our side verandah!

I hope you are still feeling the benefit of your visit to the States, as we are, after our happy stay at Kingsmere. I hope we will have good weather later on, for it makes the winter so much shorter.

Rozabel joins me in best love and hope you too are gaining strength Your loving sister

Jennie

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George says Miss Morris' friend in Ottawa is a Major General, & an M. P., but doesn't give his name. Of course you may not be in Ottawa, but, anyway you know what to do!!

Jean & the two boys drove up on Friday night, & Gordon flew up on Sunday, to drive home with them yesterday. It was a great pleasure having them, & probably better than if they had come for my birthday, when the John Lays were here. The John Lays came up for Sunday, &

we had a very happy day. Jean is looking forward to seeing you at the big celebration at the end of the month, when the gates are to be presented at the R.C.A.F. in Trenton. It will be quite an event, & the gates are really beautiful. They were not finished when we were there two weeks ago, but the work on them is beautiful. Jean & Gordon have been very busy since they arrived in Trenton as it is the end of summer activities & the beginning of the fall work.

Sept. 15th 49

My dear Willie:

You are much in my thoughts today, the first time in many years when you have taken no official part in the Opening of the House. There is a lot of sadness in giving up things, even when we know it is the right thing to do, & I can appreciate how you feel. Then too, today is Father's

S. America the first week in October & will be away till Christmas.

This is just to let you know we are thinking of you, & hoping you are enjoying Kingsmere & some restful days.

Rosabel joins me in sending best love.

Your loving sister

Jennie

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birthday which we both remember. It is hard to realize that we are both older than Mother and Father were, when they died, & yet we don't feel old: we are having the sewer connected, & the noise & dirt are most annoying. However, I feel it is much safer to have this done, as one of the greatest horrors is typhoid, & Sir Ernest is one of the septic tank!

It is going to cost more than I expected, as they had to take a longer route on account of the trees, but it will be worth it.

Jean & her boys came up for Labour Day week-end, & Gordon flew up on Sunday & drove back with them on Monday. John & his family were also up the same Sunday. John is out in Edmonton with Mr Duncan this week. He leaves for

Rosabel joins me in best love. She is just leaving for the office. Again many thanks

Your loving sister
Jennie

before 73
before 75

Mr 6 1917
Feb 6 1843

10 nos + 12 days

74 - 10 - 12 days

Dec 17 - 75
Oct 17 = 74 - 10 nos
Oct 5 = 74 - 10 - 12 days

Sept 15th 49

Dear Willie:

This is to show you that Margaret isn't fading away! We took this snap so she could send some to her friends!

It was so good of you to phone on Sunday evening. I was alone, as Rosabel was off for the week-end, and Margaret was out at church. I was wrong about Mother's age. I knew both Father & Mother were born in 1843, & married in '72 when both were 29. Father died in 1916

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Just before he reached his 73rd year. Mother died 1917 before she was 75. I hadn't really remembered the year Mother died, & had to look it up! They never seemed old, but we don't seem old to ourselves!

Rosabel & I are going to drive down to Jean's on Friday. Rosabel has Saturday off, and Gordon's birthday is on Monday, & they are celebrating on Sunday, so we are hoping for a good day. It may be our last chance this year.

Your voice sounded more rested, over the phone, but it is very hard to hear you when you speak from Kingsmere, so if I am not too intelligent in some of my replies you know the reason!

It is miserably cold, but we put the heat on for a little while each day. I do hope the price of oil will not rise too much! Am afraid the cost of living is going to be greater.

Sept. 28th 49

My dear Willie:

Jean phoned me last night, & I was sorry to hear you will not be at Trenton on Friday. However, I think you are very wise. It will be a long & tiring day, & if you had to sit on those bleachers for any length of time, you would be chilled through. Rosabel & I were in Trenton on Sunday for Mac's christening & Gordon's

has sold us all our cars since we've been in Barrie) offered us a "trade in" for our old car of $400.00, we decided we would be money in! We shared the extra, and feel much safer in a new car. We have had the other almost three years, but have taken good care of it, and they took into account that it had never been in an accident, had been driven by only one person. I debated for quite a while, but everyone seemed to think it was the wise thing to do & I think it was.

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birthday, ? as we were driving home, we both felt that it would be a pretty hard day for you, if you drove up, as Jean suggested you were going to. It is a pity you cannot be there for the to you, in large measure, belongs the credit for the scheme, but everyone knows that, ? you have the satisfaction of knowing it succeeded! The gales are beautiful but they are there for all time. O

you will probably see them later. Jean asked if I would care to go down for the ceremony, but I would not attempt it. There will be too many people & too much excitement. If Rosabel could have gone, it would have been nice but it is the end of the month, which is her busy time. Then, too, we have a new car! We had to have considerable repair work done to get our old car in shape for the winter, & when Mr Jory (who

you, & we both feel you are wise in not overtaxing yourself, & running the risk of taking cold.

your loving sister
Jennie

The other big expense is the sewer but that will be taken care of by the Estate, for it is improvement of the property. Here again I feel safer: one of the things I dread is typhoid, and I was very glad when they put the sewer up one side street. It will cost $240.00, but there is that much over from the sale of the greenhouses, & I can't

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think of a better use for the money. These two items have been our big excitement for the past week!

Margaret is in Toronto for a couple of days, with a friend who lived next to her in Manawaki. I wanted her to go for the week-end, but she said she couldn't do any shopping on Sunday! She went off this afternoon

with a new hat, gloves etc & I hope she has a good time! Her friends were to meet her at the bus station. It is raining hard at present but tomorrow promises to be fair.

I hope you are having some rest & enjoying Kingsmere. The trees will be beautiful in a few days. They are beginning to turn here.

Rosabel joins me in best love to

September 28, 1949

My dear Jennie:

-- I enclose a copy of a telegram which I have just sent to Mr. T. Wilbur Best, the President of the William Lyon Mackenzie Homestead Foundation who, with his fellow directors of the Foundation is holding a preview of the premises of grand-father's old home on Bond Street.

The Mackenzie House as it is called is the only home of Mackenzie which is left standing in Toronto. It is being preserved as an historic site, library and museum of the early days of Toronto. I felt sure that you would like my including your name with my own in thanking those who are responsible for the preservation of the Homestead. In thanking the President and Directors, It added to my own pleasure to do so.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Boulderfel,
Barrie,
Ontario.

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IMMEDIATE Ottawa, September 28, 1949.

T. Wilbur Best, Esq., President,
Mackenzie Homestead Foundation,
82 Bond Street,
TORONTO, Ont.

It is with exceptional pleasure that I am thinking at the moment of the preview of the Mackenzie House, 82 Bond Street, Toronto, which is taking place this afternoon under the auspices of yourself and directors of the William Lyon Mackenzie Homestead Foundation.

I should like to avail myself of this occasion to send on behalf of my sister Mrs. H. M. Lay of Barrie, and myself, an expression of our deepest gratitude to you and fellow directors of the Foundation and to all who have joined with you in making possible the preservation of the Mackenzie Homestead as an historic site, library and museum in tribute to the memory of our mother's father, William Lyon Mackenzie, first Mayor of Toronto.

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I am much looking forward to being present with yourself and directors at the formal opening of Mackenzie House.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

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Oct: 4th '49

My dear Willie:

It was very good of you to include me in your telegram to Mr Best, & to send me a copy of the message. Mr Best was at lunch at Laurier House when I was there for your 25th anniversary. It is a great tribute to Grandfather & remarkable, after so many years. You have kept his name before the public & Mother would be grateful if she were here. There was a very good picture in the Star, but I suppose you saw it.

was very glad to see that they have finally decided to have an official residence for the Prime Minister of Canada. It was amusing to read of the interest the leaders of the opposition took in the question of house & salary! I suppose they still have hopes!

Best love dear Willie, and again very many thanks. This lovely weather will help everyone, & make the winter seem so much shorter.

Your loving sister

Jennie

Sincere congratulations. The Toronto press didn't give that too much prominence!

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Today is John's birthday, she is 37! Rosabel & I went down & had dinner with them on Sunday. John leaves next Friday for South America, so we will not see him again till Christmas. Sunday was such a glorious day, that the trip was a real pleasure.

Haven't heard from Jean since the affair in Trenton. For an event of such international importance, the papers gave very little space. I was so glad the day was fine, but it would have been very cold on those bleachers & I'm very glad you did not try to go. Jean had A. V. M. Lawrence & his wife staying with her, & probably some others as well! for she has been too busy to write. They would be so glad that the flowers had not been frozen, for the Station was lovely when we were there the Sunday before.

I didn't think there were any other honors they could give you! but the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor from France is one more tribute. Very sincere congratulations. The Toronto press didn't give that too much prominence!

every day but wasn't here after 5 o'clock. So I advertised and have a young girl who stays full time and it's a big help. I wish I could have had her last week. It is difficult with young children to do justice to them and still attend to other duties outside. John goes to school on the station and loves it. Mac is three years old today and of course he has a fine time and is quite the pet of the station.

Gordon joins me in many thanks for your kindness in phoning and in hopes that we will see you here at a not too distant date.

Much love,

Jean

House 41
R.C.A.F. Station
Trenton, Ont.,
Oct. 6th 1949

Dear Uncle Willie, -

I want to thank you so much for your telephone calls and your good wishes to Gordon and me last week. We appreciated your thoughtfulness very much. Of course it was a great disappointment, not only to us but to many others, that you were not able to be present at the ceremonies here in Trenton. However,

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Oct. 24th. '49

My dear Willie:

This letter came to me on Friday last. I have written & thanked her for it, but told her I didn't know anything about how they were going to run the museum, & referred her to Mr. Best. That was all I could think of doing. If there is anything else, you will know what should be done.

Hope you are still at Kingsmere for the weather last week would

Joker is in South America meeting a lot of interesting people. He has his return reservations for Dec. 19th so should be home for Christmas. Mary & the children drove up for dinner yesterday.

Hope you are keeping well and not working too hard. We had a flurry of snow this morning, but may still have Indian Summer.

Rozatel joins me in best love, & many kinds "kindest regards"!

Your loving sister
Jennie

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be lovely out there. Rosabel
spent the week in Trenton with
Jean, & got home last night.
Margaret & I did some cleaning
& had the ceiling in my room
plastered, & the room papered.
It made an awful mess,
but had to be done (Mr. Armbrust)
This week I have Mary Sait
staying with me. She is a
great little hero worshipper,
& verily, with her, the Kings
can do no wrong! I have only
seen her once in the last
thirty years, but she remembers

everything we ever did! This visit is
quite as big an event to her, as Hazel's
visit to Kingsmere was to Hazel!
We are enjoying our new car, or rather
Rosabel is, & I felt she was perfectly safe, even
though she was driving alone to Trenton.
I feel my $200.00 was well spent &, of
course, she was keen on getting the
car. We wouldn't have got nearly as
good a price next year, & we have had
a tremendous lot of happiness & comfort
in the three years we had our other
car, and all for 400.00! It is a great
comfort to know your tires etc are in good shape.

Father was born there & in 1821
Grandfather moved into the country
to the village of Cheltenham. he
named it after his old home town
in England. There were 3 brick
houses in Toronto when they left.
Quite a change now! —
Perkins Bull in his book
has a history of the family
Mother came from Islay in Scotland
when she was 13. yrs of age was
a relative of Sir Colin Campbell and
Marquis of Lorne, by the way —
Let me hear from you regard
-ing the dress

Sincerely
Ellen H McLellan

Mrs D. C. McLellan
30 Bernard Ave

Re Best

Toronto
30 Bernard Ave
Oct. 17th/49

Mrs H M Lay,
Barrie!

Dear Mrs Lay

No doubt you will
be surprised to receive this note
from one who is a perfect
stranger to you, but I happened
to read in the "Daily Star" that the
old home that had belonged to your
Grandfather Sir Wm Lyon McKenzie
is to be turned into a museum
and to be opened on the 6th Nov —
My father, Ebenezer Haines and your
Grandfather were very good friends

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was worn by my niece at an affair that was given your brother the Prince along with some other old fashions dressed that was shown at the Royal Gyrk some years ago. Now my idea in writing this is, Would you care to have it in the museum? If not we will offer it to the Brampton museum.

Many times father told us of your grandfather, he was a great favorite with him and all father's family. Father was born in the first court house Toronto had the first judge Toronto had came out from England with Grandfather and the Judge asked them to live with them, which they did, in 1818

and he used to spend a day now and again with father and on me occasion was spending a Sunday with father and mother and on going to church, he admired a dress mother was wearing & he passed the remark that it was a "beautiful dress mother was wearing That dress is still in the family and in very good shape just as she wore it then. Mother was about 21 or 22 yrs of age at the time. died at 78. 1907 Father in 1919 at the age of 92. Altogether they had 13 children, the three youngest only are living. one brother who is 82 and my two sisters 1 d. 79 on the 9th Nov

By the way this dress.

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my teeth. I have to have them out. The dentist will only take out my one wisdom tooth on Thursday, & I have to wait till that heals before he will take the rest. I was hoping they could all go at one sitting! It should make a big difference in my health once they are out.

Was glad to hear you were feeling well. This lovely October will help shorten the winter; & help the fuel bill.

Rosabel joins me in best love to you & with many thanks for your kind thought I was

Your loving sister
Was sorry Leeds didn't win. Jennie.

P.S. Rosabel got a notice telling her that in the last competitive exam. her name stood first for the Toronto area, which stretches from Toronto to North Bay. the rest in her office was 27th!

Nov. 1st '49

My dear Willie:

It was so good of you to phone on Sunday, & I was very sorry to miss you, but Margaret had a wonderful time!

I didn't really want to go to Trenton on Saturday, but Rosabel had promised Jean she would go down for the Hallowe'en Ball. & I didn't like her driving alone. We were home, & I was in bed, by 11 o'clock on Sunday!

As soon as Margaret came in

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knew your parents, with whom you have something in common.

Margaret read in her Ottawa paper that you had been entertaining Rehm of India and was most interested, as we all were. He has a fine face & speaks so well. It always amazes me, when I hear a foreign voice speaking such perfect English, with such a cultured voice. It would be very hard for us to speak their language as fluently.

I've been having a bit of trouble with

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getting settled, & bringing Helen & David to Washington. Mary said both Helen & Nelson looked very well. John is now in Brazil, I think, will be in every state in S. America before he gets home at Christmas. He says he has hardly been on the ground since he left the first of October. He doesn't enjoy being away from home for so long. I suppose you are back at Laurier House. I can hear you so much better when you are there. It will be cold at Kingsmere now. We had quite a fall of snow on Friday night but it has all gone. October was such a lovely month that it will shorten the winter

Do hope you will feel better when you get back from Montreal. We think of you constantly & of our happy visit last summer. Two people who were also made happy were Hazel in Kingsmere, & Mary Lait here!

Rosalie joins me in best love

Your loving sister Jennie

Nov. 6th '49

My dear Willie:

I am very sorry you are being troubled with sleeplessness. It will be hard on you, as you have always been a good sleeper. They may be able to suggest something at the hospital, but don't let it worry you - that will do more harm than the lack of sleep. Have you tried reading for a half hour or so, when you can't sleep? I have never been a heavy sleeper. Do you remember at "Woodside" it was always to me Father came when Mother needed help in the night? Poor Isabel could not wake up in a hurry! Since then

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being a mother, & then a wife, have kept me alert at night, so now it isn't as hard on me. Only once in a long time, I have a good night. It really worried me to hear you were feeling so miserable & I wished I could do something to help you. The Vitalmint may do you a lot of good. It certainly has helped me, & I am amazed at how much better I am than at this time a year ago. It was so good of you to phone & I was very glad to have the talk with you. Rosabel was terribly worried about me having to take an anaesthetic but I wasn't a bit nervous. I know I'll go when my time comes, not before! That is my Presbyterian upbringing! It saves a lot of worry!

I can quite understand how tired you would be after having a guest right there for a couple of days! There is nothing harder than having to talk & entertain with no one to relieve you. That is one reason I don't have people here, if I can help it, unless Rosabel is here with me. Some weeks I don't see an outsider, or go out, for the whole week, but the days are never long, though they are sometimes lonely. The children are all very good to me. I will love to have a copy of Mr Hardy's (?) book, & will look for it at Christmas! I read the advertizement about it a week ago. I think Jean met him & had a talk with him. Am glad Nelson phoned you. He hasn't written to any of us, but has been very busy

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Nov. 13th 49

My dear Willie:

I hope your visit to Montreal was satisfactory, and that you are feeling better, and getting more sleep. We have been thinking of you a great deal this week, for you sounded very far from well when you phoned. You have been so accustomed to having a good night's rest, that you feel the want of it. I sincerely hope you are feeling better.

On Friday I received a parcel containing copies of Hansard, from Rosabel is well, I join with me in sending best love, in the hope that you are feeling much better.

ever your loving sister

Jennie

We were at the movies on Thursday evening, I saw you greeting Prime Minister Attlee. It was very good & gave us quite a thrill.

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September 15th to date. Hon. W. Ross Macdonald's card was enclosed, & I have just written a note thanking him. I have not the same interest in Hansard, now that you are not in the House, but it was very kind of him to send them.

I had a letter from Hazel saying that Mary Thom Scott was most anxious to go to the Opening of Grandfather's house, and asking if I could get her a card. I told Hazel I thought if Mary phoned Mr Best, & said she was an old friend of the family, he would be very glad to send her a card. That is all I can do! I don't even know what the date is.

We had Mary & her Mother & the two boys here for the week-end. John is now in Brazil, & I was glad he had left Bogotá before the trouble started there. He goes everywhere by plane, & says he has scarcely been on the ground since he reached South America.

I have another session with the dentist on Tuesday & then hope one more visit will fix me up! It is not one of the most pleasant experiences, but I hope to feel much better when it is over.

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Wrote
Harry Lay
not by phone Nov 18,
advised against borrowing
ok

THE Chantecler

"YEAR ROUND RESORT HOTEL"

STE. ADELE EN HAUT,
QUEBEC, CANADA

November 16, 1949

Dear Uncle Willie,

You may have sensed upon seeing the Chantecler notepaper that this was a letter from me with a definite purpose in mind. What I wish is an interview with you in order to get your opinion and advice concerning one of the biggest steps I have had to face so far.

Mother told me you had been in Montreal a short time ago for a check-up. I hope that the doctors were thorough and were able to give you a certain peace of mind concerning your health.

Briefly stated, the object of my visit would be to acquaint you with a business deal presently in the making, and about which I was considering approaching Mr. Ray Lawson in order to borrow money

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from him.

I don't know how much you know about my work here. Nor do I know whether or not you know a great deal about my brother-in-law, A. B. Thompson, and what he has accomplished here in the Laurentians. It would be impossible to give you a word picture here of any magnitude. Since 1940 "Dick" has built the little Chantecler, which he purchased for 10 cents on the dollar, into a unit worth half-a-million. In addition there has grown up a community of over 20 privately owned homes most of which Dick built as his own contractor.

It is the management and further development of this community that keeps us busy. I have gradually grown more useful to my brother-in-law, the credit for which I consider should be given in a very large degree to the legacy of good citizenship and upbrining given to me by my parents. He respects my opinions, and each day sees us working as a better team.

By the time this letter reaches you, there may have come to your notice an item concerning Mr. Thompson and a group which purchased property at Valcartier, Que. The property was part of the Holt estate at one

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THE Chantecler

"YEAR ROUND RESORT HOTEL"

STE. ADELE EN HAUT,
QUEBEC, CANADA

time, being left to a daughter Pamela Dunn.

About 3 years ago work was commenced on the 600 acre property to build the Valcartier Ski Lodge. Before everything ended in the bankruptcy sale Tuesday, nearly $800,000.00 was spent. Even the government cooperated to the tune of an additional $400,000.00 to build a highway into the development.

The place was never completed with the funds available. A lot of people obviously knew very little about what they were doing. Last winter the trustee in bankruptcy leased the place to some individuals who operated the ski lifts and a portion of the Lodge. They were not seriously interested and were only anxious to take in what was easiest during the best part of the skiing season.

On Monday Dick and I took the train to Quebec

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to attend the bankruptcy sale Tuesday morning. We had decided that if the bidding was <u>low</u> we would make our offer, feeling certain that above all others we stood the best chance of putting the place on its feet and on a sound operating basis. Should we fail to do so, the salvage value of the building & contents would be sure to exceed our investment.

We were armed with a Chantecler cheque made out in Dick's name for $15,000.00 representing 20% of the maximum figure we were willing to offer.

When the bidding opened the liquidator stated that $40,000.00 would be the opening figure. Dick offered $40,000.00, and three-quarters of an hour later the place was ours. No one else bid, and our offer was accepted. We purchased items of furniture & equipment for another $4000. When sundry odds & ends are completed the net cost will be under $50,000.00 which is some price to pay for somebody else's hundreds of thousands!!

Earlier in my letter I said that Mr. Thompson and a group had purchased this place. So far the group is just the two of us and the only money put up was our deposit cheque of $15,000.00.

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THE Chantecler

"YEAR ROUND RESORT HOTEL"

STE. ADELE EN HAUT,
QUEBEC, CANADA

Dick and I are firm believers that we can capitalize immensely on the purchase. There is a vast amount of hard work involved but we already employ a crack organization which is all set to push ahead on such a job.

I want to borrow $20,000.00. The only security for such a loan is myself and my integrity. Dick has ready cash of his own in the same amount, and he is anxious that I come into the deal on equal terms with him. We have not yet decided as to how we will acquire more necessary working capital, but that decision will come when our plans and immediate purchase details have moved a little further along.

Dick returns to Quebec and Valcartier Thursday to finish business with the liquidator, and make ready for the first steps in preparation for this winter's

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business as a Ski resort.

One thing we are very certain of is the sincere good wishes and firm moral support of the people in Quebec City. For three years they have watched this prize going to waste, and now are very happy that a hotel man with "guts" and ability has taken over. I would suggest that you speak to any of the Quebec people you know living in Ottawa. They could supply a much better background of what has transpired, and that would give you some idea of the asset we have acquired.

Dick will not be back till Sunday, thus I would like to see you and get your advice at whatever time after that which may be convenient for you. Dick is not depending on me to raise any money, but rather is offering me the opportunity for what it may bring.

I could be in Ottawa at whatever time you suggest as I am quite familiar with the road and it is not a terribly long drive.

Love and many thanks.

Harry.

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Nov. 20th '49

My dear Willie:

I was very much relieved to hear your cheerful voice on Tuesday for I had been thinking of you a lot that day (Isabel's birthday, the 15th) and wondering how you were. You sounded so depressed before you left for the hospital, & I know how sleeplessness would knock you out, especially when you are not used to losing sleep. You certainly sounded much better. It was so good of you to phone, & it is a great comfort to hear your voice: you can tell an awful lot from a voice! We saw your picture in the Ottawa paper, & you looked quite cheerful.

You asked me if I felt any better since having a tooth out. It was so

John is in Brazil this week, & is telling a lot of South America. He hopes to be home for Christmas.

Rosabel is going down to the Winter Fair tomorrow. I would love to see the musical side, but daren't attempt it. It's miserable to be half sick!

Hope the Pattesons are getting on all right. I know what Mrs. Patteson is going through, & feel sorry for her, for she isn't as young as I was when Harry was ill, & it was hard on me.

Let me know how the Vitamin E affects you. I am taking three a day now & hope to feel the benefit of it. It certainly has helped me.

Rosabel joins me in sending best love, & we are both thankful you feel so much better. Jean phoned on Friday night & I told her you had spoken of her letter, & she was very pleased.

With your loving sister

Jennie

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from having it out, I was a nervous strain, as they didn't know how it would affect me. Dr. Little told the dentist he would stay, ready to come at a minute's notice, till I got safely home! Rosabel was much more nervous than I was! They had to get a special anaesthetic from Toronto, & now my dentist refuses to take out the rest of my teeth, & says I must go to a specialist in Toronto. He says it will be much safer, & less hard on me; Jean is coming up to go with me, & I'll feel better if the girls are together, if anything should go wrong. I've been getting the "impression" for my new teeth which they put in as soon as the teeth are pulled. The Toronto dentist will take me next week, but I don't know what day. Have one more trip to the dentist here, & then nothing more till I go to Toronto. Such a lot of fuss about a few teeth!!

Hope you are continuing to feel better. When I told Margaret you wished only 164 lbs. she said "I weigh more than that"! She certainly isn't losing weight! That seems very little for you, but I don't doubt it will be easier on your heart. That is the organ we have to watch these days! I am so much better, & if I could only walk, would question whether there was anything very much the matter. At present I'm in bed. Have had a very heavy cold all week, so am taking a couple of days in bed to try & get rid of it. It seems the only way & I want to feel well next week.

Was speaking to Judge Wismer's daughter yesterday & she says her father has just been lying there for nearly a month, hardly conscious, but can't die! He has been in bed, with two muses in attendance, for almost a year. I would like to go & see him, but he doesn't know anyone, not even his daughter. A horrible way to die! Far better to slip out quickly!

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November 22, 1949.

My dear Jean:

Your little letter of November 15th has given me much pleasure. I am indeed pleased to know that you are all enjoying your new home at Trenton. What you tell me of the interest of the boys in their new surroundings is most gratifying. At their age, their imaginations are bound to be stirred by what they see in the activities round about them.

I had a letter from your mother today telling me that she would be obliged to go to Toronto to have her teeth removed with the exception, perhaps, of the one or two wisdom teeth which have already been extracted. While I regret the journey, and particularly the danger involved of catching a cold after teeth have been extracted, I do think it is perhaps better that the extraction should be made in Toronto rather than Barrie. With your mother's condition of health however, it is all important that the utmost care should be taken to see that every thing provided to make the operation as easy as possible. For example, I am not at all sure it might not be better for her to make two trips rather than one. I know she will wish to have every thing done at once but if the doctor and the dentist advise two operations instead of one, I hope you will insist on their advice being

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followed. I, myself, this morning, spent an hour or two in the dentist's chair and I was speaking to the dentist about your mother. He advised very strongly that I should seek to have her, at all cost, follow the advice of the dentist and doctor who know her condition, and not to allow her to take chances beyond what they think wise. Apart from extractions, there is always the danger of complications setting in particularly with cold, and the journey back and forth in the winter season is bound to be risky. If it could be arranged to have her stay in Toronto for a day or two atthe time of the operation that would be all to the good. In this connection, I would be happy indeed to meet any incidental expenses. I shall look to you to see that no possible aid is left unprovided because of expense. It would be a pleasure for me to feel I could be of some help in such an emergency.

I have been in from Kingsmere for more than a month past. Recently, I spent eight days at the hospital in Montreal having a re-check. I have been suffering a good deal from sleeplessness. Like your mother, I have begun taking some of the vitamin E tablets and believe they are doing me great good. I am glad she is not hesitating on that score. I am feeling considerably better as a result of the treatment.

I hope you and Gordon and the boys are all well. My love to you all.

Mrs. Gordon Dunlop,
House 41,
R.C.A.F. Station,
TRENTON, Ont.

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LAURIER HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

November 25, 1949

Re "Woodside"

My dear Jennie:

Yesterday I had a call from Mr. Louis Breithaupt, M.P. who was accompanied by Mr. Wright and Mr. Jenkins - two leading architects in Kitchener. They brought with them a plan of Woodside based on the house as it now stands.

I was told by Mr. Breithaupt that he and a number of other citizens were members of a Committee which have decided to have the house at Woodside reconstructed with a view to having it become one of the historic homes of Canada.

Mr. Breithaupt mentioned to me, in confidence, that the Committee intend to raise the funds necessary to rebuild the house and to have the grounds done over, as well. When this is completed, the deed of the property will be made to the Government of Canada. Mr. Breithaupt says he has assurances that the Government will be prepared to accept the deed and become responsible for the maintenance of the house and grounds thereafter.

The Woodside Committee are anxious to secure your co-operation and mine in obtaining, for the house, as much in the way of the furnishings, etc. as they were at the time we ~~are~~ lived at Woodside. They are anxious to know if we could guarantee to let them have such furnishings as may be in our possession and which we feel we would be prepared to part with. The intention is to tear down the house but to rebuild it exactly as it was originally designed. By surfacing the walls, as reconstructed, by the brick which now make up the walls, they believe they can make the outside appear much as it is at the moment. The plan, as I understand it, is to have the front part of the house furnished. The part of the building which was the kitchen and servants' quarters will be reconstructed as it was in our day but will be used as living quarters for a man and his wife who will be in charge of the building. I should think it will be all of a year, if not more, before the work of reconstructions could be completed.

There are two ways in which the Committee feels that we can be of real assistance. The first, as mentioned, is

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by supplying such furnishings as we may be prepared to part with. The other, to give as much information as possible concerning the articles that were in the house and where they were located so that the rooms can be made to appear as much like the originals as possible.

I, myself, am prepared to turn over practically everything that I now have that was in the house in father's and mother's day, such articles, for example, as mother's piano in my library; the old dining room set which is now at Kingsmere; one or two of the paintings; a bedroom set which is now at Kingsmere and other possessions. My thought would also be to have all the books which I have in my possession and which were a part of father's library, to be placed again on shelves there.

Just when these may be turned over will depend on developments. I shall see that provision is made in my Will for this being done in the event of my not living to see to the disposition myself.

In your case, the problem is somewhat different in that you will not wish to dispose of many of the possessions you have as long as you are in your present home, nor could you well afford to dispose of any or many of them without having them replaced, or receiving compensation for them. I have thought that if you would be willing, at some appropriate time, to have such of the old home furnishings as you are prepared to part with go to Woodside, I would be willing to purchase them from you for that purpose and let you have the equivalent in cash. This I could manage by utilizing some of my insurance money for the purpose. All this, however, is something that there will be plenty of time to talk about and arrange. All that the Committee wish to be assured of is that they will be able to count definitely on certain articles at some appropriate time. If you ever cease to live at Boulderfel, it is altogether likely that a chance to dispose of some of the larger furnishings, specially, if given the equivalent in cash, would be all to the good.

The first thing to do, as I intend to do, is during the Winter to make a list of the articles that we each have and which might be available later on for disposition. The other assistance desired - and it is more immediate - is some diagram that will enable the architects to reconstruct the back part of the house which, as you doubtless know, has been demolished. I do not seem to have anywhere a photograph of that part of the house and, of course, I have only my recollection

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of the arrangement of the rooms. There was the large kitchen with its entrance down the steps from the front hall; a door leading to a back kitchen, and two windows looking out on the lawn with a sink and two pumps near the one window.

On the other side, ~~the~~ a door leading into a pantry, where there was a dumb waiter, and steps leading into the dining room. Adjoining this room was an entrance off the kitchen with a door to the servants' bedroom. My impression is that there were originally two rooms, and that the partition between them was torn down while we were living there. Whether there were two doors that opened off the kitchen, or one which opened off the back kitchen into another room, I cannot say. There would be, of course, the window looking out toward the tulip tree from the pantry, and then the two windows from the little bedroom.

My recollection is that beyond this kitchen - which was the main kitchen - there was another kitchen or large room, used as a washroom, etc. with a door opening out unto ~~the~~ a little porch facing toward the barn, and that off this room, in the opposite direction, was another small room which had a door leading down ~~the~~ a back stairs to the grounds at the rear. I do not recollect that this room had other than the little window high up, and that the large room had other than the one small window at the back.

Perhaps you may have a vivid enough recollection to make some drawing which would indicate the shape and size. If you could indicate where different articles were placed in different rooms in the house generally, that would be a great help to those who will have the refurnishing in hand.

I do not suppose you have, among any of your belongings, a photograph of the back part of the house. I have photographs of the front and a picture with Thomas and Mary about the centre of the back part but have nothing which shows the little porch, or how far the house extended to the rear.

In doing over the house, they will probably excavate and make a new basement under the front ~~porch~~. My recollection is that there was only a small cellar which one went down into by steps protected by railings which were between the steps leading into the kitchen, and the space immediately in front of the pantry door.

I am sending you this letter at once as I wished to give you the particulars while they were fresh in my mind. I spent three hours yesterday afternoon with the architects who are most keen on the whole project.

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There is no hurry about the matter. It is one you might think over as you have opportunity. It will be an interesting occupation for such time as you may have to spare in the Winter months.

-- With this letter, I am returning the little bag that Mrs. Rockefeller gave mother. I took it with me to Seal Harbour. Mr. Rockefeller was much touched by seeing it and realizing that it continued to be in your possession.

Let me again counsel you to take no chances you can possibly avoid with the extraction of your teeth. By that, I mean take plenty of time. Do not seek to have too many extracted at once, and rest as much as you can both before and after the operation, avoiding, if at all possible, the journeys back and forth between Barrie and Toronto on the same day.

With fondest love

Yours affectionately

Willie

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ont.

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leaving her alone. Nelson has always said she should live with him, if she ever needed to, and the other children would help her too, but they all have their own families. Gordon has his parents to help, as Harry helped his family till the end, but I'd rather see Rosabel alone, than married to the wrong man! There are not many eligible young men in Barrie, & she has to associate with the people here.

Your book has just been handed in. Thank you very much. Margaret & I stopped to

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Nov. 25th '49

My dear Willie:

It was so good of you to phone on Wednesday evening and I was very glad to hear that you feel the Vitamin E are doing you good. I know the Drs. never enthuse about them, but they all tell you it cannot hurt you to take them! I know they have done me good, & were the first thing to give me a start. They might do Mrs. Patteson good. Madge Gibson started to take them after she saw how much

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Ever worry, but I hate the thought of

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better I was. I soaked these labels off an empty bottle. There are one hundred for $9.00.

It is very good of you to ask about my financial condition! My pension is $93.00 a month & I have an annuity of $100.00. Also I have still $5,000.00 in the bank, which includes the 1000 bond I got this month. Also $450.00 in other bonds. Rosabel gives me $30.00 a month, with your generous allowance, we get along comfortably by being careful. Of course I have to use some of my capital each year, but that cannot be helped living in this big house. There are always repairs, but I still have

$105.00 estate money (which is included in my bank balance.) The estate paid for the roof & sewer. Coal & oil cost $400.00 last year & taxes 317.80 which eats into money! It costs almost as much to heat the back of the house, as it does the front! You see I have to use some of my principal to carry me, but I have enough to last as long as I will! Then of course, I pay no rent, but I are living beyond my income, but everyone hoots when I suggest a smaller house & less expense. If Rosabel were married I wouldn't ever worry, but I hate the thought of

to look at the illustrations but that is as far as we got! I am very glad to have it, and thanks you most sincerely for sending it to me. Rosalee & I will enjoy reading it, & so will the rest of the family. Very many thanks.

My cold has almost disappeared & I am feeling fine. Went down town & did a little shopping yesterday! Only for groceries, but it is a joy to be able to do that much, & shows how much

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was delighted to see in the Ottawa paper, that you had been made an honorary member of the Press Club. Congratulations!

stronger I am than last year. Everyone says I will be better from the day my teeth are out. I will send you word as soon as the deed is done! but am not at all worried this time as I took the anaesthetic so well, & that was all that was worrying me.

Don't like this ink, but it is all there seems to be.

Again many thanks for all your kindness. Best love from Rosalet one and your loving sister

Jennie

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Nov. 26th 49

My dear Willie:

Stupidly I forgot to enclose these labels though they were on the desk right by my hand. It was only after I went to bed last night that I began to wonder whether they had been in the letter. Am sorry, but here they are.

Am enjoying Hardy's biography, but think he

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would have had a stronger book if he had left out a lot of the twaddle, which is so inaccurate, in the first two chapters. When he gets into your work, he is very interesting. Thank you so much for sending me the book. I have read only seventy-five pages but am thoroughly enjoying it.

It is winter today.

Best love Jennie

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been here. I so often think of
Mother & how she would pep
up as soon as anyone came
in! I think, too, of how she used
to slip into my bed, night after
night, when she couldn't sleep,
& it always had a soothing
effect on her, but disturbed
Isabel terribly - so much so, that
she took to the little back bedroom
on Grange Road! I fancy sleep-
lessness is part of the business
of growing old! We really don't
need as much sleep, if we can
only believe it! You have had
a life with such varied interests

that it is pretty hard to get used to one
as circumscribed as you now live. I
wish you were nearer Barrie! I suppose
there is no use suggesting that you come
to Barrie for Christmas? Rosabel & I will
probably be alone, and we would love
to have you, & I know Margaret would
be thrilled! Jean can't come, & I
don't suppose John will feel like it, if
he has just arrived from South America.
Of course Harry is out of the question —
they are expecting an addition to the
family the end of the year! Think it over,

10 Nottingham Drive
Toronto 18,
Friday, December 9th.

Dear Mr. King.

It seems to me that both you and Harry Lay have birthdays next week. I am not sure that I am right, but I think that December 15th is your date. Is that right? Anyway, whichever day, we all send love and very many wishes for a happy year to come.

I was hoping that you would be down in Toronto last week - or month, I should say. I understood that the house on Bond Street was to be opened then.

Last week was really a most anxious time with Mrs.

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John has been away since early October, this time down as far South as Rio and Buenos Aires, and he was able to go to Chile and La Paz, Bolivia, as well. It has been a wonderful experience for him. He is due to arrive back in Toronto on December the twentieth, I hope.

We all send love and best wishes for a very happy year to come.

Lovingly
Mary.

Lay having so many teeth taken out. I was really more worried about the after effects than I was about the actual extraction. But she has really been remarkable. According to reports, she knitted all the way home to Barrie in the car! I told her that, when her time came to go to Heaven, she would probably arrive there with her knitting in her hands! I wanted them all to stay here overnight - in fact I was prepared to have them come down the night before - but she wouldn't hear of it. She doesn't seem to have suffered any ill effects, anyway, apart from a sore mouth!

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EN VUELO
IN FLIGHT VIA **Panagra**

between La Paz, Bolivia, and
Lima, Peru.
Saturday, December 10, 1949

Dear Uncle Willie, -

Even this far from home Ann't
forgotten the family anniversaries; and so I'm taking
this opportunity of sending you my
greetings for next
Saturday: the 17th. I sincerely
will find you in good health,
amount of well earned leisure.
and rather interesting. Like
the exception of Ecuador, where I shall
night. I have now visited
Rica, in the space of nine weeks. O
for a second visit in Honduras
again on the 19th. On Tuesday, the
Nassau-Canada plane from Kingston
visit in nice time to spend Christmas
Children. It is truly amazing
he covered by plane. Last April
the hardly has time to appreciate what
most time in Brazil, where our
progressing very well indeed. Everyone
is kindly hardly hampered by a shortage
an excess of government intervention.
not as dear a pace as it is in Canada,
of politicians are making their own
the elect explain. This is most obvious

hope that this birthday
and enjoying a certain
it has been a long
This trip, although
I shall next Monday
country in South
and Costa
I shall go on to Jamaica
then on to Panama
20th I shall take the
via Nassau to Toronto,
with Mary and the
kids during their
Yuletide visit
seeing. Apart
in good hands and
However, business
Foreign exchange, and
politics in
the majority
private fortunes at every
in Argentina, where a great

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AIR MAIL



Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King
Laurier House.
Ottawa
Canadá



VIA Panagra

and wealthy country is actually facing bankruptcy, due to the unprecedented graft of its political leaders.

Once again, please accept my wishes for many happy returns of the coming December 17th.

Yours sincerely,

J. R. Phillips.

Mrs. J. R. Phillips

PAN AMERICAN GRACE AIRWAYS

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He said he thought it looked better.!! This is not a Xmas letter, will write again before then. Best love & loving wishes, as ever, Affectionately yours
May.

MRS. D. MACDONALD
946 WASHINGTON STREET
DENVER, COLO.

Dec. 11th 1949

My dear Willie.

You are constantly in my thoughts to-day and I am hoping that your birthday, which will soon be here, may find you well and and enjoying the peace and quiet which I imagine now fills your life. It is a long time since I wrote or heard from you, though Jennie always gives me news of you when she writes. May you have many happy returns of the 17th of December

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and may you enjoy every one.
Since I returned from Canada last August I have been busy with my usual tasks, teaching, learning some new music (& which I am very fond) studying Spanish and trying to keep my memory from getting into bad habits. It has been intensely dry here but to-day we have had our first real snow storm and it is very cold.
I hear often from Gladys who loves Oxford & the life there as do the rest of the family. Cut & Kay seem well and happy & Margery and the children are the same. I had a letter from young Mackenzie a few days ago & he signed himself "Yours sincerely Mackenzie King"

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38 Southvale Drive
Leaside, Ont.
Dec. 15, 1949

Dear Uncle Willie,

Heartiest congratulations, dear Uncle Willie, on the attainment of your birthday on Saturday and many many happy returns of the day.

Kathleen joins me with great pleasure in sending again, with all fondest of good wishes for a most happy day, dear Uncle Willie, Kathleen and I send you our warmest love and devotion.

your loving niece and nephew,

Kathleen and Arthur.

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home and possibly a few days with her people. I do not know whether mother will be able to be with us again this Christmas season. I hope she will not feel too much loneliness occasioned by Gladys' departure for England and subsequent being at home alone after several years of family contact at this time previously. However, this may work itself out satisfactorially. I hope.

our warmest love and best of good wishes to you again on your last birthday prior to the turn of the half-century. We both hope and pray that many such days in the next half-century may bring you added joy and happiness each succeeding year.

Kathleen and I are both well and looking forward to spending a quiet Christmas season again in our own

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Dec. 15th 49

My dear Willie

Just a little letter to tell you how sincerely we hope your new year will find you feeling better, that each day may add strength & happiness. There is no gift greater, or more to be desired, than good health. All our thoughts & activities are influenced by our state of health, so the best wish I can send on your birthday is that every day, in every way, you may be getting better & better! Rosalie & I shall be thinking & speaking of you

enjoy some of the returns.

I am gradually getting back to normal, but it will take some time before I can eat or speak properly! However it is a great relief, mentally, to have the worst over, and soon that will tell in my general health.

Again let me wish you the very best of everything on Saturday, & in your new year. Also at Christmas as I shall probably not be writing many letters next week! My best love, dear Willie, & every blessing ever your loving sister

Jennie

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very often on Saturday, as we have been all week. It gave me real pleasure that John, off by himself & busy, remembered your birthday & Harry's! I had a letter from him yesterday, & he said he had just finished writing to you & Harry. Harry phoned last night & said he had had a letter from John from Lima. Harry was thirty last Tuesday!

This last year has been a trying one for you - one of readjustment which is always difficult - but the worst is over, and I hope, as the days pass, you will be able to take more pleasure & profit

from your enforced leisure. When I read my little verse this morning, I thought of us both! We are certainly having to fit ourselves to our sphere! & it isn't always easy. You are very much in my thoughts these days, for we are both having to slow up and that is hard when one has always been active. Then I think of how lucky we are, & realize how much better off we are than most of our friends.

I hope Saturday will be a very happy day for you, & that some of the bread you have cast on the water, may come back to you in many happy ways. You have done so much to make others happy, & we all hope you may live long to



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Ste Adele Que
December 20/49

Dear Uncle Willie,

Last Saturday evening I listened to Blair Fraser giving a commentary about his visit to your home on your birthday. It was a nice talk and I'm sure it will interest many people to realize what a tremendous job it is for you to cope with anniversaries.

Our little wire to you was merely a small token of the good wishes we would like to express. To have stood the pace so long is amazing, and whenever I feel that I have had just

Mr. Pearson is coming again in the next two weeks or so.

Dodie goes to Montreal on the 29th, Jean's birthday, and while we dearly would love to have a son, another girl would certainly keep things uniform.

I hope that you and Mother will get to see us in the new year to come and that you will see our enterprise here.

I hope that Christmas will be restful for you and please do not worry about answer notes to us.

Fondest love and
best wishes for the New Year.

Harry.

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through my banker, and with what we have secured elsewhere, we are now ready to operate.

As you might have assumed, the blessing of the provincial government is needed for many things and for a while their support was lacking. But some plain talk eventually straightened things out although I imagine they were disappointed that no money crossed their palms. The way of the English in Quebec is a rough road, and I hope someday you will give me some sage advice as to how you have always done so well.

We are working hard for the remainder of this week getting some major additions to our Chantecler operation prepared in time for Christmas. I believe about all I can take I wonder how very often you must have felt the same but to an even greater extent, and carried on to do more.

Please do not feel you must answer the letters from us, the children. We all think of you, but by doing so don't want to add further to the load of correspondence.

You may be interested in our progress with Valcartier Lodge. I appreciated your phone call very much. Dick and I have since been feeling our way cautiously and are going to bring a bigger group of interested people into the initial capitalization rather than be so greedy and keep most of it ourselves. I have secured what money I needed

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My dear Jennie:

I was delighted to have the talk we had together, over the telephone, on the morning of my seventy-fifth birthday anniversary. As you said at the time, it is quite remarkable that I should have lived to so great an age, and still find myself in as good health as I appear to be. It was not long after our talk together that I received the telegram which came from Rosabel and yourself sending best love and every good wish for many happy returns of the day. For all these greetings, I thank you warmly.

In conversation, you made mention of some box or parcel that had come from you and which I thought had been duly received. It may be among some of the packages that have come in in the last few days but, up to the present, I have not been able to locate it. Perhaps you would let me know the nature of the contents. I mention this only because I would like to thank you for the gift. Don't be concerned about it not having turned up thus far. At this season, there are no end of delays.

As you and Rosabel may be spending Christmas Day with Jean at Trenton, I have thought it well to send, addressed to Barrie, my Christmas gift to you and Rosabel today. The gift itself is contained in the little envelope enclosed with this note. It should not be opened until

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Christmas morning, and can be opened either at Barrie or at Trenton. It brings to you my fondest love and best wishes for a joyous Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.

Nothing has given me more pleasure than to see the steady improvement there has been in your condition of health throughout the year now drawing so rapidly to its close. I wish I could tell you how I admire your courage which, to my mind, approaches heroism. I do hope that, from now on, you may be spared much in the way of ill health that you have had to endure in the recent past.

In addition to the cheque enclosed, I shall be sending you some more vitamins. I shall address the box to Barrie. May they add to your health and strength in the New Year.

Before I close, let me tell you you how delighted I was to receive your Christmas and New Year card of greeting with its picture of Moorside. There can be no pleasanter reminder of the week or two you spent at Kingsmere in the Summer. I am glad you feel the attachment to the place which your card makes it so evident you do. I feel ~~much better~~ that you should have thought of using the picture you have as a card of Christmas and New Year's greeting. Very happy

Once again, fondest love and all good wishes to you and to all of your family circle.

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ont.

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My dear Jean:

It was more than kind of you to ring me up on the morning of my 75th birthday anniversary. Yours was the first message that came to me from the outside world. I was sorry there was so much unnecessary delay in making connection. It was a pleasure, too, to hear Gordon's voice and to have his congratulations and good wishes as well as your own.

The word that your mother and Rosabel might be spending Christmas with you and Gordon was also pleasant to hear. Provided the day is a good one, it will mean great pleasure to you all and I hope no risks will be taken.

I have since received the beautiful card of Christmas greetings with love and good wishes from Gordon, Johnny, Mac and yourself. Do, please, accept my heartfelt thanks for this welcome greeting. I am sorry that excepting the card enclosed herewith, I am unable to reciprocate in kind. I have not found it possible to attempt much in the way of Christmas shopping myself. Indeed I have not been out of doors for some days. I have to take matters fairly easy. It is amazing the number of letters and communications that have already come to hand in connection with birthday and Christmas. There must already be over a thousand. With acknowledgments of many

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of these to be made, I shall have to forego anything in the nature of a Christmas letter myself.

I am, however, enclosing a small draft with which I would be pleased if you or Gordon would secure some little gifts for Johnny and Mac, or something for the house which would be a source of pleasure to them as well as to Gordon and yourself. The enclosure, though small, carries with it my fondest love and best of wishes to you all. May you have a very joyous Christmas Day and a very Happy New Year.

P.S. I find among parcels which have arrived at Laurier House but not to be opened until Christmas Day, a quite imposing looking one which has come from Trenton. I am obeying instructions not to open it until Christmas Day but, if I may, would like, in advance, to send my warmest thanks for the gift itself. I shall write again after the package has been opened.

Mrs. Gordon Dunlop,
House 41,
R. C. A. F. Station,
Trenton, Ontario.

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My dear John

It was most thoughtful as well as kind of you to send me such an interesting letter as the one that brought me greetings and good wishes from you for my 75th birthday anniversary. I thank you warmly for this welcome addition to family letters, from all of which I have derived much pleasure.

To have visited all the countries of South America as well as Cuba, Jamaica, Panama and Costa Rica is a record indeed. I only wish with you that you might have had a little longer time in which to see something of the people and their institutions.

I gather from your letter that you will today be on the way to Toronto via Nassau. As, however, there are so many delays in travelling by air, I have thought it best to make out to Mary - instead of to you - the draft for the little gifts I should like the boys to have from me. In case of delay, she would be able to cash the cheque in time for a Christmas purchase.

Let me repeat in this letter what I have said to her, how much I hope you will all have a joyous Christmas Day and a very happy New Year.

John L. Lay, Esq.,
10 Nottingham Drive,
Islington, Ontario.

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My dear ~~John~~ Mary:

I was greatly pleased to receive your lovely and loving letter with its congratulations on my seventy-fifth birthday anniversary. I received, about the same time, a letter of birthday greetings from John which I very much appreciate. It was the more welcome, if that were possible, as being sent at a time John was so far away and so busy. Please tell him as soon as he arrives home of the due receipt of his letter by myself, and how much pleasure it brought to me.

I was indeed relieved when I heard from my sister that she had managed so splendidly with the perilous mission on which she went to Toronto, some days ago. It was a great relief to my mind as it was, I know, to hers, and other members of the family that you were in Toronto to receive her, and to be so close at hand. She would, I think, have been wise to have availed herself of your offer of hospitality to remain in your home over night. However all is well that ends well, and we have reason to be grateful indeed that she has come through so splendidly.

John's trip has certainly been a wonderful one. To have visited every country in South

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America is no small achievement, and is something which should stand him in good stead in years to come. From your letter, I gather he will be returning about this time.

I like very much the beautiful card of Christmas greetings from John and yourself as well as from Colin and Donald. It was one of the most unique I have seen, and I thank you for all the good wishes and love which accompanies it.

As I may not have another chance to write before Christmas, I am enclosing herewith a draft for a small amount which I should like you to use in securing some little gift for the boys. I have had the draft made out to you rather than to John as John may be delayed in reaching Toronto, and you may wish to cash the draft, small as it is, before Christmas.

I shall be glad if you will purchase with its proceeds, some little gift for the boys which you think would add to their happiness at the Christmas Season.

As I have no cards other than the one enclosed to send out, I hope you will [illegible] the little enclosure to bring my greetings to John and yourself as well as to the boys and my fondest love. I hope the Christmas Season will be a very happy one for you all, and that the New Year may bring much of happiness with it to your home.

Mrs. John L. Lay,
10 Nottingham Drive,
Islington,
Ontario.

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December 20, 1949.

My dear Harry

I was delighted to receive, on my seventy-fifth birthday anniversary, the telegram bringing good wishes for many happy returns of the day from Doocie and yourself. I thank you warmly for it.

I believe that you yourself had a birthday somewhere about the same time, and from what you told me over the phone I gather there will be another birthday in the family before the year is out. It is, I hope, not too late for me to send good wishes to you for the new year in which you have entered, and congratulations and good wishes to you and Doocie on the new addition to your family which may take place at any time.

I was sorry when you wrote me some time ago not to be able to give you much in the way of counsel or advice, or to be of any real help to you. I knew you would wish me to say exactly what I thought best and wisest, and this I did. I shall be interested in hearing from you about developments that may since have taken place.

This little letter is intended mostly to bring to Doocie and yourself and the

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little girls my best of wishes for a joyous Christmas Day, and a very happy New Year.

I remember that a year ago you were able to secure for the little girls a gift from myself with the small enclosure I found it possible to make at the time. Accompanying this note is an enclosure for a similar amount, and I shall be happy if, with its proceeds, you can secure something which you believe the young people would enjoy. It carries with it my fondest love and best of wishes to you all for the Christmas Season and the New Year. I am sending the draft at once, as you may wish to cash it before Christmas Day.

Again let me say how earnestly I hope this Christmas Season may be a very happy one for Dooie and yourself, and for the children.

Harry M. Lay, Jr., Esq.,
c/o The Chantecler,
Ste. Adele, Que.

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Ottawa, December 21, 1949

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
Barrie,
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Your beautiful birthday gift and letter received only this morning. Warmest thanks, dear Jennie.

Willie.

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December 21, 1949

My dear Nelson:

I thank you and Helen most warmly for the card which has brought to me your good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. It is a beautiful card in itself and the greetings from Helen and you are particularly welcome.

Though I have not seen much of either of you in the last few years, it has always been a pleasure to know that you both were nearby. I miss you both very much. I am glad to know, however, from what you told me, over the 'phone, that you were enjoying your duties at Washington and the life there. There is certainly much to occupy your thoughts in these anxious days.

I have been sending to different members of the family, small amounts wherewith to procure some slight remembrance for the children. I shall be glad if with the small amount enclosed, you would purchase some little remembrance from me for David. I am told that I am within the law in sending through the mails as limited an amount as that represented by the bill enclosed. Unfortunately when it reaches Washington, it will be of less value than it is here, and I imagine if used for a purchase of any kind in Washington, will be of lesser value still. Perhaps you could find David a little picture or something of the kind which will help to retain for me a place in his memory.

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To Helen and yourself, I send my love and best of wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Captain Nelson Lay, R.C.N.,
Canadian Joint Staff,
Canadian Embassy to the United States,
Massachusetts Ave.,
Washington, D.C.

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December 22, 1949

My dear Margaret:

-- Please find enclosed a little Christmas remembrance from me. It goes to you with my best wishes for the Christmas Season and the New Year and with my thanks for the good care you have taken of Mrs. Lay and Miss Rosabel. All that you have done for them has given me as mush pleasure as if it had been done for me.

I cannot tell you how much your care of my sister and her daughter has eased my mind throughout the year now drawing so rapidly to its close.

Once again, my best wishes for a joyous Christmas Season and for the New Year.

Miss Margaret Nevins,
c/o Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Boulderfel,
Barrie,
Ontario.

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OTTAWA, DECEMBER 24, 1949.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
c/o Group Captain Gordon Dunlop,
R.C.A. Station,
Trenton, Ont.

A happy Christmas and love to all.

Willie.

CHARGE: MR. KING'S ACCOUNT.

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Send the following message, subject to the conditions on the back thereof, which are hereby agreed to.

Ottawa, December 28, 1949

Telephoned 29th

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lay,
Ste. Adele,
P. Q.

Heartiest congratulations on birth of son and heir.

Affectionate good wishes for the little man and his parents.

Uncle Willie.

Charge: Mr. King's account

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misty on Monday, it wasn't slippery & we got home before six. Altogether it had been a very happy season. Harry's news yesterday, added to our joy. To have a little son will mean a lot to Harry! John & his family are coming up for dinner on Sunday, New Year's Day, so that will be a happy ending to the holiday season.

Our best wishes for 1950, go to you dear Willie, & I hope the year will bring you added strength, & the peace that comes with a mind at ease. 1949 has been a hard year for you as 1946 was for me, but each year has needed its adjustment. I pray 1950 be a year of accomplishment in the directions you most desire, & each day find you stronger & happier with best love, in which Rosabel joins, & every good wish for the new year ever yours loving sister

Jennie

Our congratulations on the decoration you received last week. We heard over the radio, but can't remember the county! Dec. 28th '49

My dear Willie:

We were terribly sorry to hear you were feeling so sick and miserable, just when you have been doing so much to make others well & happy! I do hope you had a good night, & are feeling better today. It was so good of you to phone last night, when you certainly didn't feel like talking to any one, and I hope you were not too tired after the exertion.

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Your wonderful gifts to all of us, have given untold pleasure. Each of the children, when they phoned, told me how good you had been, & Margaret showed me your letter, as soon as we got home. My own gift & the one to Rosabel quite knocked me out! You have been much too generous, but I think you know how truly we appreciate your kindness, and also what the gift itself means to us! It will make the whole year easier in many ways, & I hope,

none of it will be used for Dr's bills! Many, many thanks, and I only wish I could do as much for you! My poor little efforts carry quite as much love, but that is their chief merit! I do hope, however, that the pyjamas will fit, but if they don't, I can alter them. I got a "medium" size pattern, so they should be right. My teeth rather interfered with my Christmas efforts this year, for I had to slow up a bit.

Everyone was so good to me, and it has been a very happy season. For the first time in forty years, I was not in my own home, but Jean's is almost the same, & the children were so thrilled to have us, Rosabel especially, as they think there is no one like her! She is very sweet with them. We were certainly lucky in the weather as it was a perfect day on Friday, & though it rained & was

I am wondering how you spent your Christmas day. Did you have friends in to share it with you?

We all send love and every best wish for your happiness in the year to come. And again many thanks for your most welcome gift!

Lovingly,
Mary.

10 Nottingham Drive,
Toronto 18, Ontario
December 28, 1949.

Dear Mr. King,

Santa Claus was more than good to all of us this year and especially the one that came from Ottawa was more than good. Your cheque for twenty-five dollars arrived a few days before Christmas. It is most generous of you and I can tell you we all appreciated it! Out of it we bought one family present that we have been needing for some time — an automatic electric toaster. We are all delighted with it, as the old one we have been using has been on the go ever since 1929, when we first came to Toronto! It had almost reached the "beyond-repair"

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been reading the Bible every day and he made everyone of us promise to bring it with us to church! After dinner we all had a wonderful time singing hymns and playing games. Then we all had a lovely supper and then we all sang hymns around the piano for a long time. Just before we left Daddy read the Christmas story from the Bible and then we all knelt down and said our prayers. Then we came home and went to bed. It was a perfect day for Christmas Eve.

Now I must tell you about Christmas Day. We got up very early and opened our stockings. Then we had breakfast and after that we opened our presents. I got a lovely new dressing gown, a pair of skis for Christmas, a pair of skis for Colin, a Bible and prayer book, a writing case, a pair of gloves, a pair of slippers, a pair of pyjamas, a pair of bedroom slippers, a pair of bedroom slippers, a pair of bedroom slippers

Toronto 18 Ontario.
10 Nottingham Drive
December 28, 1949.

Dear Uncle Willie;

I heard that you sent mother some money to buy me a present, it might be a ~~Bible~~ if it is a book we are going to send it on to you for you to put your name in on gold for me, so I can remember you. Thank you very much.

Your nephew,
Colin.

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P.S.
I was promoted
* Commodore nearly
2 yrs ago. Nelson.

CANADIAN EMBASSY
AMBASSADE DU CANADA

1700 Mass. Ave.
Washington
Dec. 29th

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thank you so much for your letter of Xmas greetings and the enclosed present for David. The latter is going * put the envelope with your note on it, in his scrap book and the money into a Canadian Savings Certificate. Having the note with your signature will be a unique souvenir for a boy of his age which he can show to all his friends with great personal pride.

We have Helen's sister, Mary Campbell staying with us. You know their Mother died this spring and it was a great help for them to be together at Christmas time. We had a quiet family party - centred round Dabid, who had a gorgeous time. He got his first electric train and is in seventh

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heaven.

We see Mr. and Mrs. Wrong very often at the many diplomatic receptions which are part of our life down here. Sometimes I feel there are too many of them and often remember your remarks on the difficulty of doing your normal work as well as taking part in too many social functions.

Both Helen and I have thoroughly enjoyed our term in Washington so far. One meets so many interesting people and there are so many things to do.

Mary joins Helen, David and I in wishing you good health and an enjoyable period of well earned relaxation in 1950.

Yours affectionately

Nelson.

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31 December, 1949

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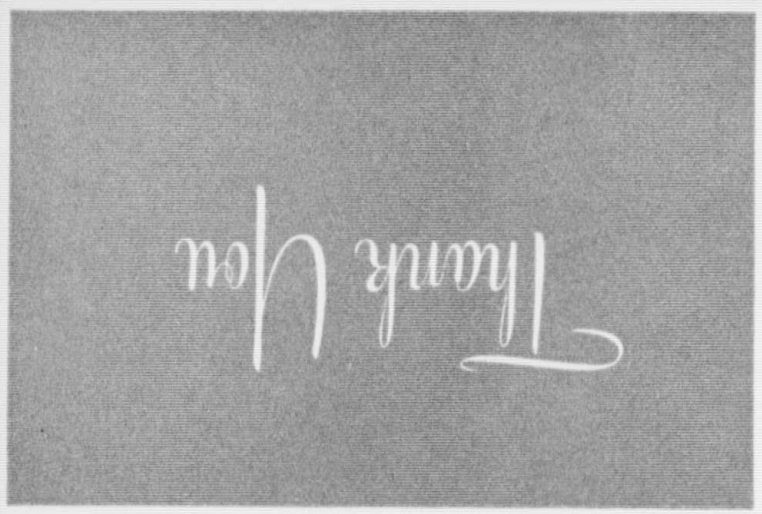

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storm on New Years Eve and driving was practically impossible. The lack of snow this year has saved a lot of shovelling in our drive.

John and his family are coming here for dinner to-morrow. John looks so well and has a lovely tan after his southern trip.

I do hope you're feeling much better.

a very happy Christmas with Jean and her family. The little boys are darling and full of fun. Fortunately the driving was fairly easy on both trips and we both enjoyed it.

We were very lucky to have this weekend free as well. It makes the preparations for to-night so much easier. Last year I remember we had a terrific snow

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My dear Willie:

It was so good of you to phone last night, & again this morning, & then, when we were at breakfast, your telegram of good wishes reached us. It is a great joy to feel we are so constantly in your thoughts, but you must know that you are equally present in ours. I did not send a wire, simply because I felt it would be one more thing for you to acknowledge, as you always do, & you already have tremendously, & will be so much pleasanter than having a stranger. I do hope you will soon feel more like working. You speak of me having done well this last year! You remember our story of the Dutchman whose wife died, & when the minister asked him if she was resigned, he replied "Resigned! I dein Gott she had to be!!" That about covers my end of the picture! Still, it has been a good year, & when I compare this last year with '48, I realize how much I have for which to be grateful. You too, are over the worst, & will find each month a little easier.

My best love, & deep gratitude for all you have done & been to me in these trying years, & the hope that 1950 will be full of Blessing for you lovingly Jennie

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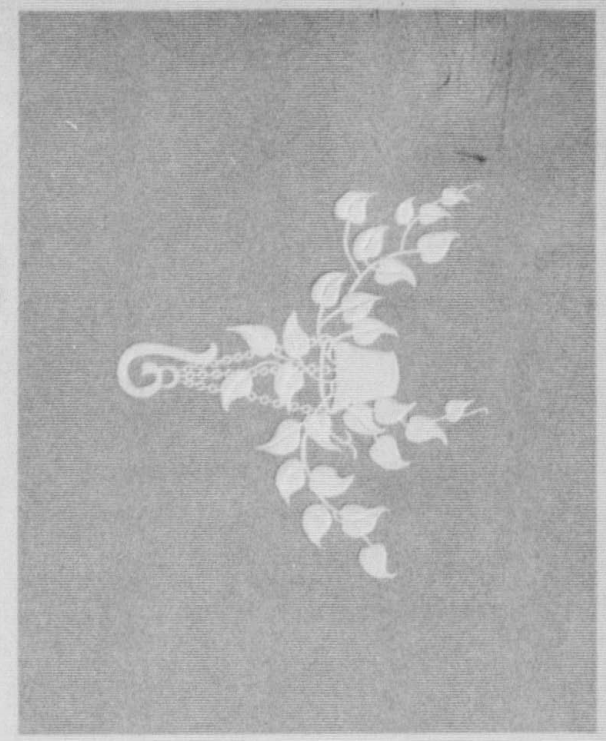
far too much to think about.
This is the first chance I have
had to write a line, & my first is
to you. John & Colin & a young
lad from Colombia S.A. came up
for dinner. Donald was too sick to
come, so Mary stayed at home
with him. We had a lovely
"Christmas" dinner, with Misses
Elgood & Ingram as our other
guests. John brought up his
projector & showed us some
lovely pictures he took in S.
America, & they all departed
about five o'clock. It was a
very happy day, but I had a busy

morning helping Margaret, so had a rest
after they left, & here I am!
Dooie phoned this morning from the hospital
and says she & the baby are both doing well
& she hopes to go home about the middle of
the week. She thinks the baby's name will be
Richard Mackenzie, one for her & one for Harry!
They are very thrilled at having a little boy.
Haven't heard from Jean today, but I know
how busy she & Gordon will be. I don't
see how they accomplish so much, but I
hope the social end will ease up as soon
as the holiday season is over.
I am so glad you are going to have Mr.
McGregor back with you. It will help you

that you were ill. I do hope that you are better now and feeling stronger. We will be thinking of you and send much love and hope to show you Richard Mackenzie Lay very soon.

Affectionately.

Dooie



in the family, you can imagine how pleased Helen, Janet and Alison are with a little brother.

Your Christmas gift to us all was most generous and I know the children will enjoy the gifts for which it will be used.

I was talking to Harry's Mother this morning and was so sorry to hear

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January 4, 1950.

This is my first letter in the New Year.
It goes to you with fondest love and renewed best
wishes for 1950. I hope it may be a good year
for you and all of your family.

I received this morning your own letter
of January 1st, and thank you warmly for it.
I want also to thank you for the knitted white
gloves and beautiful linen handkerchiefs with my
name embroidered on them, which came from you
for my birthday, and for the box of flares which
came at Christmas-time, but which unfortunately
I did not get a chance to open until several days
after. Nothing could be more welcome. The
flares of other years have been a source of
continuous delight, and a great help in entertain-
ing Guests. I want too to thank you most
warmly for the two sets of pyjamas. They look
to me most attractive, and I am already
contemplating the comfort they will afford in
the summer months.

I have enjoyed our talks over the phone.
As you will have Gathered, I have been none too
well. The problem that has been that of sleep, and finding breathing
difficult as a consequence. However, the ten
days' rest which I have had in bed has done me
no end of good, and I am making a fresh start
at work today.

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I am glad you had such a pleasant time with the children at Trenton.

Continued January 6th

It looks as if we are in for the real winter at last, with snow on all parts of the ground.

I am still keeping on the two nurses, as I have had one or two wretched nights of late. However, one is leaving tomorrow, and the other will be kept on for night duty only, and that for but another few days. From now on, I hope to get back to normal fairly rapidly. I have still to acknowledge all Christmas letters and gifts, so have plenty to occupy my time and thought.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ontario.

McGregor is with me again, which has added much to my sense of security, having this old association so pleasantly renewed.

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113½ St. Ours Rd.
Sorel, P. Que.
Jan. 5, 1950.

To His Excellency,
The Honorable Mackinzie King,
Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Sir:-

I am a collector of "Buttons" old and new, and am most anxious to have in my collection a few buttons, from the Greatest of our Time.

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I am, therefore taking the liberty of writing to your Excellency, and would be highly honored were you to contribute to my collection.

I am the daughter of the late Rev. J. J. Roy and two of my brothers are clergymen, in the Diocese of Quebec. My nephew, Dr. Scoggan is assistant Curator of the Museum at Ottawa. This may be of interest in this connection.

I have the honor to be,

Yours respectfully,

Mrs. J. T. Lakin.

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10 Nottingham Drive
Toronto 18.
January 6, 1950.

Dear Mr. King,

This is the first letter I have written (or will be, when I finish it!) in the New Year, and I am writing it to you, because your New Year's telegram to us was the first greeting we received this year! It was so nice of you to think of us, especially since you were ill at the time. As a matter of fact, your telegram really brought me a great deal of cheer, because Donald and I spent the day here alone. We had all planned to go to Barrie for dinner at noon, but Donald was too ill to go. She gave us quite a scare early on

at the office has been piling up during his absence. It has kept him working overtime to catch up on back work.

We haven't had time to go downtown yet to select a Bible for Colin, but possibly during the coming week he will be able to do so.

Many thanks again for your New Year's message. We all send our love to you with very best wish for the year to come. I hope that it will be a very happy one for you.

Lovingly,
Mary G. Lay.

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you when he heard about your heart attack. But Mrs. Lay says that you are feeling much better now. I suppose you have the best of medical attention, though, and a good nurse, but I hate to think of you being alone. Donald has been including you in his prayers at night since he heard that you were ill! His prayers are quite original at times. He still prays that Grannie's teeth will stop hurting her! And that 'Daddy will come home safely to us, even though he is home now'! Whenever any of our neighbours are sick he includes them in his prayers, and he always blesses everyone in the neighbourhood who gives him cookies!

John has been very rushed since he arrived home. The work Sunday morning. He had had a bad case of 'flu for several days, but seemed better on Saturday. Then on Sunday he was deathly ill again. The doctor was here at eight in the morning and again at 10.30. By that time, though, Donald had improved so much that I persuaded John and Colin to go to Barrie alone. I knew that John's mother would be very disappointed if they didn't go. Donald is fine again now, but I am keeping him as quiet as possible. I think if we could have a few days of sunshine, that all of us would feel a lot better and happier!

I am sorry to hear that you have had such a tough time during the holiday season. We were quite anxious about

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I have already sent to you, over the phone, my love and best of wishes for this New Year. May I supplement them by a written communication, and that most warmly.

This little line is also to thank you, and that also most warmly, for your more than welcome gift of a year's subscription to "Holiday" Magazine. I well remember the copy you let me see at Kingsmere, and which I still have. I recall the pleasure it brought at the time. I know I shall continue to derive an ever-increasing pleasure from your gift as the months go by.

I want to thank you, as well, for the loving little letters which I received from you at the time of my seventy-fifth birthday anniversary, and the beginning of this New Year. I am glad to know from the latter, written on New Year's Eve, that you and your Mother and other members of the family had had such a successful and happy Christmas with Jean at Trenton. I can imagine something of the delight the visit must have been. I am glad too you were so fortunate in the weather. I always feel a bit anxious about motoring in these uncertain days.

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I am already beginning to look forward to seeing your Mother and yourself, and others of the family, in the course of the New Year.

Miss Rosabel Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ontario.

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I have already wished you a happy New Year. I am not sure that I did not succeed in waking you up for the purpose. I have also thanked you for the welcome gift which came from you all at Christmas time, and which I am indeed pleased to have, to share with friends who may come to Laurier House or Kingsmere in the course of this New Year.

I was so pleased when the cheese arrived a week or two before Christmas, to see that you were wisely getting off your gifts many days in advance of Christmas Day itself. I kept my presents to open for Christmas Day, but unfortunately felt too exhausted to look at any of them at that time. It was the middle of the week before I began to look at them one by one. I think it was all the better, having lots of time to enjoy the many expressions of affection which came from all of the family and friends.

I was so glad that your Mother and Rosabel were able to share the Christmas holiday with you and that all went so well. I myself missed your little Christmas Eve call, which had become a feature of the last year or two.

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as I am just acknowledging my Christmas gifts. I shall not write more, except again to send to Gordon and yourself, and the boys, my fondest love and best of wishes for 1950.

Mrs. Gordon Dunlop,
R.C.A.F. Station,
Trenton, Ontario.

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My dear Harry:

Except for the wire I sent to you and Dooie on learning of the great event of the old year, I have not had a chance to send you and Dooie, and the little girls, Helen, Janet and Alison, and their newly arrived brother, my love and best of wishes for the New Year. This I do with feelings of deepest affection for you all. I hope the year is going to be, as I believe it will be, a very good one for you.

I have been sharing with Dooie and yourself and other members of the family, the pleasure that you are experiencing in having a full-fledged young man in the family. You will have to let me know from time to time how he is getting on.

This letter is, if anything, more for Dooie than yourself. Do tell her how much I have enjoyed receiving her letter from the Montreal hospital, written on New Year's Day. It is one I shall always treasure.

I understand your little lad is to be christened Richard Mackenzie Lay. The inclusion of Mackenzie in his name causes me

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to send to you both and to him the added wish for the service his life may come to render to our country and causes that make for the betterment of other lives. He will, I am sure, do honour to the names he bears.

Harry M. Lay, Esq.,
c/o The Chantecler,
Ste. Adele, Que.

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My dear Nelson:

This is just a line to thank you for your letter of December 29th, and to send my love and best of wishes for the New Year to Helen, David and yourself, also to "Mary" if she is prepared to allow me to send my love to her as well as to you and Helen. I am so pleased to know that she has been spending the Christmas Season with you.

You make a great deal of my little gift to David. I am happy indeed to think that its associations could mean so much to him and to you.

I am late in sending this greeting for the New Year, but I have unfortunately been more or less confined to bed for the past fortnight. I have been suffering from sleeplessness, which has affected my breathing and occasioned much distress. It is part of the fatigue which I have been trying to get rid of. I feel that real progress has been made through taking a complete rest.

I have noted the postscript of your letter, mentioning your promotion to Commodore nearly two years ago. I, of

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course, remember the promotion quite well. I am wondering what occasioned the memorandum. Do let me know if the envelopes were wrongly addressed. It may be that something of the kind has occurred.

I am glad that you and Helen are enjoying Washington so much.

Commodore Nelson Lay, O.B.E.,
Canadian Joint Staff,
Canadian Embassy,
1700 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

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Please allow this letter to bring to you and John, and to Colin and Donald, my fondest love and best of wishes for the New Year. I hope it may be a very happy and good one for you all. It is also to bring to you and John my thanks for loving greetings and kind remembrances which came from you at Christmas. I do not recall having tasted any more delicious maple sugar.

I want, above all, to thank you for your loving letter, and to tell you the pleasure it gave me to receive as well a letter from Colin, written in his own hand. I am immensely interested in learning of his thought of entering the Ministry, and of the interest he is taking in the study of the Bible. I hope you will not fail to secure a Bible for him. Do not hesitate to spend a little more on the Bible you purchase than my original gift would permit. I should be glad if you would have his name stamped in gold on the cover, with the words, "Christmas 1949". If then you will forward the Bible to me, I shall write a line in it myself and send it back addressed to Colin, with a letter to him written in my own hand, as he has done in writing me in acknowledgment of the gift.

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I well recall the earnest thought I at one time gave, when a little lad, to entering the Ministry. I shall be happy if Colin's present intention matures. I did join the ministry ultimately, but it was a different one than I had in mind at the time.

I am glad you got skis for Donald as my remembrance to him. What particularly pleased me was that you were able, out of the limited gift, to arrange for an automatic electric toaster, which would be an addition to the breakfast table, welcome to all.

I must apologize for the lateness of this acknowledgement of your letter and gift. Unfortunately I have had a rather serious time with shortness of breath, due to lack of sleep and have had to more or less give up, for a time, everything that involved the writing of letters. I am glad to say the worst appears to be over, and I hope soon to be able to begin work on the memoirs, which I have had in mind for so many years.

I was glad to get further particulars of John's interesting trip. Do thank him again for the welcome letter which I received from him at the time of my birthday.

With fondest love to you both, and to Donald and Colin, believe me, dear Mary,

Very affectionately yours,

Mrs. John Lay,
10 Nottingham Drive,
Islington, Ontario.

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time as I or the people visited would have liked in each place. My chief impression is that Latin America generally has passed the bottom point of its post-war difficulties, and should gradually improve its economic situation. However, I feel that the Argentine political situation is still a key factor for the whole continent.

Please again accept our best wishes for 1950, and do your best to quickly recover from your present illness.

Ever your loving nephew.

J. Mn.

10 Nottingham Dr.
Toronto 18, Ontario
January 7, 1950.

Dear Uncle Willie, -

Just a line to thank you most sincerely for your letter at Christmas, and to wish you, although belatedly, renewed health and happiness in 1950. We have all been very sorry to hear from Mother that you had to spend the Christmas week in bed, and I trust that by now you are feeling able to be up and about again.

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name. I am happy to say that he is enjoying Sunday School very much, and is beginning to appreciate the Sunday Church services as well.

I managed to get home from my trip on the Tuesday evening before Christmas. It was a most interesting trip which will prove of immense value to my work. I visited twenty-five of our twenty-nine agencies and Branches, several of them twice, and covered more than fifteen thousand miles in the ten weeks I was away. The only trouble was that I could not afford as much

I should like, too, to add my thanks for your Christmas cheque which I can assure you added greatly to our enjoyment of the day. The whole family have been enjoying fresh hot toast every morning from our new automatic toaster. Donald was thrilled with his skis, and now that we have some snow at last, will soon be trying them out. At the first opportunity we plan to take Colin down town to choose a Bible, in which you must some day inscribe his

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Ste Adele, Que
Sunday, Jan. 8/50

Dear Uncle Willie,

If Dosie and I are tardy in sending you our good wishes for the New Year and our many thanks for your Christmas gift and wishes, I am sure you will understand.

We barely got Christmas tucked away when the biggest gift of all made his appearance. Every night while Dosie was in hospital in Montreal I drove down to see her, so there has not been much time for letters.

Friday noon Dos and I arrived back at our little house with twenty below weather there was skiing at their doorstep.

Mother told me how generous you were to her this Christmas and how good you were to Peach. None of us will ever forget how you have helped Mother and insured that measure of independence that she dearly loves.

We all hope that your own health will remain sturdy for many many New Years to come. Your wishes and telegrams always bring us such good cheer.

Many thanks for your generous gift to the Children. Be assured it will be used wisely.

Much love
Harry.

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community as your joys and sorrows are shared unstintingly.

The resort business is taking this snow famine on the chin, but we all hope it will end soon. At the Chantecler times have not been so tough as elsewhere in the Laurentians. Our policy has been to make the Hotel as attractive as possible so that we are not completely dependent on the whims of the weathers. The night before last about two inches of snow fell. Undeterred, we ~~soap~~ scraped up enormous piles of snow from the surface of the lake, loaded it on trucks and dumped it on our practice hill beside the Hotel. So today for those who enjoyed the Richard Mackenzie Lay. So far he has been no more than the usual trouble of which Dodie unfortunately has to bear the lion's share.

Having run out of spare bedrooms, our own rather large "walk-in" clothes cupboard has become a miniature nursery and will serve its purpose well for the rest of this winter.

We are both very proud of ourselves at finally acquiring a son even though there's a certain honour to being the only Lay to produce girls.

Everyone has been marvellous to us and so hearty in their congratulations. In a way it is very satisfying living in a small

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January 9, 1950.

I have this moment concluded the reading of the letters received this morning from Mary and yourself. I thank you both most warmly. I was sorry indeed to learn of Colin's illness on New Year's Day, but am glad all has gone well since.

I parted with one of the nurses I have had for the past fortnight, and hope to dispense with the night nurse very shortly. I can see, however, that the trouble which I have is one which is likely to persist in a more or less bothersome manner. Like your Mother, I shall just have to be careful with what I attempt.

I do hope you are not falling into the habit of overdoing. The firm should find some way of making it possible to prevent accumulations of work at home when you are absent abroad. I know that the root of my trouble has been the failure to take adequate rest; indeed this winter's trouble is but an echo of the overstrain there has been at every Christmas season. The mere approach of the Christmas season seems to bring with it a shortness of breath.

Again with love to you and Mary, and the boys.

John Lay, Esq.,
10 Nottingham Drive,
Toronto 18, Ontario.

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Jan 10th '50

My dear Willie:

I was very pleased to see in Margaret's paper last week, that you were better. Yesterday your letter was most welcome but I'm sorry you are not gaining more quickly. Perhaps now that Mr. McGregor is with you you will rest better.

I meant to write on Sunday some people came in, so no letters were written, & yesterday was just as bad. I don't get-

You are much to appreciative of the few things we are able to do for you. This year has had many things to upset our plans, but I hope now the worst is over. For myself, I'm so much stronger than I was a year ago, that I feel I may be able to do more later on. I'm sure you will feel the same, for the first years after such a tremendous change in the way of living, as you have made, are bound to be hard. Readjustments are seldom easy. I hope every day will see an improvement in your general health, & the spring will soon be here. I always think of Father saying the back of the winter was broken by Christmas time - I suppose because half of his lectures were over! Our best love, dear Willie & many thanks for your letter enclosing Jennie

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out very often (twice since Christmas)
but people are very kind about
coming to see me. It never tires
me to have people here, but it is
an effort to go out.
I finished reading Hardy's book
last week, & enjoyed parts of it
very much, but couldn't help
wishing that some one with a
more facile pen, would do more
justice to the man & the times!
It left me feeling how lucky
we are to have had the parents
we had! Father's love of good
English & his culture, & Mother's
sweetness & strength. I went & got
out my Sennyson & refreshed

my memory of the passage about "Mother's
in the Princess! I've always loved that
description of a Mother.
We had one cold day, Sunday, but very
little snow, & today it is foggy & wet. It
has been a queer winter & not a healthy
one. Everyone seems to have cold.
The mild weather helps the fuel bill
which is about all there is in its favour!
Had a nice little letter from Emilie Duncan
this morning, & she said she had heard
from you. I find it very hard to realize
that so many people are growing old!
Irene must be over fifty, & I think of her as
a little girl!

January 12, 1950

My dear Jennie:

I have received from Jenkins and Wright, the architects who are preparing the plans for the restoration of Woodside, a letter asking if by any chance you have found it possible to locate the drawing made by Harry before we left Woodside. I would not like you personally to go to any trouble in this matter, and would advise you very strongly against attempting any search by yourself. If, however, you can conveniently have one made by some member of the family before too long, it will, I am sure, be a great help to the architects to have the loan of it.

Let me thank you for your letter received yesterday. It is a beautiful letter and one I shall always retain. I was particularly pleased to notice that you feel as I do about our exceptionally good fortune in having, in mother and father, the type of parents we had. When I come to work on the Memoirs, that is where I should like to place most of the credit for such achievement as has been possible in my own career.

I have been troubled again a little more than I should like with shortness of

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breath and sleeplessness and have, on the doctor's advice, retained the two nurses for a short time longer. I believe that in the long run that is the wisest step for me to take. I hope if there is any way in which I can help you to meet similar situations with which you are faced, you will not fail to let me know.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Boulderfel,
Barrie,
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My dear Willie:

In every letter to you, I seem to have something for which to thank you! Today it is, almost a year's supply of vitamins. Many, many thanks. It is a wonderful gift, not only for their physical value, but even more, for your kindness in sending them. They have done me good before, & I am looking forward to be thankful.

Rosabel was delighted to have your letter. They are very busy at the office & she seldom gets home before six.

It doesn't leave much time for her to do many of the things she should, & would like to do.

This is just a note of thanks to say we are well, & hope you see improvement each day.

Rosabel joins me in much love, & with many thanks ever your loving sister

Jennie

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to feeling better every day I
take them. I hope you are
taking them too. As we grow
older, we seem to need a
little help along that line.
Perhaps it is that we don't
eat enough to give us the
needed vitamines. I certainly
could never eat the meals
which are recommended!
I am truly grateful for this
addition to my sources of
well-being! I'm now taking
your vitamines, 2 Vitamin E
& three digitalis a day! Certainly

there is reason for my increase in
strength! I only hope you, too, are
feeling better! It is a lovely sunny
day here, & that always helps.
This is Harry's ex-baby's birthday - two
today, and another two weeks old!
They will have their hands full, but
not any worse than our parents!
It is two years tomorrow since I went
to the hospital, & certainly then, I never
expected to be alive today! We must
be fairly tough! I have much for which

I have read them all. "Cry, the beloved Country" is almost too poignant to bear reading. I don't suppose there is anywhere a more intimate and telling account of Gandhi's life than Miss Sheean's book. With most loving wishes, dear Willie, I am Yours affectionately

Jan. 15th 1950

Mary

My dear Willie:

I was distressed to learn from your letter of Jan. 6th that you had been laid up for a fortnight through continued sleeplessness and shortness of breath. I know perhaps better what the latter is like, than what it is to suffer from prolonged wakefulness, for I have found that I better not take any exercise after eating if I want to do my work! I am glad indeed to know that you are arranging to have more real leisure. However, no one

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who has worked continuously
all his life long at top pace
can school himself to lay
much of the feeling of pressure
down even if he religiously
refrains from actual work.
But you must keep on trying.
I cannot tell you what
comfort the knowledge that
there is somewhere a little
lad called Lyon who bears
such a striking resemblance
to him. Just to hear the dear
name & some mention of the
dear son is a help. Always
I have loved Lyon's name - not
Bill, though he wanted it that
way & if he did, it was all
right but not for me. So I
was glad indeed to hear of little
Mark Lyon & to know that his
big brother is better.
How curious about the three books.

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The likenesses are none too good but there is no mistaking the expectation of satisfaction on the event of December the 27th on the part of Helen, Janet and Alison as I presume also is the case with Doole and yourself.

I hope you will include me in the merry circle.

With love to all,

Harry Lay, Esq.,
The Chanteclerc,
Ste. Agathe, P.Q.

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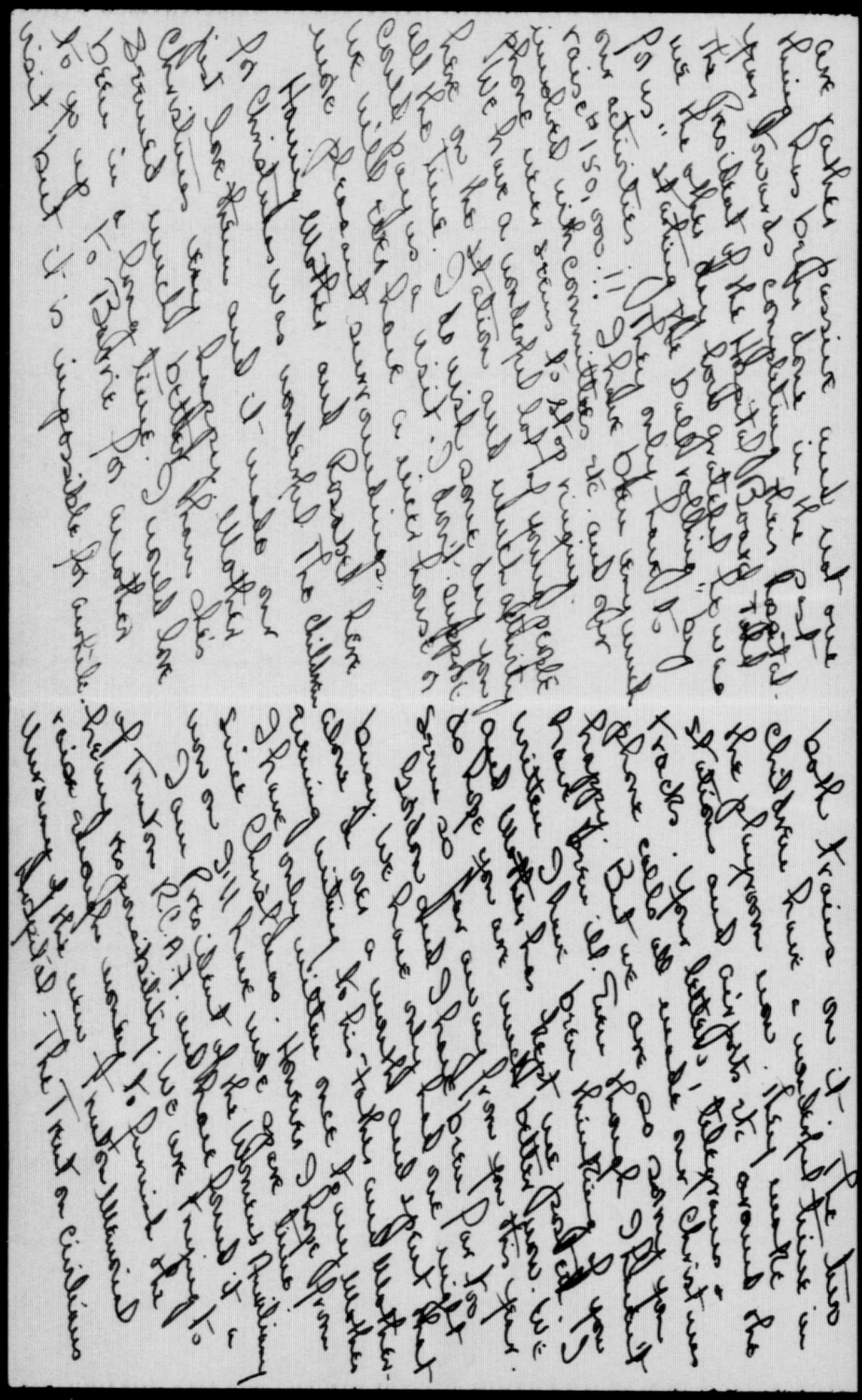
House #1
R.C.M.P. Station
Teslin, Yukon
Jan. 26, 1950

Dear Uncle Willie,

I received your letter of January 1st and was very glad to hear from you. I received the Christmas card you sent me and thank you very much for it. I received the Christmas card you sent me and thank you very much for it. I received the Christmas card you sent me and thank you very much for it



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10 Nottingham Drive,
Toronto 18,
January 28, 1950.

file

Dear Uncle Willie,-

Under separate cover we are sending along the bible which Colin himself picked out, and which seems to be a good choice, considering the size of print, pictures, concordance and so on. Colin will, I am sure, be very proud of it, and especially of any inscription you may make on the presentation page. When we get it back itself, and that soon you will be right into the work on your books.

Mary and the boys join in sending our warmest love.

Sincerely yours,
John.

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well, and enjoying their tour of duty. It is an extremely strenuous life, one constant whirl of social events, but they seem to be holding up their responsibilities very well. At the moment they are in the throes of moving to a new house.

We saw Mother last Sunday, and she seemed a lot better than at New Years. It is marvellous how she keeps going and is really so well.

I trust that your indisposition has corrected from Ottawa, we intend to have his name embossed in gold on the cover.

I have just come back from a day's visit to Washington where I called on a number of people at our Embassy, including Mr J. Parkinson, Financial Counsellor, and Mr J. English, Commercial Counsellor. Unfortunately Mr Wrong was unable to see me - you perhaps will remember that I tutored his two children one summer while I was at Varsity.

Nelson and Helen are

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January 30, 1950.

I was greatly pleased to receive this morning your letter of January 26th. You should not have gone to the trouble ofnwriting, as you already had thanked me many times over the 'phone.

I am so glad you,Gordon and the children are also happy at Trenton. I know how joyful Christmas must have been with your mother and Rosabel with you at that time.

Do not overdo. That is one rule that will stand you in good stead all your life, if you can follow it. I have been paying up for not having done so but find myself regaining strength, as I take from day to day the rest of which I have been in so great need over the years.

Fondest love to all,

Mrs. Gordon Dunlop,
House No. 41,
R. C. A. F., Station,
Trenton, Ont.

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Boulderfel,
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~~Would you~~ please have ~~a~~ few flowers sent Judge Wismer's daughter as expression of sympathy from me in her bereavement, a loss which we all share with her.

Willie.

Charge: Mr. King's account

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they are to us. So far as my bedroom set goes, I don't care when they take it, provided they replace it with something else! That sounds grasping, but it isn't, as I cannot afford to buy furniture. You have been so good to me in so many ways, that it puts me in an awkward position! I have the bed, dressing table, washstand, (which I gave Harry the returned) wardrobe & the bedroom dishes, which was about all that was in the spare room. You have the yellow Dresden set that was on the dresser. That bedroom set was in Isabel's & my bedroom on Grange Rd. The set you have at Kingsmere, were Aunt Lybbie's, & Mother didn't

Feb. 1st '50

My dear Willie:

Just after you had phoned me on Sunday, Margaret came in & told me Judge Wismer had died that morning. I thought you might like to know, so phoned you. Judge Wismer has been ill for a couple of years & his death is a blessing. Just the same it is always a shock to lose a father. The Estens (Judge's daughter) are our children's great friends, & Maurice Esten is our lawyer. Jean, Rosabel & I sent a spray, & when your wire came, Rosabel

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remember that my children grew up with these things, & they are as dear to them as

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went down to the greenhouse
I ordered a bouquet of spring
flowers to be sent to Jean Stein.
They were $5.00, which I hope you
do not think too much, but
Rosabel said anything less
wouldn't do. Flowers are scarce
at this season, & you didn't
mention amount! I phoned
Jean & told her how deeply
we sympathized with her. I
put on your card (I had one)
"with deepest sympathy &
affectionate remembrance."
Rosabel went in to see Jean in
the afternoon, & I'm sure if you
could have seen the pleasure
your flowers gave, you would be

glad you had sent them! I felt Judge
Wismer had known us longer, probably,
than anyone else, & he was always so
kind in the way he spoke of Father & Mother
& their kindness to him when he was a
young man in Berlin.

I am glad the little plan I drew, of the
"back premises" of Woodside, was of use.
I'm no artist!! As to the things here -
there are not very many. You have
so much, & I have so little in comparison,
that you can hardly realize how precious
these things are to me. Also you must
remember that my children grew up with
these things, & they are as dear to them as

drawing room at Woodside. There was blue in the library. The carpet was red in the library & the Wilton carpet which, I think you had in the spare room at Laurier House, was in the spare room at Woodside. It was mother's original drawing room carpet. That is about all for the present. Am glad you are feeling better, but you will have to be careful. I lead a very quiet life & refuse all invitations where there are more than three or four people. It pays in the long run. Many thanks for phoning me on Sunday. You are constantly in my thoughts. Rosabel joins with me in best love

ever your loving sister
Jennie.

was going to copy this plan but haven't time [illegible]

get them till after her death. As to the furniture I have in the library - there is the sofa, arm chair & one occasional chair. That is all of that set that was at "Woodside". I also have the secretary-book case which I had done over, & the bookcase is in the library & the secretary in the dining room. There is the hall table & one chair. The other I gave to Harry. It was pretty well smashed to pieces, but he mended it & did it over. He has that. Then there is the big steel engraving of cattle going to market, which hung in the drawing room at "Woodside". As long as I live in

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this house, I wouldn't like
to part with the things in the library.
You would hardly expect me to
give Mother's silver tea set, which
was a wedding present to her from
Aunt Jennie, & which Mother gave
to me when I was married.
That, & the flat silver, which I
have promised to Peach or Harry
is about all I have. I got
quite a lot of pictures, which
were of no value & were stored in
the basement, & suffered, when
we were flooded a few years ago
& had six feet of water in the
basement! I will draw a
plan of the spare room & mark
position of furniture. I have no idea

of dimensions — one's ~~ideas~~ memories
are apt to be large, & we are surprized
when we realize the true size! That room
if you remember, was two rooms, like your
bedroom & ours, & we knocked down the
partition when we moved to "woodside".
I don't know where Mother's bedroom furniture
went, &, except the little dresser which
was in your room & which you have at
Kingsmere, I don't know where anything is.
I don't think they were very valuable!
That chenile material, of which you gave
me a piece last summer, & which you
have made into cushions at Kingsmere
is part of the curtains & door curtains in the

February 3, 1950.

my dear Colin

I was greatly pleased when I received word that, as a gift from me at the Christmas Season, you had expressed the desire to have a copy of the Bible which you could preserve through the years. I was still more pleased when I received, a day or two ago, the beautiful edition which you, yourself, had selected and which was sent on to me at Ottawa to be inscribed by myself. I have placed an inscription in the front page and by tonight's mail am returning the Bible as inscribed.

When you come to look at the inscription, you will see evidence of a change that had to be made at the last moment. I have become so accustomed to the name "King" after Mackenzie that instead of writing "Colin Mackenzie Lay", I inscribed the Bible in the first instance to "Colin Mackenzie King." I am afraid this has slightly spoiled the appearance of the presentation page, but the story is one which you may care to narrate as an evidence of the force of habit. I hope, however, it will in no way detract from the gift itself in your eyes or in the eyes of your friends.

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I am glad that, at your early age, you have come to take the interest you have in the Bible. I have done a good deal of reading in my day, but from none of it have I derived the inspiration and guidance in both public and private life that I have from the pages of the Old and New Testament both of which you have in the Bible you have selected.

It makes me very happy to send you the copy which is being returned under separate cover. It goes to you with my love and all good wishes for the days and years to come.

Master Colin Mackenzie Lay,
10 Nottingham Drive,
ISLINGTON, Ont.

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LAURIER HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

February 3, 1950.

My dear Jennie:

Thank you so much for looking after the flowers to be sent for Judge Wismer's funeral. Not being able to recall the daughter's name, I could not, at the moment of your phoning, make out just what it was best to do. I, of course, was only too glad to send the flowers in memory of old associations. I am glad if they have given the pleasure you say they have.

Please find enclosed five dollars, in payment for the flowers, and thank Rosabel for her kindness in looking after them for me. I am enclosing a few of my calling cards, in case there may be occasion later on to ask you to place an order for flowers for me. You used just the right words in sending the spray that came from me.

I hope I have not disturbed your thoughts in the matter of furnishings for Woodside. It may well be that none of these will ever be required, and that some of them, at least, will not be wanted for a number of years hence. What the Woodside Committee are anxious to have is a list of existing furnishings, etc. still in existence, and where they are to be found, what may be available at once, as well as what possibly may be available later on.

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There could, for example, be no thought whatever of the silver services, etc. being numbered among possible contributions or purchases. What the Committee is anxious to have is the knowledge of what is in existence, to discover if there is enough material to make a faithful reproduction inside, should they commence the work of reconstruction of the house anew, which I understand it is their intention to do.

What they are anxious to do is something similar to what was done with Pasteur's home in Paris. At the Pasteur Institute, the Committee has rebuilt an interior identical with that of the house in which Pasteur lived. Over the years, they have been accumulating bits of furniture, etc., until today one visiting the house gets a very good idea of what it was like in Pasteur's day. It is really most imposing.

Mr. Rockefeller has done the same with Washington Irving's home at Sleepy Hollow. There he has reproduced the library, dining room, bedrooms, etc., almost to the last book and possible furnishings. It has taken years, however, to do this. The main problem has been for the Committee to find out what the articles were that occupied certain positions, and whether they were still in existence, and where. In no sense is it a matter of my wishing to have this or that particular article sent to Woodside later on.

The house, as restored, will be really more of a memorial to Father and Mother than

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anything else. Where it may not be possible or convenient to secure articles, reproductions may be made. All of this, however, is likely to take considerable time. It may be a matter of years. All that is being sought at the moment is enough in the way of assurance that, once begun, the work in the course of time may be satisfactorily carried out.

The additional interior plans you have sent with your letter are just what is wanted at this stage.

I am getting along all right. The difficulty I had in finding my breath is easing up - but I can see it is going to take time, and I shall have to hope the night nurses at least for awhile longer. I am glad you are feeling a little stronger, and able to like things easier.

With fondest love

Yours affectionately
Willie

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Boulderfel,
Barrie, Ontario.

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Feb. 10th '50

My dear Willie:

Thank you very much for so promptly sending the five dollars for the flowers. I hope you didn't think it was too much, but you didn't mention any figure, & you couldn't get much for any less. I am glad too, to have some of your cards in case of need.

I am glad too, if my "plans" of woodside are of any use. I think I could place any dressy article when it belongs! Those Tommy Church will be very much missed. I had one of the nicest letters I received at the time of Harry's death, from Mr Church.

We have a lot of snow, but no cold weather, & the snow is simply sinking, or evaporating! It has been an easy season on the oil, for which I am thankful. You will soon be making tracks for Kingsmere, if this weather keeps up. Just heard over the radio, that today is mid winter! It certainly has not been very long.

Best love dear Willie, & I sincerely hope you will improve every day & be able to enjoy the summer!

ever yours loving sister

Jennie

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days are really clearer in my mind than some of the later ones.

I am sending you a little book which I think you might like to have. I have had it since the old Berlin days, & I think Aunt Lybbie gave it to me. Margaret Mackenzie was the one they called "Lottie" & this little book must be well over a hundred years old. It has been in my desk for years, so you may as well have it, with my love!! You notice they spell it "Margret".

Am so glad to hear you are feeling a bit better, but I think

you are very wise to keep the night-nurse. It does give you a sense of security. I am very wide awake at night, & also have that awful itching, but otherwise am fine. Of course I don't go out anywhere, & have very few people here, but when the summer comes, it will be easier. I am so much better than I was a year ago, that I should complain about nothing.

It is just ten years today since Jean was married - a date that always reminds me of Lord Tweedsmuir's death! You would be sorry to learn of Tommy Church's death, about the same date as Lord Tweedsmuir

February 11, 1950

My dear Jennie:

I have just received your letter of the 10th instant.

Many, many thanks for the little book that belonged to Margret Mackenzie. Did you notice Mackenzie is spelt "McKenzie" and not "Mackenzie".

I am bringing together all that relates to the Mackenzies as well as to father and mother with a view to having the records of the past made as complete as possible. I shall, of course, add this little volume to the others. I have one something like it that was given me by one of the Lindseys - possibly Cora, but I cannot put my hand on it at the moment. Each little souvenir of the kind tells the whole story in itself.

Where there is a probability of the possessions of a family being maintained by the State through years to come, it is much better to have the individual items preserved in that way where they can be enjoyed by all and kept intact through generations than to have individual items distributed

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among members of the family who, in days like the present, are none too certain of knowing just exactly what it is best to do with them.

By all means, keep on drawing plans of the interior of Woodside, indicating where different items were located. Let me again thank you for the little "Daily Text".

I am sorry to know that you experience that itching as well as lack of sleep. Fortunately I seem to have got rid of the itching altogether but I have had to have first one-quarter and now one-eighth of a grain of morphine injected at night for some little time past.

If you could find some woman or young girl or friend who would come and sit with you through the night, I would be very glad to meet the small outlay this would involve. I should be happy if you would try to find someone.

I am taking the great care of myself that I am because of the multitude of things that ought to be settled in regard to my years in public life, and particularly with reference to my relations to the State. I am anxious that anything that I have received from the State directly or indirectly as, for example, Laurier House, its furnishings, etc., where they have come from

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Mr. Larkin and others should go back to the State. Those, of course, that came from our home will go either to Woodside or Mackenzie Homestead unless perchance there is some special desire for any of them on the part of some member of your family. A gift to Woodside would be the best of all gifts to every member of our family as it would be the story of the life we all shared in common. I look on the Woodside venture as the finest of memorials to father and mother.

Like you, I looked on Tommy Church as a real friend. He had many limitations but his heart was in the right place. Now that he is gone, his friends will be found to be legion.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Boulderfel,
Barrie,
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10 Nottingham Dr.,
Islington Ontario,
Feb. 19, 1950.

Dear Uncle Willy
I received the letter a day before the Bible came. Thank you for writing to me. I will allways keep them till I die. I have always read it since it came.

your Nephew
Colin

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Lyle family

10 Nottingham Drive
Toronto 18.
Thursday, February 23

Dear Mr. King,

The enclosed letter from Colin has been written now for several days, but I have been holding it back. I had hoped to make him re-write the letter because of its untidiness, as a matter of fact, but the opportunity to do so just never has presented itself!! So I think now that I may as well let it go, although I hate to do it, when I know that he can write so much neater a letter!!

You will be glad to know

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have to call on them again.
The one comfort is, it can't last!
They are having a "Hospital Dinner"
here, & one way of making money
is by playing Bridge! I went to Mrs
Lloyd's for one table, on Saturday, &
had the return match here with
Miss Elgood, & Miss Ingram & Rosabel
as the other players, on Tuesday evening.
Each one pays a quarter, so every
table nets the hospital a dollar, & it
is no trouble, but a pleasure.
That is the extent of my social
activities! Rosabel has an awful
cold, but I hope will soon be better,
& also that Margaret & I escape.
Am so glad Lord & Lady Alexander were
with you after the Opening. I hated
the thought of your having to miss it!
Best love from Rosabel & me your loving sister
Jennie

Feb. 23rd '50

My dear Willie:

It was a great pleasure
to hear your voice on Sunday
though it sounded a little
less "perky" than it sometimes
does. Also the connection was
not as good as usual, & at
times it was hard to hear.
I have to thank you too, for
your letter of February 11th. I
intended to write on Sunday,
but after our phone conversation,
put it off till today

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last Tuesday, & it looks as if we shall

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I want to thank you again
for your offer re a "night sitter".
Thank goodness, I don't need
that & am happier alone. It
is the waste of time I dislike
most. The shortness of breath
which comes your way, has
never come mine, but I have
what is about as bad, those
horrible choking fits, like
mother had. When they come
in the daytime Margaret is
terrified, but fortunately, I am
not. Rae used to have them
too, & he told me the worst
that could happen would be

a fainting spell, when you would relax
& all would be well. They are very trying
at the time, & exhaust one, but that is all.
I have just finished a Turkish rug,
6 ft. x 3 ft., & it is lovely. Nelson brought
the materials from England, & gave them
to me, before Harry died, so it has taken
some time to complete! I couldn't do it
at all for a couple of years, but am so much
better, that it has been a pleasure.
I am so thankful my hands are useful!
We have a tremendous amount of snow
We had to get the jeep to plough us out
last Tuesday, & it looks as if we shall

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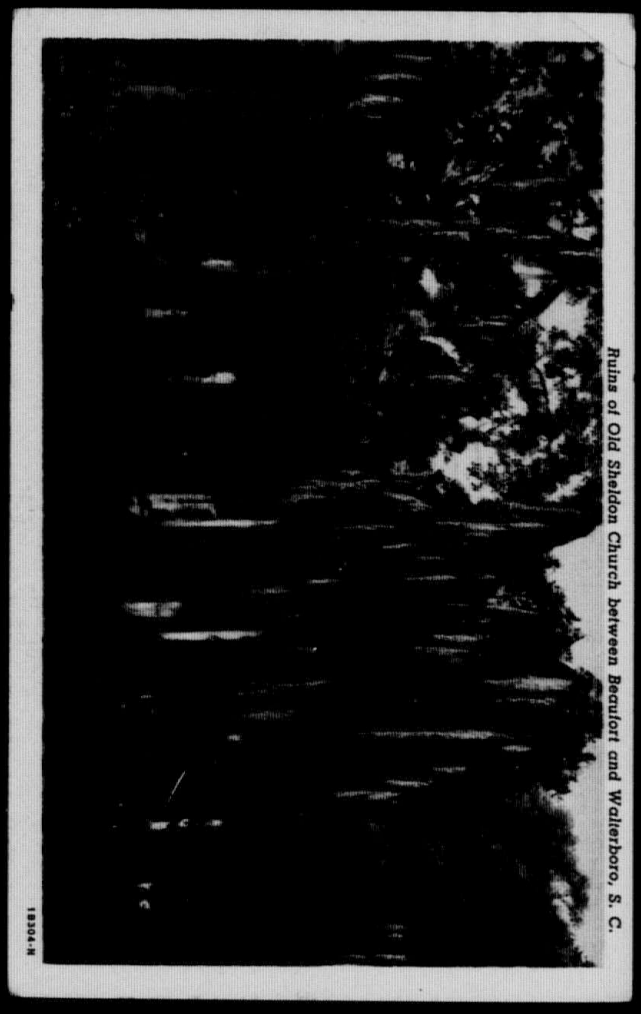

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March 3,1950

My dear Jean:

This little note is just to greet you and Gordon on your return from Florida and to thank you for having had me in your thoughts during your little sojourn at Daytona Beach.

I am glad you have had the trip you have for I recall the beauties of Florida as I experienced them on one occasion, some years ago, and I know the good the little change will bring you both.

I wish I could be sharing the sunshine, the flowers and the out-of-doors in the South. That, however, is, at present, out of the question.

I am hoping when the spring comes to be in good enough shape to enjoy Kingsmere and, while there, to see something of "the family" again.

Mrs. Gordon P. Dunlop,
House 41,
R.C.A.F. Station,
Trenton, Ont.

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very sorry for herself, which is a sad state to get into! I think she is pretty miserable, but it would do her a lot of good to realize that there are many, much worse than she is! She said she had asked you about Billie. It is going to be hard to get a job that will suit him. They make Massey-Harris sound very heartless, but when I remember how good they were to John when he was ill, I find it hard to blame the company. This has been a trying time for a great many people & there is always reaction after war.

We listened to Mr Pearson last night & thought he spoke well. There is no use pointing out the bad. As I used to tell Harry, it is much better to "build with the construction gang, & not the wrecking crew"!

I have Rosabel in bed with a cold. She has had a cough since Christmas, & has not been well, but she was so sick on Monday that we sent for the Dr, & he put her right to bed. She feels they can't get on without her at the office! but the Dr told her she had to stay in bed, and she will probably be there all week. The Dr says he will not give her a certificate, till she is well enough to go back! They have to have a Dr's certificate

March 14, 1950

Since 'phoning you last night, I have been thinking further of Rosabel's cold. In your letter, you mention that she had had a cough since Christmas and had not been well, but she was so sick on Monday that you had sent for the Doctor and that he had put her right to bed.

The last thing I should wish would be to occasion any alarm to either Rosabel or yourself but I do feel our family has had enough of experience with illnesses to know what, if allowed to develop, they may mean in the long run and what should be done at all costs to spare anything of the kind if that is at all possible before the problem becomes too difficult to cope with.

Rosabel is not a strong girl and she has had and continues to have a good deal to tax her strength. I do hope that, on this account, both you and she will do all that is possible to see that, at this time, she does not take any premature step which may cause a prolongation of the trouble she has. A cold sounds a very simple thing but it is the most deceitful of all ills.

I should be happy indeed to meet any expenses of a Doctor or of a little vacation for Rosabel if she could be persuaded to take a real rest and not return to her work too soon. It would be, to say the least, the best of investments, and it should bring pleasure as well as rest to the mind of yourself, Rosabel and myself as well as other members of the family.

Any thought of the office suffering on account of her illness is right enough in itself but entirely wrong where it leads to the belief that it would be better were one at an office when one is not well, than that one should be away for several weeks or months, if need be, and able to carry on in the best of health when there. I wish you could have Rosabel see this. I have seen it so often not only in countless places in the public service but with what illness has meant to all in our family.

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Please tell Rosabel for me that I think it would be wise for her to have a complete medical examination before she thinks of going back to work, and on no account to think of going back without a medical certificate that will give her a fresh and clean start. Do not think of her cold as a matter of a few days in bed - rather in terms of a month's vacation or more if need be.

I hope you, yourself, are guarding all you can against the possibility of developing a cold, particularly at this season of the year.

I, myself, have now had something like two and a half months in which I have found it difficult to move about. This might have been prevented with less activity before Christmas. However I am praying that the rest I have taken and which I am deliberately prolonging will mean a Spring and Summer that I may be able to enjoy. As one advances in years, it is only by way of rest that Nature can have her demands satisfied. If they are not satisfied, her penalties are inevitable and often inexorable.

With fondest love to you both,

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ontario.

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March 17th '50

My dear Willie:

Thank you very much for your very kind letter about Rosalel. She is much too dear to me, to take any chances! Dr. Little was here on Tuesday & gave her a thorough examination & told her she had to take this week off, & longer if he didn't think her state of health was such, that she could go back without danger. She seems much better, but certainly was

is to be slow! I laughed the other night when Dr. Little said a couple of times "slow up"! It is sometimes harder to do that, than the thing we are doing! That is, as Father used to say, "as clear as mud" but you know what I mean!

I was so glad to hear from you about Prince Bernhardt's call at Laurier House, & thank you very much for phoning, & also for your very kind letter. Only hope you are not working too hard & please don't try to write to me - it is just one more task for you & your phone calls are more than enough. Rosalel joins me in best love & many thanks lovingly

Jennie

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in no shape at the beginning
of the week, to take any responsibility
Col. Cooper has been most kind
I has said she is to take as
long as she needs to be quite
fit, before she thinks of going
back. I think the rest & sleep
have done her a lot of good
and I have enjoyed having
her here. We have had no
one at the house dit has
been a real rest. Margaret
has gone to church every
morning, & we're stayed in
bed till 8.30.!!

There was a picture in Margaret's copy of the Citizen, showing Prince Bernhard conferring the Grand Cross of the Order of the Netherlands Lion on you. It is truly wonderful to think you have earned all these honors. We are all very proud of you, & hope you may live many years to enjoy them. As you say, rest is the great healer, but we have to remember that rest is not quitting this busy career, but, what is much harder, fitting ourselves to our new sphere! For me, the hardest thing

March 27th '50

My dear Willie:

Rozatel has gone to the office this morning, but said if she felt it was too much for her, she would come home. She is very much better, & so many of the staff are sick, that she felt she had to go.

Don't think we do not appreciate very sincerely, your extremely Kind Offer to finance a "rest cure" for her, but she is not well enough to go away alone.

raining & very mild.

Again let me thank you, very sincerely, for your kind thought of us, & your very generous offer. You can be sure I will watch Rozatel very carefully, & doing everything possible for her well-being. She is old enough to be sensible, but also old enough to have a mind of her own!

Do hope you are gaining strength & will be able to enjoy the summer.

Best love, dear Willie, & many, many thanks ever your loving sister

Jennie

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I a long drive is out of the question, where would she go? We have been considering it for the last two weeks, for it is very awkward being sick at home where everyone knows you, & every time you go out, wonder why you can't go to the office if you can go out! She does not want to go to Nelson, John, Jean or Harry, as they are all busy, socially, as well as every other way, & all have children! Home is really the best place for anyone who isn't well, but I'm hoping she will be all right from now on. I've done

everything possible for her, & the rest has done her good.

We had John & his family up yesterday. He has been doing quite a lot of speaking on his South American trip, (to Massey Harris & several other organizations) & a great many people have spoken very well of his efforts! He has some really good pictures of the places he visited in South America, & the work the Massey-Harris machines are doing.

Our snow is going very quickly. We didn't get any last week, when you in Ottawa had such a heavy fall. Today it is

March 30th '50

My dear Willie:

We were delighted to hear over the radio, that you had again been honored by another country. It is a great compliment to you, personally, & well deserved. We are all very proud of you and of all you have accomplished & are still accomplishing. Long may you be spared to continue your good work. Our heartiest congratulations.

Rosabel went back to the office

crash yesterday. Wayne Swetlood was a great friend of Jean's & Gordon's. We so glad they were in an American plane. It is terribly sad for the country as well as their families & friends.

We are expecting Jean & her family to come to us for the Easter holidays. Yes, that Johnnie is at school, they can only come at holiday time.

Our best love, & heartiest congratulations on this latest honor

Your loving sister
Jennie

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on Monday. I is gradually
getting back to normal. Today
she is having quite an ordeal.
Two of the head inspectors, one
from Ottawa & the other from
Toronto, are here, giving the
three top members of the staff
an oral examination. I'm
very much afraid Rosabel will
be too nervous to do herself
justice, but we can just
hope for the best. Her day by
day work is much more to her
credit, than anything she
can do in an examination!

We have had Mrs Brymner with us
for a couple of days. Mr Brymner
succeeded Harry here in the bank, &
Mrs Brymner had to come up on business
& asked us to put her up. It is a pleasure
to have someone here for a short visit!
Thank goodness the snow is going, &
it is beginning to warm up. The roads
are in an awful state with so much
melting snow. The crows & robins
are here, and are a welcome sight!
We were terribly shocked at that plane

April 3rd '50

My dear Willie:

I was very distressed when I realized last night that you have been so long upstairs. I thought you were confined to the house, but never dreamt you had been so much in bed. This has been such a queer winter, that I felt you were wise not to take chances on going out, but thought you were living a fairly normal life, as I am. I'm very sorry you have a very strenuous game, & the 2 her partner were top players, which meant they were in all the tournaments. & Dr Little told Rozatel it was using too much of her strength. I am glad she will have a couple of days at Easter, & Jean being here will make the holiday a happy one. I hope you will have a happy week end, & that every day you will feel your strength returning. We all go through a certain amount of weakness, & only then appreciate what good health really means. Rozatel joins me in best love, & in many thanks for your kind thought of her ever from loving sister

Jennie

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had to be so much in bed for it makes you so weak. My friends all think I am foolish to get up for breakfast, but I know how weak you get in bed & had enough of it when I had to stay there! You will feel better when the warm weather comes, & when you get out to Kingsmere you will soon pick up. I am so much better, but I can't walk, except around the house. Haven't been down in the garden for two or a half years: when I told you I was out for Bridge, it was not the kind they play in Ottawa! Mine is

strictly amateur & very conversational! It was at Dell Spry's (an old friend of Bert Harper's) & though it is only in the next block I had to take a taxi! As soon as the streets are clean I am going to try to walk! "A man's reach must exceed his grasp" & if I don't try. I'll never know whether I can do it.

As for Rosabel. She is very much better & every day shows improvement. She reminds me so much of Isabel in many ways, & I have always been specially careful of her. She is not robust, but, like mother, is wiry! She is being a bit more careful herself since she saw the Dr. He made her give up Badminton for the rest of the season. It is

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April 6, 1950.

My dear Margaret:

I enclose a little gift for Easter. Please let it bring every good wish from me to you.

I am sure you are all glad that the winter is well nigh over, and that we may look forward to the happy spring and summer, now that Easter has at last arrived.

Miss Margaret Weyins,
care of Mrs. H.M. Lay,
Boulderfel,
Barrie, Ontario.

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April 6, 1950

My dear Rosabel:

As you are well aware, I have been very anxious about your condition over the past few months. I am glad you took what rest you did but wish it might have been two or three times as long. The Canadian Winters are very trying and you, yourself, have had a good deal in the way of ill-health to contend with. I am sure that all of us need to take periods of rest and that where one is not very strong, the longer they can be made, the better.

I was immensely relieved when, in a letter from your Mother received this week, I learned that the Doctor had suggested your discontinuing badminton for a while at least. I, myself, like you, used to be fond of trying to be at the top in exercises, etc. I have learned, however, that Nature makes strong demands of us all, and if we are not equal to what some particular exercises demand in the way of strength, we are much wiser to substitute something else which will let us conserve what strength we have and gain more.

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I hope if you find your absence from the office has not been long enough to cause you to feel really better, you will get the Doctor to give you a certificate which will permit of this. I am sure this is some thing he will be ready to do and that your employers will fully understand.

I am enclosing herewith a little Easter gift which I hope you will accept with my fondest love and best of wishes.

Except your Mother and yourself, I am not sending out other greetings to other members of the family. I shall trust to you and your Mother giving my love and best of wishes to all.

Miss Rosabel Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ont.

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April 6, 1950

My dear Jennie:

Please find enclosed, to be opened on Easter Sunday morning, a gift which goes to you with my fondest love and best of wishes. The amount is not all that I would like it to be but it will help to cover some of the exceptional expenses you have had to meet this year.

I should be happy indeed if you would allow me, in addition, to meet what you have had to pay out to the Doctors this year. I know something of what expenditures on account of illness come to mean. You have had more than your share to meet.

I was very pleased to receive yesterday your letter of the 3rd instant. I hope, however, that I have not occasioned you undue alarm by mentioning the extent to which I have been confined to the house and to bed during the present year. I was simply anxious that both you and Rosabel should realize how much I have felt it the part of valor to rest up under Doctors' orders, and gain strength which will, I believe, repay itself a thousandfold than to take chances in our

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climate and contract some new germ or get some unnecessary setback by attempting much in the way of work until, as far as was possible, I was, in every way, equal to it.

I am glad to be able to tell you that I have today said good-bye to the day nurse. I hope, before very long, to be able to do the same with the nurse who is here through the night. I hope and believe that will not be very long from now but I am sure it would not have come as soon had I not reconciled myself to giving up work altogether for a time.

While I agree with you that it is well not to give in too soon and to hesitate "trying to walk", etc., I do think that, at our age, we cannot be too careful about extra exertion of any kind. Nature itself will dictate what we are best able to do. I hope, therefore, you will not try, in any way, to exceed what you clearly feel wholly equal to doing. A little more in the way of delay and caution will pay in the end.

As to getting up for breakfast, there again I think you should be governed by your strength. Dr. Barker, of Baltimore, told me, fifteen years ago, that I would gain in the end by taking breakfast and doing part of my work in bed. He mentioned this as one way of meeting Nature's demands as one gets older. I have come to see that he is right.

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If I were you, I would not hesitate for a moment having your breakfast in bed and gaining that much additional rest before you enter on the day's duties. I doubt very much if it would weaken you in the least. You might feel an additional weakness when you are quite sick but I am sure that as you get better, you will feel the additional strength which following this course would give.

I was glad to hear that Jean will be with you at Easter, and that, at that time, Rosabel will have a little free time as well.

Please let this letter bring my fondest love and best of wishes to all of the family for the Easter Season. I am not going to attempt sending out Easter communications to all. I hope you have a very happy day, and indeed the happiest Easter Season you have known in years.

Ever fondest love

Yours affectionately

Willie

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
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12 April, 1950

Dear Uncle Willie

There hasn't seemed to have been a minute since Sunday to get a line off to you to thank you for your wonderful Easter present. It was such a surprise and you've no idea what a thrill you gave me. Your present will go a long way and has been a wonderful morale

of it but for the last six or seven weeks I haven't done anything. Even that short time has made me realize at least to some extent what you have been enduring for some time. Lets hope the summer will bring you good health.

Thank you very very much for being so good to me.

Lots of love,

Rosabel.

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walked into the office to-day so for the next few days we'll be busier than ever.

You have had a long siege of illness. It is a very depressing way to live and we all hope and pray you'll feel much better and stronger as the days go by. You don't realize how lucky you are when you really feel well. I have just had a touch booster.

We've been terribly busy at the office. More and more people seem to be taking advantage of their unemployment insurance benefits as well as using the office to find employment. I think that is one of the reasons that unemployment has seemed higher this year. Fortunately we have a very capable manager which is a big help to all of us. Our annual inspection has just begun. The inspector

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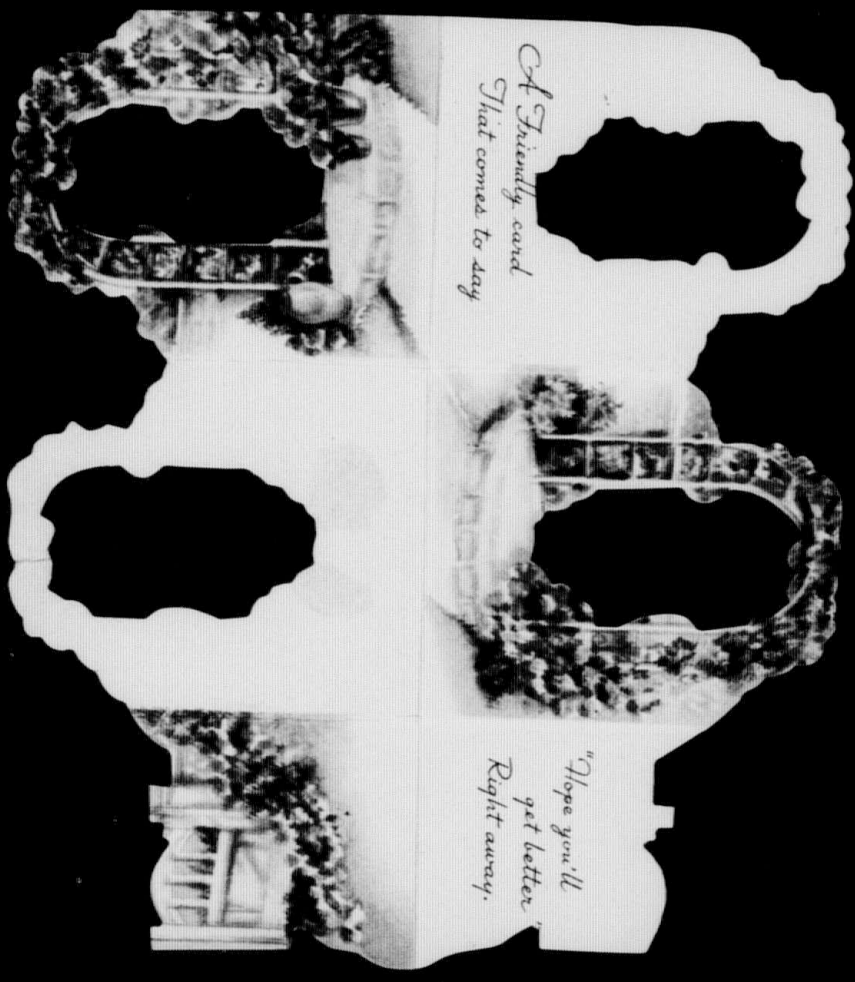

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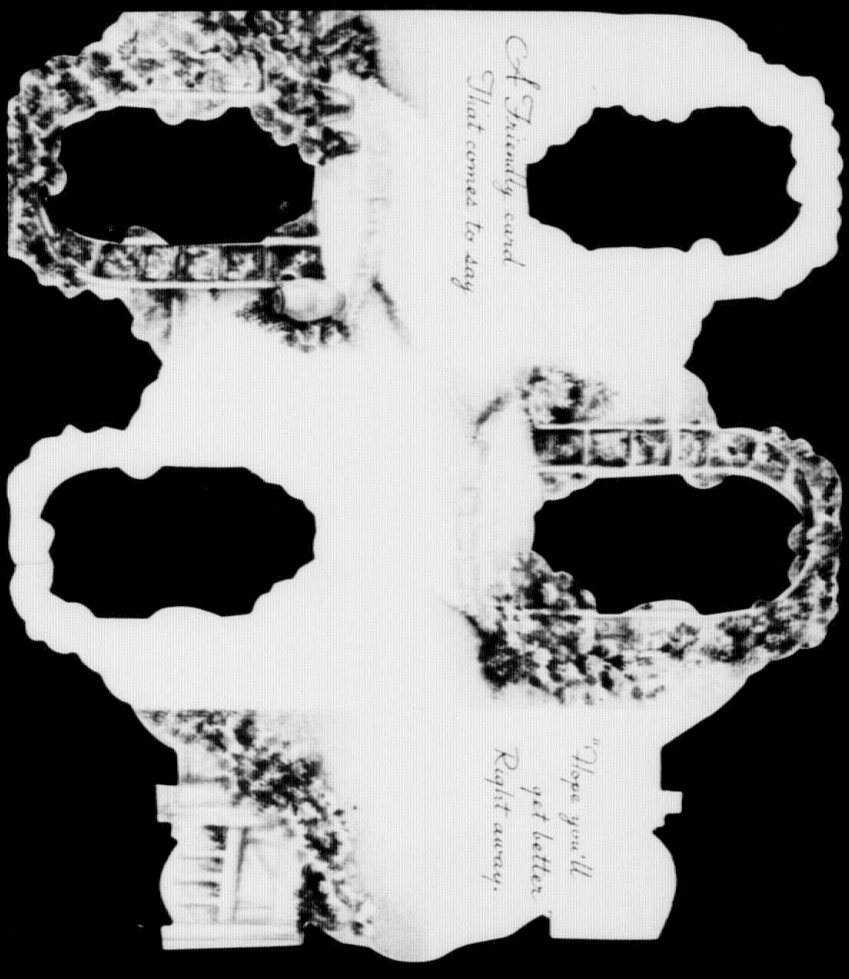

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Dear Willie
We are thinking of you all the time
& hope you are getting stronger every day.
Jean & the children leave on Friday, & I'll
write after they go! Am more than grateful
for my wonderful
Easter gift!
Best love Jennie

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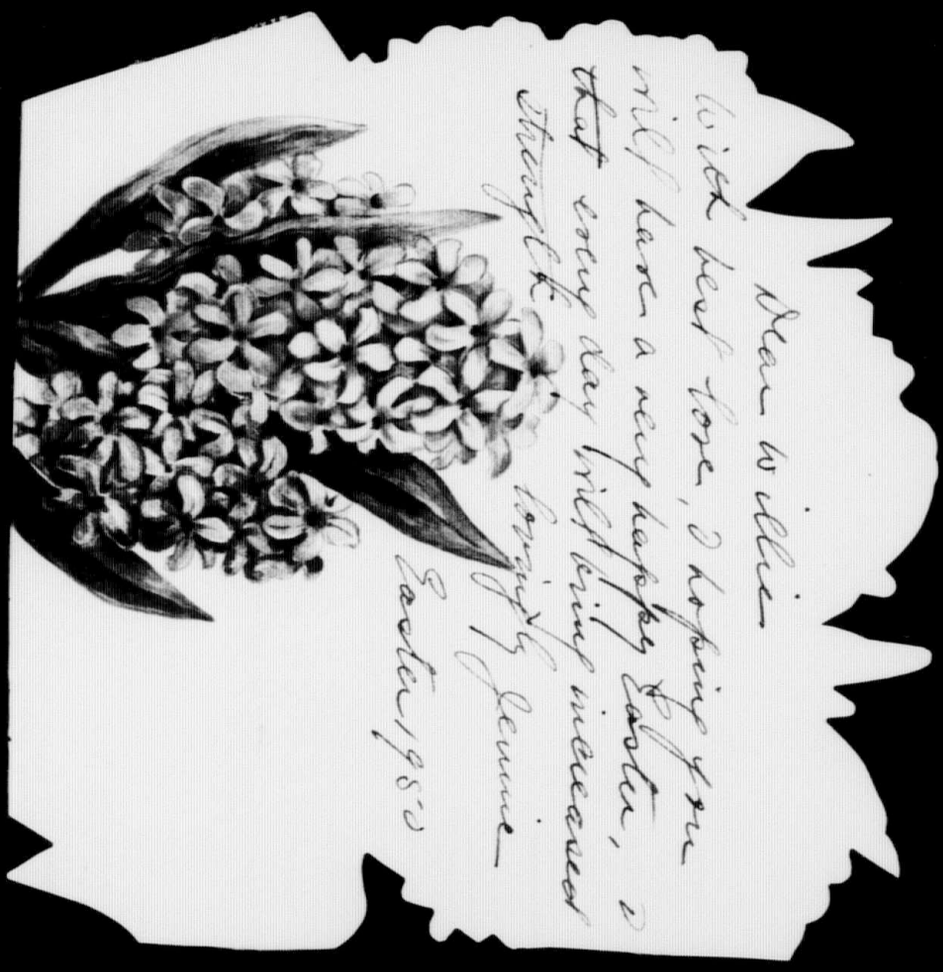

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& chose some material for a dress, had lunch, & drove home. It was a real treat, for I never expected to be in a Toronto shop again! I wasn't a bit tired & it thrilled me to find I could do that much! We didn't go out anywhere while Jean was here, & had no one in, for, with the children, we had a house full! They are the most intelligent & affectionate little boys, & we love having them here, but I find it pays not to try to do more than amuse them & enjoy Jean. They left on Friday at 2 P.M. & Hazel arrived on Saturday a.m.!

April 16th '50

My dear Willie;

It has been simply impossible for me to write this last week, for I couldn't concentrate on anything with so many people around. We loved having Jean & the children, but I find I can do only one thing at a time. Your wonderful Easter gift quite overwhelmed me. I did not expect you to remember us in any way, when you are so sick, & when I got your letter & then, on Sunday, the cheque, I

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year. We can only live from day to day, & enjoy life as it comes. I do hope you will soon be on the up grade, & once you start you will make continuous progress. I can do so much more than I did last year, & that is how we realize there is improvement. Hazel sends her love, & all the children sent their love, & joined with us in thanking you for your wonderful Easter gifts to Rosabel & me. Rosabel is much better & is out in the country for the day. Do hope every day will help you along the road to health.
Again very many thanks & best love ever your loving sister
Thanks too for Jennie
your wire of Easter greetings.

She came up with a friend, & is only staying for the week-end. We went for a lovely drive this morning, & enjoyed our first real day of spring. The snowdrops are coming up in front of the house & the snow is fast disappearing. It will do you a world of good to get out to Kingsmere. Speaking of Kingsmere, Jean said you had mentioned having us there this summer. I want you to put that right out of your mind. It

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would be very foolish, & most unnecessary to take on any extra worries, & if we go to Trenton, we can drive down & see you, but that is all you should undertake. It would be most foolish to open Moorside this year. Next year, if we are both still here, & you feel like it, we might look forward to it, but please don't try it this summer. Margaret was greatly excited when she saw in her Ottawa paper that Mrs Patteson was a great grandmother! She asked me if it had been announced over the radio!! That is how important

an event she thinks it is! Please congratulate Mr & Mrs Patteson for us. Margaret also wanted me to ask you about her income tax. She said Mr Hardy made it out for her last year. I hate to bother you, but promised her I'd mention it.

I was glad to have the picture of you receiving the Belgian decoration. You would not realize from the picture, you were still so much of an invalid. Hazel thinks I am 100% better than when she saw me last in November, & puts a lot of the credit of the improvement to having my teeth out! I really am much better & can even balance myself better than last

April 19, 1950

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ont.

I was very pleased to receive your letter of a day or two ago. I am glad my Easter gift came to hand so opportunely though I was sorry to hear that it had to be applied, in part, in purchasing a new stove. I hope the purchase did not use up too much of the cheque. If it did, please let me know.

I was glad you did not attempt to write earlier in the week. I am convinced there is nothing which is worse for people as they advance in years or who have suffered from heart trouble in any shape or form than pressure of any kind. As one advances in years, it is equally difficult to avoid overdoing.

I am greatly pleased to know that you are feeling so much better this year. That is undoubtedly the fruit of your patience over the past couple of years. There is every reason why if you consistently refuse to overdo or to attempt too much, you should not gain strength month by month, and live for some years yet to come. With care, you should, by the Summer, be able to enjoy not a little of the out-of-doors.

That reminds me that Kingsmere will, of course, be Kingsmere still, and I shall certainly look forward with pleasure to another little visit from you. There is time enough, however, to decide on what may be best for the Summer months.

I am glad to be able to tell you that I am feeling considerably better though it may be some weeks yet before I shall be in shape to walk about on my own, or feel secure in staying out at Kingsmere. I have lost in weight some twenty-five pounds since the beginning

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of the new year but that is all to the good. It relieves the strain on one's heart and is beneficial in other ways.

I have much less trouble in the matter of breathing but I suffer from nightsweats and indeed from almost continuous perspiration. That is a form of weakness that I shall have to get over by degrees. However, I believe the real cause for anxiety is over, and that I shall be able to get on with the writing of the Memoirs and be perhaps in better shape than ever.

You will be interested in knowing that I had, as a caller - though I might almost say, as a visitor - on Monday last, the Duke of Windsor who, as you will have seen by the papers was on his way, through Ottawa, to New York. The Duke called on his own account saying how much he had appreciated a note I had sent him to the station, not being able myself to be out to call on him personally. We had a most enjoyable talk together. It is the second time he has been at Laurier House. The time before, he was here when Baldwin and he and the Duke of Kent came out for the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation. He could not have been pleasanter than he was, and each of us enjoyed our hour's talk together over a cup of tea which we had in the sunroom. The balance of the time we were together in my library, also in the dining room.

I think I was the only person the Duke called on in Ottawa except, of course, the Governor General whose guest he was for the day. I was much taken with the great improvement I saw in him in every respect. My last important talk with him was at the time of the abdication. The last time we actually talked together was at the White House, in Washington, in 1941, at the time that Churchill addressed Congress.

I am glad to hear that the weather is becoming so pleasant at Barrie; also that Rosabel is feeling the benefit of the oncoming of Spring. Please thank Rosabel for me for her lovely little letter which, tell her, I greatly enjoyed.

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April 19, 1950.

Dear Mrs. Lay:

Mr. King has told me of your wish to have an income tax return prepared for Miss Margaret Nevins. I am pleased to attach a form completed as far as it is possible for me to do so.

Miss Nevins will be required to show on this form such information, if any, as charitable donations for which receipts must be attached. These include receipts for church donations or subscriptions to Red Cross, Community Chest, etc., and the total of these donations should be inserted on Page 3 at the mark indicated by (I).

If there are any medical expenses which Miss Nevins has incurred in the year, in excess of 4% of her net income (of approximately $43.20), this amount will also be deductible and should be added to the total of charitable donations.

	The personal exemption of	$1,000
PLUS	the charitable donations,	--
PLUS	the medical expenses	--
	should be added....(total)	$ (A)

THEN this amount (A) deducted from $1,080 in the space marked (2) on the form.

The difference of these two amounts will indicate the taxable income. If you will kindly examine the form, you will see that her wages for the year 1949 are estimated on the basis of $70 a month, and that value of free board and living accommodation is given as $20 a month, making a total $90 per month or $1,080 for the year 1949.

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As the basis of exemption for every one is $1,000, the taxable income would then be $80 or, according to the table on Page 4, a tax to pay of $11.00 The taxable amount may be subsequently reduced from this $80 depending, of course, on any charitable or medical receipts Miss Nevins may claim, as already mentioned in the 2nd paragraph.

If Miss Nevins will attach her cheque for the required amount, and mail the signed copy with the cheque to the District Income Tax Office at Ottawa, as soon as possible, but before April 30th, this will be entirely in accordance with regulations.

I hope you and Miss Rosabel are keeping very well. I am happy to be able to report that Mr. King is continuing to make steady progress toward recovery. What a trying Winter this last one has been for us all!

Yours sincerely,

-- P.S. I am enclosing herewith Mr. King's cheque made payable to Margaret Nevins for Eleven Dollars ($11.00). Mr. King thinks it would be advisable for Miss Nevins to cash this cheque in Barrie; hold it in part, and to make out, later on, a separate cheque of her own from Barrie to the Receiver General of Canada, Ottawa, Canada, for the exact amount of the tax owing the Government.

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
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BARRIE, Ont.

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We live on our side verandah, which is screened, & as soon as it is warm enough, we have all our meals out there.

We were very interested to hear of the Duke of Windsor's visit. He certainly doesn't look as if he had improved! The visit to Ottawa seemed very sad, to me. The contrast to other visits! I'm very glad you were well enough to see & talk to him, for it would be a bright spot in his visit.

None of your Easter cheque went on my store. It was bought & paid for, before Easter. John got it for me, wholesale, for $247.00 including installation. As a matter of fact, it was ordered three years ago, but, when I was so ill, I cancelled the order thinking I wouldn't need it. Of course I may not need it this time, but I have hopes! At any rate it removes one of Margaret's grievances. It should save a little power too!

We expected John & his family for dinner today, but he had to take the Trade Commissioner from India, over to the Falls. Last week-end Harry flew up to Jean's with his squadron, & spent Saturday night with her. Harry flew a jet fighter plane, which

I wrote a note to Mr Best telling him I was sorry not to be able to be at the Opening of Mackenzie House, but I know it would be foolish to attempt it. I'll go some day when there is no crowd. John didn't get an invitation but I told him to ask for one. He would like to be there.

There isn't anything of special interest here, & both Rosabel and I are well! Just hope you will soon be able to say the same. Our best love & again many thanks

ever your loving sister
Jennie

May 2nd '50

My dear Willie:

John & his family were up for the day on Sunday, & Helen McMurrich came up yesterday & stayed over night; so I didn't get my usual letters written. We have been housecleaning all week, & had one room papered & painted, and my time has been pretty well taken up. I'm so thankful to be able to do so much more

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than I could last year.
Enclosed is the "change" from the eleven dollars you sent for Margaret's Income tax which was only five dollars. Please do not send it back.
Thank you very much.
Helen McM. has just got home from a trip to Mexico & looks very well. She certainly has any amount of energy, & one day with her, is enough at a time! She sent you her love & was most interested in hearing about you, & about

the Duke of Windsor calling on you! It is astonishing how many people are interested in that!

I hope you are continuing to improve, & that soon you will be able to get out. John took us for a lovely drive on Sunday, & it did me good.

I get out very little, as Rosabel is seldom home before six, & it isn't any pleasure going out in the dark. Daylight saving will make a difference. It looks today, as if Spring is really here.

even last fall. Probably my new teeth, have something to do with it!

I hope you will soon be able to make the trip to Kingsmere, for the very fact that you have done it, will give you a "lift"! I know my trip to Toronto with Jean, did me, a lot of good, just knowing that I could do it!

Rosabel joins me in sending best love, & in congratulating you on the new honor which has been conferred upon you. You have a very wonderful collection!

With best love your loving sister
Jennie

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May 8th '50

Dear Willie:

It was good of you to phone on Saturday night, & I enjoyed our talk. You sounded much better, & we were glad to hear you had been out for a couple of drives.

I phoned John first thing yesterday morning, & they came up for dinner. I told him to be sure that Arthur, as well as Mary himself, went to the dinner as well as to the afternoon affair. He couldn't get Mr. Best before he

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left, but was going to call him last night, & also call Arthur. I wish all the children could be there, but that is impossible but I wrote Jean & Harry, & told them to be sure to listen to Mr Brockington. I am so glad he is to give the address for he is a very fine speaker. It is too bad we cannot be on hand for the ceremonies, but it would be madness to attempt it. Some day, when we are in Toronto, we will call & see the house. I have only been there once, several years ago.

Rosabel is much better, but is very tired as they have had inspectors there for the last three weeks, & it has meant a lot more work and late hours. I am glad she can get out in the fresh air, a little oftener, now that Daylight Saving is here. It is so cold we haven't taken off our double windows, & there isn't much one can do in the garden with the rain & cold weather. It will probably turn hot all of a sudden! We are busy housecleaning, & I am astonished at how much more I can do, than I could

set of "Susie Cooper" dishes so we could have unchipped china for a change! This "Mothers' Day" is just a racket & I don't approve of it! The children are all very sweet to me, & I appreciate it. We were going to Mackenzie House yesterday, but it isn't yet open to the general public & I didn't want to have to go with Mr. Best after our dive down. I would rather go when no outsider is with us. Mr. Best told John to phone any time I was down she would be glad to take us. Now that the summer is coming we can do more diving. Hope you are gaining strength steadily, I will soon get out to Kingsmere. Rosalet joins with me in best love from loving sister Jennie

Dear Willie: May 15th '50

Yesterday being "Mothers' Day," Rosalet & I went down & had dinner with John & his family. So didn't get any letters written. Have been too busy all week, cleaning house, & do any writing. We had a very happy day in Islington, and John & Mary gave us first hand accounts of the Tuesday meeting. They were loud in their praise of both Mr. Frost's & Mr. Brockington's addresses, & said the whole

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proceedings were most enjoyable. Colin was very disgusted that only "Mackenzie King's" picture was in the paper. Margery told Mary that Mackenzie didn't think the other children should have been there! I am glad they are calling him by the whole name instead of the silly "Kenzie"! The same might be said of Jean's lad, only there is this difference, that "Mac" stands for both you & Mac, & I wanted him called Mac. All these children are a great interest to me. Both John & Mary like Arthur's wife very much.

It was very good of you to phone after the address on Tuesday evening. I went to bed before the news, & enjoyed Mr. Brockington in comfort! John said he Mr. B. stood while giving the whole address. He certainly is "a man with a handicap"!

We had our first warm day yesterday but it is cold again today. Jean phoned first thing in the morning, & Harry last night after he got home from Montreal where he had been flying in a sham battle! Jean is giving me a phone extension on the verandah for the summer as a "Mother's Day" gift, & Rosabel gave me a breakfast

May 17, 1950

My dear Jennie.

I was glad to receive, this morning your letter of the day before yesterday and to know that you had had such a pleasant visit with John and Mary in Toronto.

It delights me beyond words to know that you are getting back so much of your health and strength. Let me beg of you, however, to watch more closely than ever what you attempt. It is at the time that you feel new energy that the temptation comes to overdo. If you continue "to watch your step" as they say, I am sure you will find you have a new lease of life before you and well deserved it is.

I was amused, this morning, after reading your letter, to see an article in the Ottawa Citizen on Mother's Day. The writer's view seems so wholly in accord with your own that I am cutting it out and am enclosing it herewith. I am sure you will greatly enjoy the reading of it.

I am glad the Mackenzie House Opening went off as well as it did. It was unfortunate the day was such a poor one. The great thing, however, is that Mackenzie's old home is now an historic site and will be cared for by a Foundation which has won the

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recognition of the head of the Province and of the city of Toronto, and that with the approval of Conservatives and Liberals alike. I thought Brockington's speech in the evening as fine as anything I have ever listened to. It will be bound in pamphlet form and is a record of which all Mackenzie's descendants may well be proud.

I would not be in any haste about visiting the House. Perhaps some day, we could see it together.

I am glad John and Mary are so fond of Arthur and his wife. I think very well of both of them.

I am just going out for a short motor ride, so shall not write more. Dr. Brow, the head of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, is to be in Ottawa on Friday and Saturday and is coming to look me over. I want to be in the best shape possible when he arrives so am saving energy as much as I can.

Mrs. H.M. Lay,
"Boulderfel",
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May 21st '50

My dear Willie:

I kept thinking of you yesterday, and hoping that Dr. Brow's report was all you could wish it to be. I do hope he found you much better in every way, for a good report will give your health a "boost!" The sunshine, too, helps a lot. It has been a beautiful day here, and seems to be getting warmer. It is hard to realize May is so nearly over. We have been busy, & the days fly. I hope

He very kindly offers to send me copies of Brockington's address when they are ready. I'll be delighted to have them, for it was one of the finest speeches I've ever heard. It was a great tribute to Grandfather. I don't know when I may go to Toronto, but must go some day soon to get a rug for the dining room. The present one is a menace! It is too bad so many things go to pieces at the same time. Of course we did nothing during the war years, & since then I've tried to do a little each year, but the whole house needed doing over. At first I did nothing, thinking it would be sold, but we can't live in a house most keep it respectable! I'm glad I can do a little more than last year, but if I go to Toronto, it will be straight

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it will soon be possible for you to get out to Kingsmere. I think you should give up all thought of having us at Kingsmere this summer. With Jean not in Ottawa, it means a lot more work getting bedding & linen, silver etc out to Moorside, and I'm sure you will not be using the big house this summer. It is foolish to go to all the work & expense of opening the house for only two weeks. Jean wants us to go to Trenton, & drive down to see you, if you are able to be bothered with us. I feel very strongly that you should not take on any unnecessary responsibilities when you are just starting on the upgrade. So far we haven't made any plans, but Rosabel was told last week that her holidays would be at the same time as last year, from July 8th to 22nd. I want you to feel that we deeply appreciate your even thinking of inviting us, but to wait till next summer, when you will be stronger.

Thank you very much for the clipping about Mothers' Day. I decidedly agree with the writer. It is just too much!

I had a very nice letter from Mr. Best.

down & back, without taking in Mackenzie House. Perhaps, as you say, we may go together some day. Did you see the picture in the Star, May 18th, of Grandfather's house in Queenston? When "Woodside" is restored there will be three houses for our descendants to be proud of! They don't know how lucky they are!

Rosabel is spending the day in the country, & Margaret is at church! I am giving her the 24th off, to go to a "Holy" something up in Midland, at the Martyrs' Shrine. It is a day I prefer to stay at home!

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Thank goodness the house cleaning is nearly over, Mr Rayner keeps me at it, & when I stop, aches are at it, & when I stop, aches are at it, & when I stop, aches are

Copy for family letters

May 26, 1950.

I thank you for your letter of May 21st.

Dr. Brow paid me quite a lengthy visit - a consultation, in fact, of an hour and a half with Dr. Laidlaw who is my physician here. As a result of the examination and consultation, my medicine has been changed, and I am, at the moment, breaking into a new course of treatment. I have never liked being obliged to take morphine, and particularly, to have injections, as I have had to have each night this year until Monday last.

One of the purposes of the examination was to find some means of getting rid of injections, also means of adding to my physical strength. A change-over of the kind is always difficult, and the first day or two were a bit trying. However, last night I had the best rest I have had since Christmas, and it was without the necessity of any injection whatever. It looks as if, from now on, I may be able to become free of injections. As I am able to go out driving each day, it looks as if I may be able to get out before long to Kingsmere. Being out of doors, is what I need most.

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I shall not give up the thought of the possibility of your being up at Kingsmere for a short visit during the Summer, but will make no definite plans until a little later on. Meanwhile, you might give some thought as to what would be required in the way of necessary equipment, either on your part or mine, should you come down for a little stay at Moorside, as I hope may be possible whether a part of your holiday is spent, as I assume, it will be, with Jean at Trenton or not.

I shall keep in mind that the time at which Rosabel has her vacation is during July 8th to 22nd. Of course, I would wish you and Rosabel, apart from all else, not to hesitate to make whatever other arrangements for your Summer vacation would be likely to prove most acceptable to you both.

It is, as you say, truly amazing what a number of houses there are which have had their association with our family and to which special attention is being given at this time - the Mackenzie House on Bond Street, Toronto, Woodside in Kitchener, and the house at Queenston. Apart from having promised to do what I can in assisting in the restoration and equipment, of each of these houses, I am having the additional problem of the disposition to be made of Laurier House, when my day of life is over; also of the Kingsmere properties which I am anxious to leave to the State.

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I am hoping if I can, to bring it about, that, whatever has come to me from outside sources, in virtue of the position I have held, and because of the confidence the people of the country have had in me as their leader, shall be returned itself or by its equivalent in some form to the State. This, of course, is all confidential.

I might tell you this also in great confidence. I have arranged, only this week, for publication through the Macmillan Publishing Company in Toronto of grandfather Mackenzie's life by Miss Catherine Maclean of London, England. It will probably take Miss Maclean all of two years to write the life of Mackenzie, and she will have to come to Canada to work on some of the papers in the Toronto Library. She may not be able to begin before the Summer is over. I am anxious to make this my contribution to the memory of mother's father, and indeed, a memorial in equal measure to mother herself.

Whenever you have a little spare time, I wish you would jot down for purposes of future record, incidents you may recall respecting mother's life or Mackenzie's life which will fittingly come into the biography of grandfather Mackenzie. I believe the story of his life may be made one of the great books of our day in what it may inspire of the highest patriotism.

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Thank you so much for sending me the picture in the Star of the Queenston House. I would have missed it altogether otherwise.

I am pleased you are feeling so much better, but be careful above all else not to overdo, no matter what Margaret may say to you. If you keep on conserving your strength, you may be surprised how rapidly from now on you will continue to gain back much of what has inevitably been lost over recent years.

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
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May 28th '50

My dear Willie:

Have been thinking of you constantly & wondering about the Dr's report. It helps so much to get a good report. & I'm sure, after all the care you have taken this winter, you will be feeling much better. Now is the time to be specially careful. We have had some lovely days, & each

& unfortunately Rosabel is one of the two who can sign & verify cheques. It looks now as if she may not get off till the middle of August, but they are to know definitely tomorrow. It makes no difference to me, except that I want to plan for the summer. They were just told yesterday of the change of plans.

Three of our big maple trees came down in the two storms we had. I hate to see them down but we were lucky they didn't strike anything.

This is just a little line to show we are thinking of you, & to send our best love lovingly Jennie

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day, when it is bright & sunny
I wonder whether you will get
out to Kingsmere!
I am alone today. Rosabel
has a friend who has a cottage
out on the lake shore, & they
go out there on every possible
occasion. She spent the 24th
there, and Margaret went up
to Midland to visit the Martyn's
Shrine, there. This is her day
out so she is off somewhere.
It is so lovely to be able to get
out of doors once more.

June 10th is Air Force Day, & Rosabel &
I hope to drive down to Trenton for the
day. John & his family may go too, &
I can watch from the house, while
the others take in the games! I don't
attempt crowds. It is nine years
since I have been at an afternoon tea.
I'm never going to start again!
Our holidays have all been changed.
The manager in Newmarket is ill, &
some one from here has to take his
place which means that two of the
senior girls cannot be away together,

June 7th 50

My dear Willie:

Your letter, which came early in the week, was full of interest. In the first place, let me say how delighted I am you have been able to give up taking morphine, & still have a good nights' sleep. I do hope the change of treatment will prove beneficial in every way, & that you will soon be feeling much stronger. As you say, once you can get out regularly, the fresh air will help greatly to build up your strength. It is still too cold here to use the verandah, but each day we hope for better weather. So far, we have had to turn on the heat for a little time each day, but this is the season when the oil 'hot' air furnace really pays!

there for our holidays, but I told her we hadn't made any plans until we knew where we were to go. She said she didn't think you should have to worry about us this year, & I feel the same. She suggested that we drive down from Trenton & spend the day with you if you were able to have us. It all depends on how you are, but I really feel it would be better for you not to try to entertain us this summer. You have been so good to us that you need not feel you have to do the same every year!

We were very interested in reading of the visit of Ali Khan & his wife to Lansdowne House. They seem to be very fine people & their visit should help world friendship.

John & his family were up today for dinner & they brought with them Mr. John English who is Canadian Trade Commissioner in Washington. He knows Nelson & Helen, & we enjoyed having him. He is in Toronto for the Trade Fair. John broadcast to Peru, in Portugese from the fair yesterday. He says Portugese is much like Spanish. I would like to have heard him!

This is all for tonight. Do hope your health will continue to improve. Rosabel is not, but would join in sending best love, lovingly Jennie

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We can turn it on for a few minutes & take the chill from the air.
What you tell me about the disposition of Laurier House, & the other houses, is most interesting, but what we have always felt you intended to do. It makes a big difference having no family of your own: Mr. St Laurent will have no such difficulty!
I hope Miss Catherine Maclean will write a good book, for there seems to be plenty of material. I wish the writer would come along, who would write a decent biography of your life! That will probably not come till we have passed on! The book of Hardy's always gives me a feeling of irritation when I think of it! There is so much that could have been improved & corrected.
I have been leading in "Life" the Duke of Windsor's story of his own life.

I would hate to be a King! (other than the kind I am!) but I suppose any public office is much the same, in a lesser degree.
You will probably hear from Jean tomorrow. She is going down for the Air Force ceremonies & will try & phone you. Eight of them are flying from Trenton, &, as all are friends, it should be most enjoyable. It is evidently going to be quite a day for the Air Force! We hope to drive to Trenton next week-end for "Air Force Day" so will hear all about it. Rosabel is getting Saturday off, so will go down Friday & come back on Sunday. Rosabel heard yesterday that she is to take her holidays the first two weeks in July. We couldn't make any definite plans till we knew the date. Jean phoned us on Wednesday & said she was counting on us going

June 7th 50

My dear Willie:

This is just a little note to tell you that Margaret has decided she doesn't want to come back to Banie after her holidays. I am trying to persuade her to stay till September but she hasn't given me her answer yet. In a way I'm sorry, for she has been a great comfort in many ways, but she has got very independent, & I can't say a word to her. Also she

I don't sleep very much - never more than three hours - but last night I took a pill & had a good night! I hate doing it but once in a while, feel it helps.

Rosabel joins me in best love & in the hope that you are feeling much better

ever your loving sister

Jennie

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is slacking up on the work wherever she can, & it is a constant irritation. She says she has been thinking of leaving for some time, as she wants to be back in Ottawa. She is fond of the children which is a by thing, & is so honest & respectful. However there is no pleasure keeping a maid who doesn't want to stay, & Rosabel is on the look out for some one to take her place. Don't let this worry you, for I think a change will be good for all concerned.

We saw by the papers that you have been honored by Western University. Our heartiest congratulations.

We haven't heard from Jean since she was in Ottawa on Monday. That must have been quite a day!

We also saw in Margaret's paper that Mr Measures' son has graduated. Margaret always points out items of interest.

I do hope you are keeping better & that you can sleep without morphine.

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June 9, 1950

My dear Jennie:

I have your two letters before me - one of June the 4th, and the other of the 7th.

There is little to say about the 4th as it is mostly in the nature of an acknowledgment of what I had previously written you concerning Laurier House and the Kingsmere properties; also what I had told you of the change of treatment which involves the giving up of morphine.

As regards the latter, it is now almost a fortnight since the change. I have reason to believe it is all to the good. I have no doubt there is morphine in the mixture they have given me to take at the time of going to bed but as I am taking less and less of that each night, I may soon be rid of it altogether, specially when I got out to Kingsmere which I hope may be at the end of next week, if the weather should be propitious at the time.

You will already have heard from Jean that she 'phoned me while here, and that we were both agreed that this year, everything considered, it would perhaps be pleasantest for you and Rosabel, and also for Jean herself, to have you altogether at Trenton. I, of course, would greatly have welcomed your being at Kingsmere but perhaps a year hence, both you and I will be in better shape that we are at present. It is indeed splendid the way you have come on. Every possible care must now be taken to see that you continue to gain ground and do not lose any of what has been so preciously won.

That brings me to your last letter which I received yesterday and would have answered at once if the day had not been otherwise filled in advance.

The word that Margaret has decided she does not want to come back to Barrie after her holidays is indeed the most serious of any received from the time that she came to live with you. How serious it is, none of us, I believe, can begin to imagine. To my mind, if it had not been possible to secure Margaret at the time she came to you, and had she not been with you continuously since, I doubt very much if your life would have been spared, and that today we would all be enjoying the happiness which your partias recovery has brought in such large measure to us all, and particularly the joy that the

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possibility of an all but complete, if not complete recovery brings at this time. Be that as it may, I feel that every effort should be made to have Margaret stay on. That, of course, may be impossible. If she is determined to go, and nothing can persuade her to stay, of course the situation that will then arise will have to be faced and met as best it can. What I would implore, however, is that if there is anything that can induce her to stay, be it extra money or extra holidays, or aught else, that the inducement should be at least attempted.

All servants are more or less difficult, particularly those with Irish temperaments, and those who have had solitary lives and few friends that Margaret has had. But where you get honesty and loyalty, and actual care and companionship, be they however slight, with conditions what they are in the world today, these qualities are worth their weight in gold. One has to think not only of the limitations but of what the actual situation will be like once you should be left alone. I know all this is present to your mind but I am urging its consideration anew because of the appalling situation which I see will present itself at once, the moment you should come to be left alone.

The situation, I think, should be made known at once and very clearly to John and Jean and Harry Jr. I say this because I, myself, can no longer, I fear, be counted upon to help in some things even to the limited extent I have in the past. I will, of course, continue to make to you the allowance for a servant which I have, of late, been making in payment to and for Margaret. If she could be induced to stay by some further inducement, I would even go the length of meeting that in some way, but whatever I do for a servant must continue to be conditional on the money that I send for that purpose being used for that purpose, and that purpose alone. By that, I mean I would not care to be taken out of my income, $70. a month for a servant, $40. or $50. of which would be going to her, the difference to be used in some other way, and for some other purpose. I look on this larger amount as an investment against a crisis. Looking back over the past, I should say it was perhaps the best of the investments I have made in many years.

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If Margaret is determined to go, do, at whatever cost, make some arrangement which will ensure her being with you until you have someone to take her place. Do not ever run the risk of having to look after the house yourself, or having to have Jean undertake that task in addition to her present work. I can help and will be glad to help further in any way I can, but unfortunately I, too, in our little family circle, have become a liability rather than an asset, and unhappily am unable to say just which way, from now on, the balance is likely to turn.

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I will not write more as writing at length is one of the things that the Doctors have advised me against; particularly when the least tired, and I find I tire very readily.

This letter is just to implore you to make any arrangement you can with Margaret to have her stay. Any inducement which will keep her over the Summer to begin with, and until the end of the year, if need be. You can make it all in the nature of an extra gift from me - as a gift to her which I am making also as a gift to you. I really cannot say what it will mean to me. I have to guard against worry as against all else. I know that all this is equally true of your. Don't forget Margaret felt this way a year ago, but overcame the feeling. Do, do, if you possibly can arrange to have her stay till at least this year is out.

With fondest love,

Yours affectionately,

(Signed) Willie.

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
"Boulderfel",
Barrie, Ont.

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June 14th '50

My dear Willie:

Your letter was waiting for me when we returned from Trenton. Jean's phone talk with you when she was in Ottawa makes one feel that you are still far from the desired state of health, but I do hope the new treatment will bring improvement every day. I think it is very wise to give up all thought of having us there. It would be an extra worry, & for my own part, I would be quite content to stay at home this summer. Jean however is very keen to have us there, & I hope Rosalie will enjoy being with young people. I told Jean I was quite content with whatever arrangements she made, but I did feel we should not go to Kingsmere this year. Last year was for that purpose for by the time you clothe & feed her there is not much over! I am truly grateful for the comfort she has brought, & realize I couldn't have kept her a month if it had not been for your generosity. She came when I really needed her. She has been a great blessing. She told me there was no reason for her leaving except that she had been here nearly three years, & would like to be back in Ottawa. Perhaps after she has a holiday there, she may be glad to come back.

I would have written sooner, but I wanted to tell you what Margaret had decided to do. I am doing my best. I told her what you said, & also that Jean said she could leave before Jean had her holiday here. She loves the children & Jean too, & is always asking me when they are coming. Also, she is as disappointed as I am when John & his family do not come up for Sunday dinner. We have to take our holidays from the 1st July so it is only two weeks away.

I do hope you will be able to get out to Kingsmere for I know the air out there will do you good. We are having our meals on the verandah. It is so lovely. Again many thanks & much love Jennie

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such a happy holiday, but I feel you are wise to consider your strength. Not take on any unnecessary tasks. That is one reason I hated to write you about Margaret, but I felt I should. I have offered to pay her return fare to Ottawa, or give her two weeks' holiday, if she will stay till the end of September. I don't know what she intends to do, for she gives me no satisfaction when I ask. She told me yesterday that she wouldn't stay another winter "in that cold, damp room". Her room has the stove pipe through it, & her bathroom is the warmest room in the house. She is the first maid I've ever had complaine as to the damp. That is when the water backs under the eaves, & is nothing we can remedy. I hoped the new roof would rectify that, but it is what nearly every one has to put up with, & certainly isn't a damp room! The same thing happens in my room once in a while, & it is just when the water backs under the eaves in the spring time. I was amazed when she said that to me yesterday, for she can keep her room as warm as she wants to. I can truly say that Margaret has never been any place where she has had more kindness & consideration or where she could do as she pleased as she does here. No maid is perfect, & I quite appreciate all Margaret's fine qualities, much more than she does mine! I have no intention of trying to do without a maid, as Rosabel does nothing in the house, & I don't expect her to. She sent up a very nice woman the day after Margaret told me she wasn't coming back, but the woman wanted to take a place at once, so, of course, I couldn't take her as I wouldn't leave a perfect stranger in the house when we go away. I understand perfectly that the $100.00 a month you give me, is for Margaret, & I have used it

June 15, 1950

My dear Jennie:

I was so pleased to have the little talk with you which we had over the 'phone last night. Somehow I feel you will yet be able to manage to have Margaret stay. If you think a letter from me to her would be of any help or a talk over the telephone with her, don't hesitate to let me know. On the other hand, I do not wish to interfere in any way for I understand only too well how important it is that no one should come between a mistress and her servant.

My point is this: Margaret, like a good many of the Irish people whose environment has been very circumscribed, cannot be expected to have other than ugly turns at times which, at some times, takes them weeks or months to get over. The Kellys out at Kingsmere have that failing, and indeed Margaret always gave evidence of it but it must be regarded as being such.

The one thing I want you to avoid at all costs is worry begotten of uncertainty. For that reason, please believe that, knowing how faithful and loyal she is at heart, you can make any arrangement you like with Margaret, and I will gladly foot the bill.

As to holidays, I would feel that she was entitled to enjoy them in Ottawa or where her friends are here, and I would not think twice of whether she was to come down by train or by motor bus or by motor arranged for in some other way. That I would gladly meet; also make any special arrangement you can to keep her through the Summer and, better still, until the end of the year. You are free to tell her that I am joining you in this, or do it solely on your own, as you may think best.

I do know, however - and every one I know also seems to know - that there is nothing so difficult today as to get a new servant that you can rely on, and so long as you are not perfectly strong, and Rosabel has also need to get all the rest she can, I would let everything else go before taking exception to anything Margaret might say or do, as long as she is prepared to stay on and at least be on hand to help in any emergency.

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You have made such magnificent progress right along that I feel, if you get through this Summer and Autumn successfully, it will be possible to make some satisfactory arrangement over the Winter. If there is any water coming over the eavestroughs, that is a natural source of trouble and complaint. Surely there must be some way of having that kind of trouble mended. To help to meet that situation, I personally would be glad to pay to you whatever may be necessary to have it looked after immediately, both in your room and in Margaret's. What I really want you to feel is that, in these kinds of things, there is no real sacrifice because, if not attended to forthwith, they are apt to create a situation which it costs fifty or one hundred times as much to remedy in the end.

My idea would be that you make some proposition to Margaret about giving her her holidays and the expenses of coming to Ottawa and return to Barrie, as a part of what she is entitled to in connection with this year's engagement, at the same time telling her that you are prepared to give her, on her return, an extra Five Dollars ($5,00) a month or more which I am prepared to have sent for that purpose, the whole being on the condition that she remains with you until the end of the year; also with the hope that she may continue even after that.

It is perfectly clear from the fact that it is only within the last day or two that she has raised the question of the water in her room, that those are not the real reasons which have unsettled her. Were that the real reason, she would have given it as the real reason when she spoke of leaving. From what you tell me, I feel they are the marks of homesickness more than anything else, and once she has a vacation, she may have an entirely different outlook.

What is given her in the way of vacation and increase should not be left to chance but to the certainty of her being with you once the holiday is over. Alsono matter how it is to be arranged, don't, on any account, be without having the right persons to look after the house, and what is incidental to keeping things in proper shape during her absence.

Once again, let me say that so far as domestic service is concerned, if it is a question of money, I will myself be prepared to make whatever additional sacrifice may be necessary to ensure your having no anxiety on that score, so long as this means that you take no chances on having Margaret or someone of equal loyalty at your side. Your life and mine alike have reached the stage where that is imperative and

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where nothing else very much matters.

-- I enclose a clipping or two you will be glad to see. The Bridge is very large! It will run right across in centre of the city; over the railway tracks and the canal. All papers; sides of parties are favourable.

Fondest Love,
"Willie"

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"Boulderfel",
Barrie,
Ontario.

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June 17, 1950

"My dear Jennie:"

I can only say that with all my heart I am grateful to you for so arranging matters as to have made it possible for Margaret to stay. I do not recall any moment in the last year or two which occasioned me so much concern as when I learned that there was a possibility of your being, even for a day, without a maid, and one who, no matter how many her faults or limitations, could nevertheless be relied upon for the real emergencies which come so quickly and unexpectedly into our lives.

It was very good of you to let me have, just as I was leaving for the Country Club, the word of Margaret's stay on. I felt a perceptible load off my mind immediately.

It turned out that I had to remain for about an hour to meet former colleagues and the journalists who had come to Canada for their present series of meetings. In that venture, your word made all the difference to me.

I do hope that the anxiety you experienced in the days that you were uncertain may not have told too heavily on you, and that you are now rejoicing, as I am, at the brighter outlook ahead.

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June 20th/50

My dear Willie:

I was just sitting down to write to you on Sunday, when Mrs Brymner arrived, so my letters had to wait. Yesterday your letter arrived. I was very glad to hear you had been at the Press meeting at the Country club, & apparently felt no ill effects, when you were able to have Lady Astor & Colonel Astor for tea. It is a good sign, I am sure, by the end of the summer, you will feel much stronger, & able to do a little more each day. The hardest time is when you feel well enough to want to do things! I hope you will soon be at that stage.

I knew you would be relieved to hear Margaret had decided to stay, & am glad I caught you before you

seems very happy over the arrangement. I think it will do us all good to have a change & holiday. Rosabel loves the children, & will enjoy being with them.

I was sorry the Conservatives won even one seat yesterday, but it was really just getting back their seat! & quite Celine Dion was delighted!

I hope you will be able to get out to Kingsmere in the very near future. The weather has also been very favorable, but probably we will soon be wishing for a cool day. It was terribly hot this time last year.

Many thanks for all your kindness to us, and we are looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks. The summer is going very quickly.

Rosabel joins me in best love and many thanks ever lovingly

P.S. We are delighted that the Jeanne Mance bridge is to be named for you. Many thanks for the clippings. I'll show them to the children & have returning their

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left for the Country Club. Jean has had a phone extension put on the verandah (a Mothers' Day gift) & I was phoning from there. It is a great comfort; is what they call a "jack & plug" & we lift the phone from the hall to the verandah when we are out there. Already it has saved me many steps, which is all to the good. Walking, & the stairs, are my chief weaknesses! But I am ever 20 much steadier than I was last year, as you will see when we call on you!

Hazel is coming up tomorrow for a few days. A friend is coming up to Barrie & is bringing her, & she will go back with John on Sunday.

I think I told you that the two

Head Mistresses at Ovenden, have retired and are leaving to live in England, the end of this month. I had a "dinner party" for them on Wednesday night - just six guests, Rosabel myself, but was delighted to find it wasn't any effort. I will miss Miss Elgood very much, for she is a fine woman in every sense of the word, & at my age, you don't find it easy to make new friends. They were so kind when Harry was ill, & it was always a pleasure to have them drop in. Then too, so many people go away for the winter, & they were always here & only a block away!

We are driving to Jean's on Friday, the 30th, & Margaret is going on the early morning train on Thursday to avoid the holiday crowd. We will come back on Sunday, July 16th & she will be home on the evening train on Monday - She

R.C.A.F. Station
Trenton, Ontario

June 22nd 1950

Dear Uncle Willie, -

It was very kind of you to phone me the other night and I was only sorry you were being upset over our mail problem. This has been such a godsend having Margaret in Barrie, thanks to you and it did come as a shock to hear she was leaving. However, now things seem to have settled and Margaret is staying on. I think after all there is

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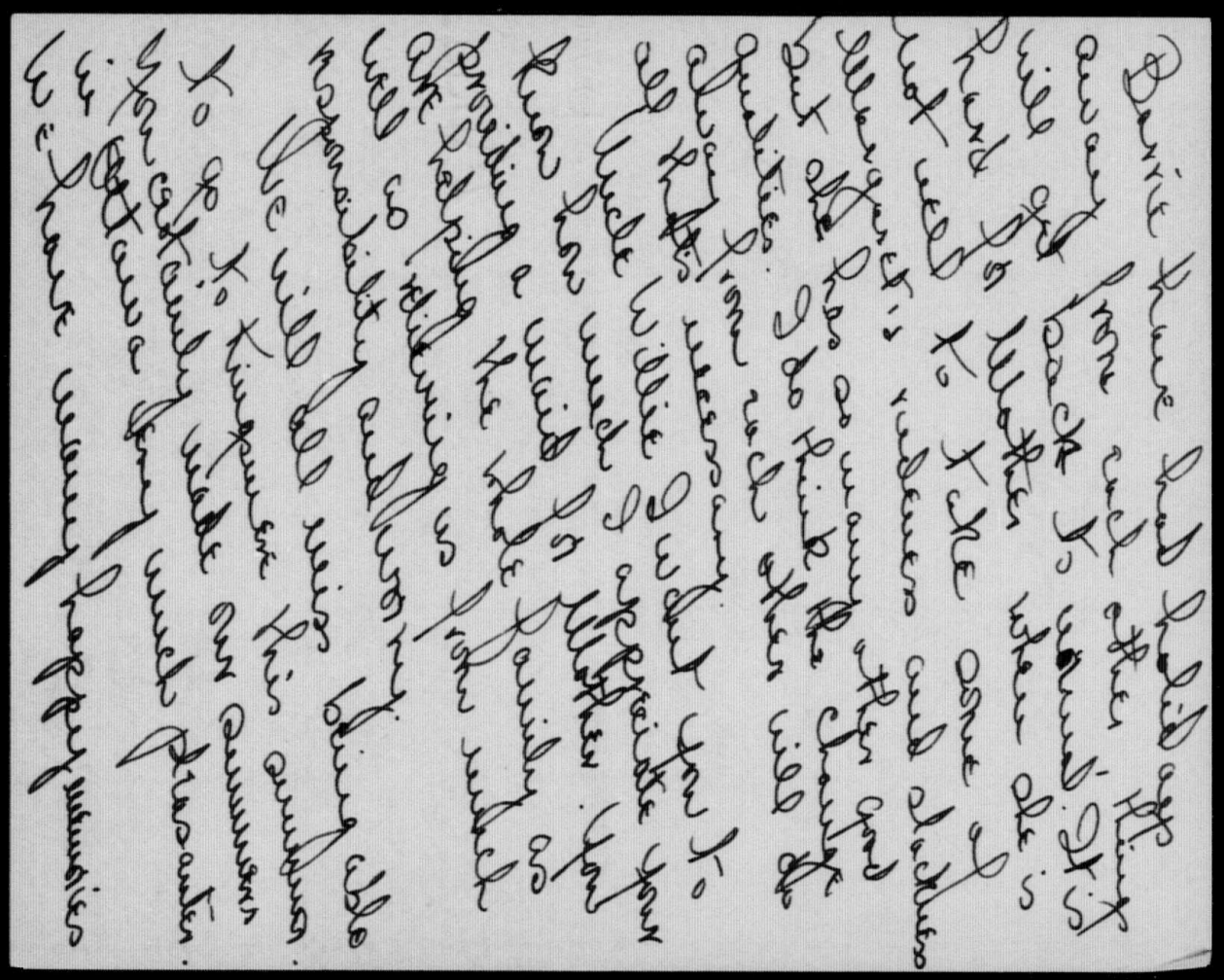

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delivery from overseas
must, by necessity, be slower.

It was wonderful, truly a
real treat – to hear your voice
over the telephone last Saturday
and Kathleen & I are both
hoping so much that a
real measure of freedom
from your previous affliction
and a speedy issue out of this
trouble may come with your
return to Kingsmere –

We send, as always, our
deepest love and warmest
affection.

Your loving nephews,
Arthur

8 Southvale Drive
Leaside, Ont.
June 23, 1950

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thank you for your kind
letter of June 19th enclosing the
cheque for Mother. She was
most pleased and overwhelmed
at your most kind generosity
and said she would write to
you herself at the first
opportunity.

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it to the credit of her account in the Bank of Montreal where she may call on it on her return when, I expect, its need will more foreseen and for this reason more gratifully acceptable at that time.

We had a lonely day with her in Buffalo and found her well and bright. When we left her at the train for New York, I was sure she too had found it most enjoyable and worth her while to stop once to see us. I'm sure our visit may have added to the pleasure she will have during the coming months.

We have had two cards from New York and apparently she embarked for Europe at 11[00] a.m. on Wednesday. I rather expect further news of her doings may be longer delayed than up to now as the mail

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Our peonies are just beginning to bloom, & this time last year, they were over. Also, strawberries are just coming in. We are far enough north to miss the early fruits.

This is just a line to tell you all is well at this part of the province, & to hope that you too are improving steadily. We are looking forward to seeing you in the very near future, & will phone you from Jean's.

Much love from Rosabel & me

ever lovingly

Jennie

P.S. I suppose May wrote you that she was spending the summer in England, with Gladys. John says Margery has a secretarial job for the summer, so they should have a good time!

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June 26th '50

My dear Willie:

I hope you have been able to go out to Kingsmere, for these last few days have been so lovely. It is raining here today, but is not cold. I know you will be better from the minute you reach Kingsmere!

Hazel has been here since Wednesday but left last night. We both agree that short visits & frequent, are much better than one long visit! John & his family were up for the day yesterday, as we shall be away for the next three Sundays. The children have been enjoying German measles, which means

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quarantine for the patient only, for six days, & as they are never sick, is simply a holiday! We had a lovely surprize on Friday evening when Harry dropped in & spent the night. He flew up to Hamilton, piloting the plane (& another lad flew it back) & bought a sixteen passenger bus for the "Chantecler" & drove it home! He said the trip gave him so many flying hours to his credit, & a chance to come home for a night! I didn't envy him his 400 mile trip back to Montreal, alone, & driving a new car at a slow rate. He is a dear little cub & always makes me feel better for seeing him. He told me he has bought the cottage next to theirs, so that if Jim ever left alone I can live beside them

& they can look after me. I hope he never has to, but it shows what a loving son he is. I am very lucky to be surrounded by so much love!

Jean has been quite sick. They thought she had virus pneumonia, & now are treating her for anaemia. The Dr. has told her she will have to slow up. She has been in bed ever since we were there, but was up on Friday, & feeling much better. If possible I'll bring her back with us.

Margaret leaves early on Thursday a.m., & we will get away some time on Friday. It is so lovely here in the summer that it seems a pity we don't have our holiday in the winter! I am glad Rosabel is getting away for she has never really got over Flee.

July 10, 1950.

My dear John:

I was pleased to have the talk we had together over the 'phone on Saturday last. I have just, this moment, received in addition, the beautiful card of greeting which comes from you and other members of the family. I do thank you warmly for the many expressions of your affection.

I have had a fairly serious illness, but think I am now getting the better out of it. For some months, I have had to have nursing assistance during the day as well as the night, and I still have to keep on a night nurse, but expect to be free of her in the near future. I am sure Kingsmere is the right place to be at the present time.

Please let this line bring my love and warmest thanks to you all.

Yours sincerely,

John L. Lay, Esq.,
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Islington, Ont.

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My dear Willie:

It was very good of you to phone last night - & we were very glad to know you were at Kingsmere. The change & lovely fresh air should do you a lot of good. We all sincerely hope so. I don't know why the Kingsmere phone is always so hard to hear. I'm afraid I didn't sound very intelligent, but it was almost impossible to understand what you were

we will phone you next Sunday & we want you to tell us honestly if you don't feel like seeing us.

I suppose the Pattesons have moved out too. I hope so, & hope the change will do you all good. Our love to all, & hoping to see you soon & that you will be feeling much better. Jean & Rosabel join me in best love Your loving sister

Jennie.

Miss Ferguson has had a stroke. She is in a nursing home. Her right side is paralyzed.

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saying part of the time. Glad you pottered that you have to keep this letter date since taking a little while to get accustomed to the change. The air is very different from Ottawa, I do far, we haven't had too much sunshine. It has been a strange year, so far as the weather is concerned! Rosalie & I would like very much to drive down & see you in a couple of days, but as it will not be for long, it is worth that, at the present time, please don't hesitate

It was so good to hear from you. Have not heard from Ottawa, but we presume it is quite possible it may return this week. Shall be glad when you & Ottawa, as the latter does in other years, take up residence here on 9 am now. Shall be extremely glad to see

people. I she looks better, but two weeks is a very short holiday for a whole year!

I am sending the socks I promised you, which I hoped to take down. I hope they are long enough, but if not, let me take them back & I can add the desired amount. They should have gone earlier, but were just finished before we came here. I have been able to do so much more this year, that knitting has not had the same attention! Hope they will be useful.

Very much love & many thanks for phoning. We hope to hear that you are steadily gaining in health. We are sorry not to see you, but you know best - ever your loving sister

Jennie

R.C.A.F. Trenton
July 8th '50

My dear Billie:

We are terribly sorry we are not going to see you next week but I wouldn't do anything that would cause you a moments anxiety or effort. The chief thing at this time, is for you to conserve your strength in every way you think best. We are very glad to hear that Mr Patteson is so much better, & we hope the same may be true of you at the end of the summer.

Just after we had been talking to you, Harry phoned & wanted us all to go down & spend next week at Ste Adèle, in the cottage next to theirs, which will be empty next

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week. Lou decided against that to, for the same reason. Harry thought he would be in Ottawa all Monday, & could go in from there. He had told him we would try to go to Ottawa early in the week, so as not to have the long drive (to Ottawa & back) on Lou's first day. I hope Jean will get upto Banic Lake in the summer. She looks better since we came. I don't think our rain will tie her. Ed, Gordon & Ruth have gone off on the air trip to Labrador with some friends to sail to Pictou, but I decided against it. I was better at home; they like the sun, & I don't - all to much if on the water. It is funny how, I'm not keen on spending the day at the beach or on the water, like most people are. I prefer the cottage, & the quiet peaceful

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measure of strength I have, miserable though it is! I have been amazed at what I have done since coming here! Quite wish I could join them at the swimming pool, where they are at present! This afternoon there are boat-races, & they are all going to watch them from a launch, but I'll stay quietly at home! I don't like crowds, even small ones.

I hope the socks are big enough. If not they are very easy to lengthen, so don't hesitate to let me know.

I am very sorry we have not seen you this summer, for I have been counting on it all year, but anything that would at all check your progress toward health, should not be thought of. Perhaps, later on, you will feel like a change, & "Bouldercfel" is as quiet as Kingsmere.

The girls join me in best love, & my next letter will be from Barrie!

Your loving Sister
Jennie

R.C.A.F.
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My dear Willie:

Thank you so much for your letter which came yesterday. I too, am glad we didn't try to drive to Ottawa on Monday, for it was hot & humid, though there is always a breeze here off the bay. The week has simply flown, as the second week always does. We leave tomorrow, probably in the cool of the evening, & Rosalie starts work on Monday at 8:45 a.m. We expect Margaret back on Tuesday evening, so she has had a good holiday. We two feel much better for our visit here, & Jean seems very much better too. She had Mr. & Mrs. Dunlop & Co. here for six weeks, & then Gordon's sister for a few days, so she hasn't had

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any chance to be lonely! but I think it has been a rest having us here, as the boys are good with us, & we can relieve her in many ways. She wants me to stay on, but I feel they should have their house to themselves, & also, I never like Rosabel to be at home alone. Then too, I can only take so much of the "social life," & the quiet of "Bouldoifel" will be good for me! Jean leads a very busy life, and there are constantly people coming in. She can certainly use a fruit cake, & it will be all the better for having been kept. If it is at all like the one, part of which you sent me, it will be most acceptable. We used the last of ours just before we came down here! Jean could ever raise a hatchet if necessary!

I am very sorry the pyjamas are too small. My worry was that they would be too large! By all means send them back, & let me send you some larger ones. If you tell me your size, I will choose some & send them on at once. As you say, I can use those for some member of the family! There are always gifts to be provided but I am very sorry these didn't fit you. At any rate I had the pleasure of making them, thinking they would!

I am very glad Mr. & Mrs. Patteson are able to be at Kingsmere, for you would indeed be alone if they were not next door. It is wonderful what that air does for one, & I hope by the end of the summer, not only the Pattesons, but you too will feel much stronger. It takes a long time to pull up, when you are really down, & still longer when we haven't youth to aid in the struggle! I certainly never expected to have the

Miss Rosabel Lay
Ck no. Pl.
Miss Breen

Jamieson

July 19, 1950.

I have been looking forward, as you know, to seeing your mother and yourself at Kingsmere, during a part of the time you were at Trenton. I had intended to give you, at that time, a small cheque in connection with your Summer holiday. How I missed that pleasure!

I am enclosing the cheque herewith, in the hope that it will be all the better coming now, where it is still in existence, than having been given to you, a fortnight or two ago, when doubtless 'ere this, it would have disappeared entirely. Please accept it with my love and best of wishes.

I do hope that both, you and your mother, are feeling much better for the holiday, and also Jean. You all seem to have had a very happy time.

Miss Rosabel Lay,
"Boulderfel",
BARRIE, Ont.

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Dictated at
Kingsmere, Que.

July 10, 1950.

I am truly thankful that you and Rosabel did not attempt to and from Trenton today. Delighted as I would have been to see you both again and to welcome you to Kingsmere, I should have been sorry for what the heat of the day might have meant to us all. It is over 90 in Ottawa, and not far behind out here! After all, it is better that you should have an unbroken visit at Trenton, especially when the vacation there is so brief. At the same time, I am more than sorry to have missed the pleasure of seeing you both, and having a good talk together, but that will come later on.

This is not a letter - it is just a line to let you know that yours has been received, and to say that I am sure the right thing has been done in conserving strength and energy on a day like this.

You will be glad to know that I have been able to be out-of-doors and to sit in the sun for a few minutes each day, for some days past. There is so much to do in connection with my Memoirs that I am in no way lonely, but glad to have the quiet to work in. That reminds me that anything that you may think of interest either in connection with my Memoirs, Woodside or the Mackenzie House, I trust you will not fail to tell me of.

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There are two things I want to speak of, but overlooked, thus far. I received at Easter a truly magnificient fruit cake sent by an admiring confectioner at Montreal. I did not like to distribute the icing - there was too much that was flattering about it. I thought once of sending the cake on to you at Barrie. In fact, I had intended to give it to you to take back to Trenton. Please let me know what you think I should to about it. I can pack it in a box and send it to Jean, if you think the occasion might arise where, with the aid of a small hatchet, Jean could make some use of it among members of the Air Force. I may perhaps have kept it much too long. If you think so, please tell me.

The other item relates to the pyjamas you sent me on my birthday or at Christmas. They are perfectly lovely but a little too small. I thought It was well to wait for the Summer to see if they would be just the thing for this season. Please tell me what to do with them. Perhaps the best thing would be to return them to Barrie, and you could present them to other members of the family when their birthday or the Christmas season comes around. I have not worn them at all and they are much too lovely not to treat as special gifts. Please let me know where to send them.

I shall look forward to receiving the socks that you have been making for me, but do not give yourself extra exertions on my behalf. Save all the energy you can. The Pattesons wish me to send their love to you.. It is truly amazing how Godfroy has regained his health - even to the climbing up and down stairs. Joan,too, has been

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perfectly marvellous, though the Winter has been a hard one, in many ways, on her. I do not know what I would do if I did not have them both as neighbours. I should be all but completely alone. However, I am managing with the quiet here to get through a little walk which has been a pressing obligation.

I am so glad you are having a pleasant holiday at Trenton. I only wish that Joan and Rosabel, and you yourself, are all stronger than you are. Health is the greatest of all the joys we can possess.

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
C/o Mrs. Gordon Dunlop,
R.C.A.F. Station,
TRENTON, Ont.

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12th March,1903.

Personal.

My dear George/-

I was sorry not to have seen you on the afternoon of the day we met at the Club but when you did not turn up I knew that some other engagement had intervened.

I am not surprised at the message you have received from Fernie,which you mention in your letter of yesterday,though I am indeed very sorry to learn it.

My own belief,confidentially expressed,is that a strong personal feeling between the General Manager and one or two of the members of the committee of the men is largely responsible for at least the continuance of the strike,if it was not its main cause. As you know,the manager refused to meet in any way the men who comprised the District Union Committee and they have,consequently, not had an opportunity of presenting their list of grievances to the management . As all the members of this committee are employees of the company,the committee being composed of three representatives from each of the three mines,I do not think that meeting this committee,to receive a list of its grievances,would necessarily mean a recognition of the union. That was one of the requests they were making. Had the company deemed it adviseable not to grant the request it would ,of course,have had the opportunity of saying so and of adhering to its position.

What has really incensed the men is not the refusal to recognize the union,but the refusal of the company to even receive a statement of the grievances. When I was at Fernie I tried to arrange a joint meeting of the two parties at my hotel. I was assured by the men that if even this kind of meeting could have been brought about they would go a long way on their part to end hostilities.

I explained to the general superintendent that a meeting of this kind would not involve a recognition of the union. I told him that I would have the men meet me at the hotel,to go over their grievances together and that I would send a letter to him asking him if he would come down and meet me there. In this way the parties would not be meeting each other but both would have been meeting me as a representative of the Government. The men were willing to fall in with this arrangement and,as I have stated,to concede a great deal if it could be effected.

Mr.Stockett,General Superintendent,I think,agreed with me that it was a desirable step to take and he wired Victoria repeatedly to get authority to take it,but received constantly the reply that he was not to move in the matter,and,as he explained to me,

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his hands were tied.

It was at this stage of the proceedings that I wired you confidentially as I foreaaw what has since taken place.

I did not explain to the men that the company were unwilling to go even as far as I have here suggested. I merely told them that until the manager's return it was difficult for Mr.Stockett to take action.

As I had to be back in Ottawa to look after this month's GAZETTE,and as I could not get definite assurances as to what Mr.Tonkin would do on his return in regard to the proposal i have here outlined,and as he would not likely be back in Fernie for some days, I felt I could not wait longer and was obliged to leave on Saturday night.

I fear that without a joint conference of the parties actually managing affairs,as a preliminary step,there will be an out and out struggle continuing some weeks.

If you are in Ottawa again I would like to talk the matter over with you. There are a lot of little details which explain the attitude of the parties.These I feel can only be satisfactorily explained in conversation.

I need only add that if there is anything I can do in any way which may be of service in this matter I will esteem it the greatest privilege for I feel that the present strike is a grave calamity to the whole Province.

I am returning under separate cover the code which you were kind enough to lend me and wish to thank you very much for it.

Yours sincerely,

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Barrister,etc.,

Manning Arcade,

Toronto,Ont.

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Fernie, October 2nd, 1907.

Strictly Private and Confidential.

W. L. Mackenzie King, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
OTTAWA, ONT.

My dear Willie,-

A good deal of feeling has been aroused among the members of the Western Coal Operators Association by the appointment by the Government of Mr. Speaker Fisher of the Alberta Legislature as an Umpire in the Hillcrest dispute. The principle of appointing a politician to such a position is in their opinion vicious, but particularly so in Mr. Fisher's case, as his Constituency is a mining constituency, one in which the miners at Canmore and Bankhead can either elect him or defeat him.

I thought you would like to know this confidentially which is my reason for writing.

Yours sincerely,

G G Lindsey

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(Strictly private and confidential) Ottawa, October 10, 1907.

My dear George:

I have been absent from Ottawa until within the past day or two or would have acknowledged sooner your confidential note of the 2nd inst. in regard to Mr. Speaker Fisher's appointment as chairman of the board at Hillcrest.

I agree entirely with you that the principle of appointing politicians to positions of this kind is not a good one. As Speaker of the House, however, Mr. Fisher is, perhaps, in a little different position than the ordinary politician. His selection, in any event, was made on the ground that being Speaker of the Provincial Legislature his appointment would be regarded by the people of the Province generally as a good one. It could hardly, I think, be presumed that in any decision which of necessity would be reached on the basis of evidence and the facts disclosed, and for which reasons would have to be given, that the Speaker would be at all likely to be influenced by the fact that he represents a constituency in which there are a large number of miners.

I am glad, however, to have confidentially the views of the Western Coal Operators' Association in regard to the matter.

You know yourself how extremely difficult it is to select

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from among the men in the West anyone who in some way or another is not strongly identified with either the labour or corporation interests. and whose appointment in consequence will not be viewed without absolute hostility from one side or the other. You know,without my saying it, that our desire is to appoint only the most impartial persons to these positions. The difficulty is in discovering them. Any assistance to this end will be very welcome.

Mr.Jaffray gave me a piece of information when I was in Toronto some weeks ago. I was very pleased indeed to receive it,and I congratulate you heartily.

With best wishes always,I am,

Yours sincerely,

W L M K.

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President Western Coal Operators' Assn.,
Fernie,B.C.

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Lindsey

(Confidential) Ottawa,July 7,1903.

My dear George:

I have had difficulty,during the past week,in getting hold of Dr.Doughty,but succeeded finally on Saturday. He showed me the Catskill Mountain letter,which he has in his possession,and explained that it came in a package of letters and papers purchased for the Archives by a Mr.Laidlaw,who was collecting material for the Archives. The papers belonged to a Mr.Buell of Brockville, and the particular letter was one among others evidently written by Mackenzie to his father. Dr.Doughty promised to let me have a typewritten copy of the letter,and I have just reminded him of his promise over the phone. He is to let me have the letter today.

He has been unable to find among the papers in the Archives,any letter from Lord Goderich to Mackenzie,referring to the matter of which we spoke. He is having a complete search made,and if unable to locate it,will find out from Lesueur whether he has any reference to such a letter,and where it is.

I saw Professor Shortt early last week. He was here at Ottawa and lunched with me at the time. He said that the proofs of his book had come to hand while I was in the West,that had I

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been here he would have sent them on to me,but as I was so far away,he took out altogether,or changed the references to which exception was taken,and had sent the corrected proof on to Morang. He said he thought I would be quite satisfied with the matter in the form in which it now stood. He would have no objection,I think,to my still seeing the proofs,and has so written Mr.Morang as you know,but I felt that he might misunderstand my motive were I,in view of what he said during our talk,to urge him to let me see the copy as it now stands. When I first spoke to him I drew his attention to all of the passages to which exception had been taken,and he made a note of them.

Would it not,perhaps,be best,therefore,for you to have a look at the revised proofs and see if the corrections are satisfactory. If they are,the matter could stand,if not,I could take it up again with Shortt. I would not suggest this---for I know how extremely busy you are,and that this would mean additional trouble on your part---were it not that I think it is wise that Shortt should not get the impression that there is any control being exercised over the series,or that any attempt was being made to influence his views.

While making a search at the Archives one day last week, I came across some six volumes of Mackenzie's letters to the Colonial Office in London. These letters were all copies from Colonial Office records a year or two ago,and contain an amount

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of splendid material. I asked Dr.Doughty's permission to take them out,but it appears to be contrary to the rules to allow out manuscript of any kind. These letters,however,can be gone through there at any time. I intend to take as much time as I can spare,to go carefully through these volumes.

I am sorry that I have put you to the trouble of writing,as I had not forgotten nor overlooked the matter. The difficulty was simply that of getting hold of Dr.Doughty,who has been away a good deal of time during the past fortnight.

Yours very sincerely,

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Montreal,July I4,I908.

My dear George:

Enc-- I enclose copy of the letter promised. Dr.Doughty, who has been having a search made through all the despatches from Goderich in the Archives,told me he had,up to the present time,been unable to find any record of the despatch referring to the post office matter. Lesaur has not been at the Archives during the past ten days,and Doughty has not had a chance of seeing him elsewhere. I had told him about Johnson being the person who was likely to know,and if he cannot find out about the matter from LeSueur he will communicate with Johnson himself. He says he feels quite sure that LeSueur will tell him if he has any such despatch in his possession.

I was at Doughty every day last week on both matters, but it was not until yesterday that I got from him the typewritten copy of the letter which I enclose. He has marked it,as you will see, "Not to be published."

Yours affectionately,

G.G.S.Lindsey Esq.,K.C.,
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Toronto.

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Montreal,July 17,1908.

My dear George:

Enc-- I enclose copy of a letter received from Dr.Doughty today,with which is enclosed a letter from George W.Johnson to LeSueur. This is the letter we have been looking for. George W.Johnson,the writer of this letter,is not the former Dominion Statistician,but a clerk in the Colonial Office,Downing Street. I met him when there two years ago. He at that time had charge of some of the correspondence with Canada.

It is evident from Johnson's letter that Mr. LeSueur had written him to find out if there was any authority for the statement that Lord Goderich had offered Mackenzie an appointment in connection with the post office in Canada.

You will see that Johnson's reply does not say that such appointment was not offered,but simply that the records do not contain a confirmation of the statement. As far as I remember,Mackenzie intimated that the offer had been

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made to him by Lord Goderich,personally. I dont think it was ever intimated that the offer was made in an official despatch. It is quite improbable that an offer of the kind would have been made in any official despatch. Certainly that is not the method of politicians of our times,nor do I think it has ever been. The letter from Johnson reveals with what zeal LeSueur has been endeavouring to discredit any statement favourable to Mackenzie.

I am sorry that it hasnot been possible to send you these letters sooner,but Dr.Doughty's letter will explain the delay.

Yours affectionately,

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President,Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.,
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October 22nd 1908.

W. L. Mackenzie King Esq.,

Berlin, Ont.

My dear Willie:-

I have watched your campaign with a great deal of interest, and am glad to know that you are assured of success, and though I cannot do anything to help you, as you are of course aware, by outward effort, if there is anything personal I can do, I shall be glad if you will let me know even at this late date.

Wishing you every success, I am,

Yours affectionately,

G. G. Lindsey

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Toronto

Very many thanks for
your most kind and
welcome letter
everything going well

Mackenzie King

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would like very much to
have you at his authors
dinner — Morang Series —
on ~~Oct~~ Nov. 16 and to
press you to come —
I hope you will.

Le Sueur is suing. The
"Mackenzie" is progressing
fast.

Affectionately yours
G G Lindsey

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Oct 27. 08

My dear Billy

It was a splendid
Victory — the most picturesque
of the campaign and I heartily
congratulate you and hope
you will like public life
and make a great success
of it. Cora and the boys are
delighted.

I saw Morang to-day
who asked me to say he

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4 Grange Road,

Toronto,Nov.3,1908.

My dear George:

It may seem unnecessary to write and thank you for the generous letter received during my campaign in North Waterloo and the telegram of congratulation received from Cora and yourself at the conclusion of the contest, but I feel that without writing I would be wanting in that gratitude to which I desire so much to give expression. The knowledge that I had your sympathetic support through the fight was a great help to me,as was also your generous offer of assistance. You know,without my saying it,that among the messages of congratulation received,there was none that brought with it more real pleasure than the one from Cora and yourself.

With every good wish,believe me,always,

Yours affectionately,

G.G.S.Lindsey Esq., K.C.,
President,Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.,
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Jan 3. 09

My dear Willie

Ora and I send you
our most hearty congratulations
on your appointment as a
minister of the Crown and
wish you every future
success

affectionately Yours

George

Jan 8th 09

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Toronto, Canada, May. 17. 10

My dear Willie

Leave to appeal has been given. Hellmuth thinks we have good chance of succeeding.

Moss estimates the costs of the appeal to the Supreme Court if we fail at 900 $

Let me know what proportion in fixed amount as you expressed it you would meet if unsuccessful. I want to give instruction to Moss on Thursday to proceed.

Affectionately yours

G.G.S. Lindsey

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(Private)

Ottawa, May 24, 1910.

My dear George:

I have been absent at Lake Mohonk for some days and returned from New York only this morning. Your letter of the 17th being marked "Personal and Confidential" was not opened or forwarded, and this is the first opportunity I have had of replying.

As I mentioned to you at the station, I have assumed obligations which make it difficult for me to do much more than meet current demands, while the whole future is a complete uncertainty. But for this I would gladly share with you in any appeal proceedings I cannot regret too deeply my inability to do this. If, however, Morang would accept from me a contribution of $200. toward defraying expenses in the event of an unsuccessful appeal, I would be glad to send this amount.

Yours affectionately,

G.G.S. Lindsey Esq., K.C.,
Manning Arcade,
Toronto.

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June 2/11

My dear Willie

I met Judge Barron here. He asked me to say to you that if his report be acted on (re G.T.R.) there are not more than six men who will not be reinstated.

Affectionately yours

G.G. Lindsey.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
LINDSEY, TORONTO

ROOMS, 26, 27, MANNING ARCADE

TORONTO Sept. 22. 11

My dear Billy

I am very sorry to learn of your defeat. You put up a splendid fight in a close constituency and could not as we now know possibly have carried it.

The Railways & Trffgss were too much for the Government - and the farmer wants not reciprocity, neither does the consumer cheaper food.

I fancy well ingrained distrust of our American neighbors played a big part.

You must keep on nursing your constituency & you will have another call - before many years.

Cora and the boys were heartbroken when the bad news came.

affectionately yours

George

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LINDSEY, TORONTO

ROOMS, 26. 27. MANNING ARCADE

TORONTO 19th November, 1912 .

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Honorable W. L. M. King, C. M. G.,

The Roxborough,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Billie :-

Morang reminds me of something he told me once before that Earl Grey had prepared two type-written copies of correspondence passing between Lord Durham and his father-in-law Earl Grey, and other letters bearing upon Durham's Canadian experiences. Morang saw them in Dr. McPhail's hands in Montreal, and he says they are very severely condemnatory of the Family Compact, the references to them being of a very scathing nature . Morang is of the opinion that these letters are to be published by MacMillans and to be edited by Professor Shortt .

Shortt probably has his hands pretty full with his editorial work for Glasgow's new work on Canada, but possibly Shortt would let you see them, or in any event corroborate what Morang says about editing them . Ask Shortt to let you see the originals, and if he will not, write to Earl Grey to let you see them, and say that you and I are anxious to see them as an attempt is being made to obliterate the memory of Durham, or according to Dr. LeSueur, to show that "there is a Durham myth ". I would like immensely to see these papers . I think they would be about the most valuable contributions we could get to the history of the times. Shortt, no doubt, will leave out some things. McPhail expressed to Morang the idea that it would be

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impossible for Earl Grey to publish them all, as some of them were so severe and as some of the descendants of the persons referred to were now living .

I wish you would follow this matter up and find out how far Earl Grey intends to go in vindicating Durham's memory .

Morang tells me he is soon going to Montreal and will see McPhail, and if he gets any fresh information will let us have it .

Yours affectionately,

G.G.S. Lindsey

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The Roxborough, Ottawa,
November 22nd., 1912.

G.G.S.Lindsay Esq., K.C.,
Manning Arcade,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear George,-

I am extremely obliged to you for letting me have the loan of copies of correspondence in the "L" case which have come duly to hand. I shall be glad too to see Hellmuth's address in the manner you have suggested as soon as it is received.

I have had a talk with Shortt about the correspondence of which you speak in your letter of the nineteenth instant, he tells me he does not know of any between Lord Durham and Earl Grey but thinks the correspondence alluded to must be the Elgin Grey correspondence which contains many references to the effect of Durham's mission and which correspondence is about to be published by the Archives. The originals are all in the Archives also a typewritten set which Doughty has in his own possession, he let me read them over some months ago and I think at the time I wrote you about them. As I recall the impression which the correspondence left it was that Elgin had come around from the point of view of being very suspicious of the Liberals and Rebels to regard them as

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being largely justified in their endeavour to get rid of evils which even to him were still apparent. Shortt told me that he had been in Toronto the time the trial was going on and that he gathered the impression from persons with whom he had talked that "L" had come out of it pretty badly. Doughty also told me that he was amazed at some of the things which came out and that "L" had said to him that he was unable to account for some of the mistakes that he had made.

Hamnett Hill told me that Alex thought they had lost their case, also that Alex was perfectly astounded at what had been disclosed, he said that Alex tried to get Shepley's opinion but that Shepley would not express any view to him.

I find that the Ottawa papers gave more attention to the "L" letter referring to what he had not put in the book than to anything else, but the impression seems to have gone abroad that you were justified in the action taken. Lemieux says that he would like to get the main facts of the case and see that they were fully represented in the French papers. My own feeling is that the public has only a hazy idea of the facts disclosed and that should the judgment be favourable it would be well to have in readiness a brief state-

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ment to be given to the Press of
facts brought out at the trial on
which the finding was based.

Yours sincerely,

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G. G. S. Lindsey, K.C.

Manning Arcade.

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Toronto. Nov. 27. 12

My dear Billy

Read the enclosed letter. How can we get the will bound Message. It must not fall into Archives. They will go hunting for this sure. You know the ropes to find out who we can approach. Bourassa probably has not the knowledge of its existence. I am puzzled to know how to get this but we must have it and I'm ready to pay for it. Could you on pretext of hunting Papineau's papers for aid to history fall on these and secure them. Think well of it - and quickly.

Affect George

Please return letter. The author would be a son of the famous Louis

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The Roxborough,

Ottawa, November 30th, 1912.

G.G.S. Lindsay Esq, K.C.

Manning Arcade,

Toronto, Ontario.

My dear George,-

I am returning the letter enclosed with yours of November 27th and thank you for having let me say same. I would say that decidedly the best course would be for you to write Bourassa direct telling him or your knowledge of the document referred to as being among his papers and of your desire to obtain it for your collection. Bourassa, I understand, has the manor of Monte Bello and is the owner of the Papineau Papers. If he were unwilling to part with this document to you, you can rest assured that he would not part with them to any other person.

Many thanks for copy of Hellmuth's Address which I have duly received.

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The Roxborough, Ottawa,

Dec. 11th, 1912.

G. G. S. Lindsey, Esq.,

26-27 Manning Arcade,

King St., Toronto, Ont.

My dear George,-

I return you Winton's letter with letter from Murphy.

I continue to urge this matter on him each time I see him.

Yours very sincerely,

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G.G.S.Lindsey K?C.,
Tyndall Ave.,
Toronto. Ont.

Accept heartiest congratulations on a splendid victory. Am delighted.

Willie.

Charge C.M Goddard.

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The Roxborough,Ottawa,
December 5th, 1913.

G.G.S. Lindsey Esq., K.C.,
Manning Arcade,
Toronto,Ont.

My dear George:

I have just received the wire which you have so kindly sent me and hasten to congratulate you heartily on the verdict obtained. Could anything have been better than an appeal should have been taken and dismissed with costs. I imagine we have heard the last now of this celebrated case. Once again let me congratulate you. Words fail me indeed in expressing the delight I feel.

I intended writing ere this about the South Lanark meeting but have been prevented by unforeseen work and engagements from sending a line. Sir Wilfrid was delighted with your speedh and with your courage in coming out, openly as you did, on the question. I am glad you made it plain that it was the issue rather than the candidate which had caused you to go into the fight. That kind of thing has been sadly lacking in our public life, and I doubt not but that your courageous action may result in more independent action on the part of some of those qualified to speak on national affairs.

I have mentioned the word that should be passed round and that will be attended to. G. is a consenting party to the support.

I had a most interesting talk with Lionel Curtis last night. I read him over my speeh at the Reform Association. When I see you I will tell you of our talk. It may surprise you to know that we are not very far apart. Frommall I gathered the Government is not likely to attempt any more centralizing moves for a while.

Again thanking you for your wire and best congratulations,

Yours very sincerely,

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TELEPHONE MAIN 6070 6071

CANADA LIFE BUILDING,
46 KING STREET WEST.

Toronto, Canada. 11th June, 1914.

Honorable W. L. M. King,
The Roxborough,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Billie :-

Would you care to get the Proclamation referred to in the enclosed letter ? I have one myself . If you want it communicate direct, if not please return the letter .

Yours affectionately,

G. G. S. Lindsey.

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Proclamation purchased from Mrs Haines during Provincial Contest in North York June 1914 J M. Walton, Liberal Candidate, a relative of Jessie Floyd mentioned in Dredge Nest see at the time. Paid $16.00 [illegible]

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Newmarket - June 8/14

Mr. G G S Lindsey
145 Tyndall Ave.
Toronto

Dear Sir

I have in my possession a Proclamation by Sir Francis Bond Head Baronet, Lieutenant Gov. of Upper Canada etc. 1837-1838, rebellion who offers reward of one thousand pounds to any person who will apprehend

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and deliver up to Justice
William Lyon Mackenzie
and five hundred pounds
who will deliver up to Justice
David Gibson or Samuel
Lount, or Jessie Lloyd
or Sylas Fletcher.

I am offering the above for
sale (private). Do you want it
If so what price do you offer
I have an good offer but as it is
Tory and I am a "Dyed in the
Wool Grit" and my father and grand
father before me, I would like
a relative to have it instead
of a stranger

Mrs C. H. Haines
Newmarket
Ont.

I live in Sharon but get mail
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Elections - Provincial Elections - Ont.

The Roxborough, Ottawa
xxxxxxxxx June 30th, 1914.

G.G.S. Lindsey, Esq., K.C.,
Canada Life Bldg,
46 King St., West,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear George:

I wish I could have seen you before coming away to talk over the results of the campaign just ended. Unfortunately I had to be in Ottawa to-day and I thought it well to spend yesterday with the electors in North York.

While the result is disappointing it seems to me that Rowell had done much to clean the slate of legacies left the party by past administrations and to cement on a high plane the working forces of Liberalism. He has laid the foundation for constructive work in the direction of social reform and with a policy broad and general on these lines it should be possible for him, once Sir James Whitney retires to forces his way to the Premiership at the next election. He has gained the hostility of the liquor interests but has, I think won the admiration of every self-respecting man in the Province.

We did not do badly in North York. Lennox as you know is a hard hard man to defeat. He is most unscrupulous and stops at nothing in his campaign. We reduced his majority in every township, changed the majoirity of 27 which he had in Newmarket into a Liberal majority of 44 in that town and lost ground only in Aurora and Sutton. There are personal reasons on both sides which helped to explain the majoirity of 200 he obtained in Aurora, thought the bar rooms at both Aurora and Sutton were the main contributing factors. To have pulled his majority of 497 down to 235 is not too bad, especially when it is remembered that Stouffville which gives a Liberal majority of 120 to the Federal is not included in the Provincial riding. Everything points to it being quite possible for me to carry the riding in the Federal.

I called on the old lady who wrote you respecting

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the proclammation, and gave her $16.00 for the document. That was more than I could well afford to pay but it is only now and then that one had the opportunity of purchasing a document which offers out of the Public Treasury a reward of £1000 for an ancestor's head. I had this document in my pocket during the last meetings in the riding and could not help thinking how extraordinary curious the coindidence should be that you should be helping Rowell in one part of the Province while I was fighting the Old riding of York, each of us on a platform of reform, while at one time if the Tories had had their way effect would have been given to this proclammation in a manner which would have kept us pretty effectively out of any scene of subsequent action.

I hope Rowell is not disappointed and that he will stay with the Leadership. He is a splendid man which no one will appreciate more than yourself. I hope too that Cora is not discouraged. Both you and she have done tremendous work. While it may not tell immediately in the direction we hope for it is bound to be of lasting effect in other ways. The next time I am in Toronto I shall look you up and we can have a talk together.

Yours affectionately,

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Rowell has advanced the party's interests. He has taken us away from stopped ballots, the minnie Ur., purchase of Garney & tricky dealing with temperance.

He can't throw over a the Bar. He might go further, total retail abolition but that is a question? No one defends the bar – many have ingenious reasons for not voting out an adverse govt.

Manitoba settles the fall election question in the negative; also I should think Borden's Western tour.

145 TYNDALL AVENUE,
TORONTO.

July 12. 14

My dear Billy

I reply to your request, I shall be glad to become a member of the Canadian Association for International Conciliation. I fear you have picked out a very weak brother, but I shall be glad to do what I can.

I had expected to see you before this or would have acted your former letter sooner. I agree

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Your father & mother were here last night both looking well, but he talks of other eye operations.

You did well in North York. A very careful study of the election results is essential. No doubt we got the French vote. But bilingualism on that side — the French side — does not appeal to me.

All well, send best love

affectionate yours

George

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GEORGE. G. S. LINDSEY. K.C.

Toronto, Canada. Oct. 13. 14

My dear Billy

I am very glad you have arranged for the work the papers say you have taken. First, it is work you are well fitted for. Second, it is wise to have a fixed occupation. Politicians will accept a man's services so long as he will give them.

I trust the bargain is a good one financially and of considerable duration: I shall be surprised if it is not.

This will be a relief to you and me at home congratulate you most sincerely on the honor.

Affectionately Yours

G. G. Lindsey

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Ottawa, October 15, 1914.

My dear George:

Your kind letter of the 13th instant has been a source of much pleasure to me, and I thank you for the congratulations on your own and the family's behalf which it conveys. I felt sure that especially you and Cora would appreciate, as few others could, the relief in many directions which this will mean to me.

The work from every point of view is to my liking. As you say, the subject is one which all my previous training, academic as well as political, seems to have been a preparation for, and this is work which is full of possibilities of useful service of a very practical kind. Then it brings me into touch with men of quite exceptional standing in industrial and educational circles. The Rockefeller group, as they are sometimes called, comprise in their numbers many men of renown in the world of science and affairs, and men of high purpose and noble public spirit. It is a privilege indeed to have this helpful and inspiring association. The work besides will bring me in touch with men and conditions, not only throughout the United States and Canada, but in many parts of the world. It will afford opportunity for travel and the necessary leisure for thorough research.

I think I may expect the association to,last just as long as my own abilities prove of value. I might have made a long term agreement, but preferred to retain a certain liberty as respects my association with Canadian politics and the future of the Liberal Party in Canada. This association, should it be renewed in the way of a return to parliament, would involve a considerable financial sacrifice, but for the present at least I have thought it best to have my understanding with this possibility in view, and will await the development of time as to working out what upon the whole may appear to be the most useful and profitable course.

The position renders me wholly independent of politics, and to that extent my political influence, whatever it may amount to, is likely to be materially enhanced. When I see you I shall be better able to tell you of the work in detail. This will be the next time I am in Toronto, should you happen also to be there.

With love and best wishes to Cora,yourself and the boys,
Believe me,dear George,
Ever affectionately yours,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

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The Roxborough, Ottawa,

Feb. 5th, 1913.

G. G. Lindsey, esq., K. C.,

26-27 Manning Arcade,

Toronto, Ont.

My dear George, -

I have received your letter with enclosure from Winton and I am transferring same to Murphy for reply.

As soon as I hear from him, will write you again.

Yours affectionately,

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The Roxborough, Ottawa,

Feb. 11th, 1913.

George S. Lindsey, Esq.,

Room 26 and 27 Manning Arcade,

Toronto, Ont.

My dear George,-

I return Winton's letter totether with reply received from Murphy.

I was very sorry to not see you again after lunch the day we met in the Club. I was called up to Sir Wilfrid's house and had to leave rather quickly and did not know where to get hold of you later. I would have been glad if we could have had a short talk together.

Yours affectionately,

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MANNING ARCADE

TORONTO 5th June, 1913.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Honorable W. L. M. King,

The Roxborough,

Ottawa.

Dear Willie :-

Enclosed find letter from Winton, which I wish you would have Murphy take up with the Grand Trunk people. I sincerely trust something can be done for him.

Yours affectionately,

G. G. S. Lindsey.

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The Roxborough, Ottawa,
June 7th, 1913.

G.G.S. Lindsey, K.C.,
Manning Arcade,
Toronto.

My dear George:

I have your letter with enclosure from Winton, which I have passed on to Murphy with the request that special efforts be made to have something done.

Yours affectionately,

King, Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie (MG 26 J 7 volume 14) Mr. G.G.S. (George) Lindsey 1903-1914

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The Roxborough, Ottawa,
June 11th, 1913.

G.G.S. Lindsey, Esq., K.C.,
Manning Arcade,
Toronto.

My dear George:

I return you Winton's letter with Murphy's reply. It is really too bad that you should be troubled so much about this matter.

I received last night a copy of the judgment in Lindsey vs. Lesuer, which I thank you for mailing me.

I may be up end of this week and if so, will hope to see you.

Yours affectionately,

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The Roxbrough, Ottawa,
June 17th, 1913.

G.G.S. Lindsey, Esq., K.C.,
Manning Arcade,
Toronto.

My dear George:

I am sending this line just to let you know that I was so unfortunate as to miss Sir Henry Pellet last night.

I followed your directions which brought me within a very short distance of his residence when by inquiry from other sources, I was set off in a different direction and spent about a hour trying to locate his house. When I got there Sir Henry was out motoring and as I had to catch the train which left for Ottawa at eleven, I felt it was hardly wise to wait until his return.

I am sending him a note of explanation to-day but if you should happen to see him I will be grateful if you will let him know that I wrote also to you to say how sorry I am to have caused you both so much trouble yesterday and then not to have seen him in the end.

I am looking forward however to meeting Sir Henry in another fortnight should he be in Toronto or at his farm about that time.

Let me thank you again for your kindness of yesterday and repeat what a pleasure it was to have a talk with Col. Leigh and yourself.

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Niagara Falls, Canada

George R. Major, Manager

Sunday July 13th 1913

My dear Willie

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I heard very poor accounts of Ste Agathe two days ago - A young girl, after being for two years at Ste A. and growing always worse & worse - and suffering from poor feeding & lack of care was removed to Gravenhurst &

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Niagara Falls, Canada

George R. Major, Manager

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Now after two years is about well again.
Please excuse this writing the only available pen is a pin.
We have the Lights over here for the week end -
Love from us both & with the most earnest hope that this thing will restore Mac to health
Ever yours affectionately
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G.G.S. Lindsey, K.C.

Manning Arcade.

Toronto. Aug. 20/13.

My dear Willie

Bella tells me Mac is improved. Cora was anxious I should not go away without being sure he would not start for Colorado before I got back. Bella assures me he cannot do so. I will return here Sept. 7. If there is any doubt about it wire me before Sat. am. I leave here 10 45 Sat. am.

Give my love to Mac and tell him Jim delighted at his progress also to May. Hope your father & mother are well.

Best love to you all

Affectionately

George

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G. G. S. Lindsey, K.C.

Manning Arcade

Toronto 4th October, 1913 .

Honorable W. L. M. King,

The Roxborough,

Ottawa.

Dear Billy :-

I have never yet had a copy of a single issue of the Kingdom papers . I do not like to ask Ewart for them, but if you know of any way he can be approached I would like to get them .

Yours affectionately,

G. G. S. Lindsey

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The Roxborough, Ottawa,

xxxvxxx November 1st, 1913.

G.G.S. Lindsey, Esq., K.C.,

Manning Arcade,

Toronto, Ont.

My dear George:

What do you think of the result in South Bruce. We made our fight wholly on responsible self-government and the mangement by Canada of her own affairs, with little talk about the necessity of the Exectitive not being free from the control of Parliament. In a mild form it was the struggle of '37 and '38 ovef again. It was interesting to see how this was recognized by all the speakers on our side.

I am sending you under separate cover Volume 1. of the first ten papers of Ewart's Kingdom Papers and a copy of No.11. There have been one or two others published since which I will get in a day or two and forward on. I think you will find Volume 1 exceedingly interesting.

With kind regards,

Yours affectionately,

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TORONTO 3rd November, 1913

W. L. M. King, Esq.,
The Roxborough,
Ottawa.

Dear Billie :-

Of course I was delighted with South Bruce, and I was waiting to hear from you just what the nature of your fight was there. The papers indicated very much what you say in your letter . This must have a very notable effect upon the policies of the Government. It doesn't seem to have made the Prime Minister any more cheerful .

Thank you very much for the Kingdom papers, which you say are coming to hand . I have long wished to read these documents, and will take great pleasure now in doing so .

I was delighted to hear such excellent accounts from Denver about Mac . It looks as if he had turned the corner .

Just one question . Is the result in South Bruce in any way attributable to the natural antipathy of the German residents to assistance to the British navy on national grounds ?

Yours affectionately ,

G G S Lindsey

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The Roxborough,Ottawa,

November 5th, 1913.

G.G.S. Lindsey, Esq., K.C.,
Manning Arcade,
Toronto,Ont.

Dear George:

I do not think the German vote was the determining factor in South Bruce. The examination of several polls show that the Government candidate lost quite as heavily in some of the Scotch, English and Irish sections as he did in the German. In fact one or two of the German polls give evidence of the effects of corruption which I am quite sure was more extensive than we have any idea of.

I am sending you under separate cover five additional pamphlets of Ewart's which you will be glad to have. I hope you have duly received the bound volume of the Kingdom Papers.

Max continues to progress splendid. I received a letter written by himself telling me that he was able to walk about and was going to take a bath on his own account for the first time. He had gained four pounds since the time he was previously weighted. It looks to me as though he is going to effect a complete recovery. Will it not be splendid if he does.

Yours affectionately,

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TORONTO 6th November, 1913 .

Honorable W. L. M. King, C.M.G.,
The Roxborough,
Ottawa.

Dear Billie :-

Thanks for your note . Glad to hear that the real influence in South Bruce was as your first letter indicated . It is a great object lesson .

I have received the bound book and one extra Kingdom paper, for which I am devoutly thankful, and I note with pleasure you are sending me five additional pamphlets .

The news about Max is wonderful and delightful. It really looks as if he would make a complete recovery, which, if he does, will be nothing short of miraculous .

Yours affectionately,

George

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Manning Arcade.

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Toronto. Dec. 2. 13

Dear Billy

Last night's meeting was a large one packed to the doors and very attentive. Perth is notoriously of chilly audiences. But I must say that the home of Lanark Conservatism with two Tories in the field to whom Grit and Tory alike are committed was a place in which it was a pleasure to speak on Canada First. It was well received. People while not very demonstrative were very attentive and several times broke into applause when Canada was well presented to them. With a party candidate and ~~that~~ party support behind him it would capture the people would Canada First.

Against Hannes the liberal feeling is strong on personal grounds and if the liberals are to break away from Balderson to whom many are committed, word will have to be passed around to them by a duly accredited agent of the party and in no uncertain way that it is desired he should have their support. Otherwise he will get very few votes. This should not be done till next Saturday. on which

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day the nominations take place. Then when B. is in the field — hill stick. He (B) is very confident. He came to me — an old Univ. friend — and we had a long talk.

H. as an exponent of new gospel is not the howling success personally I thought him. While his ideas are good and his earnestness genuine he is very diffuse in his way of presenting arguments. But on the whole he is a valuable man.

Let me know if it is likely a duly accredited man will spread the desire among the Justice of S. L.

Appel. yours

George

Is Graham a consenting party to this support?

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Hon W. L. King,

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Unanimous judgement of court of appeal dismissing appeal with costs.

G. G. S. Lindsey.

1140 am.

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Bella considerably improved we pass through Cheyenne Wednesday evening seven fifty five on Overland Ltd Many thanks for letters of introduction and kind letter to Cora. We sail from Sanfrancisco on Mongolia on Saturday.

George.

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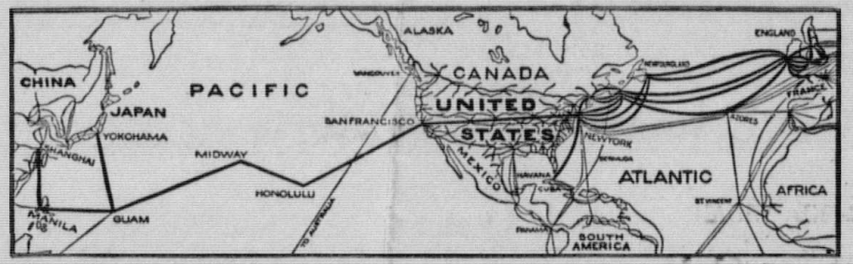

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Brown Palace Hotel,
Denver, Colo. March 24, 1915

G. G. S. Lindsey,
On board "Overland Limited",
passing through Cheyenne, 7.55 p.m. to-day,

Exceedingly sorry important engagements here prevent me from coming to Cheyenne tonight. Many thanks for your wire. Hope you will have safe and pleasant voyage and happy and profitable sojourn in the Orient. Max and May join me in love to yourself, Cora and Jim. Don't forget affectionate remembrances to Sir John and Lady Jordan. Au revoir.

Willie.

Chg.W.L.Mackenzie King
Room 500.

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Post Card

Peking Apl. 27/15

Dear W. Arrived here 20th via Fusan, Manchuria & Korea. Left Bettie & Jim to see Japan. They arrive in 2 days. Called officially on Sir John Wrist letter to Foreign Office. He at once asked for you & sent his very best regards. Worthy tell Bettie called before I do Lady J. Things here are complicated. Hope all are well. Affect. yours [illegible]

Hon Mackenzie King Chief.

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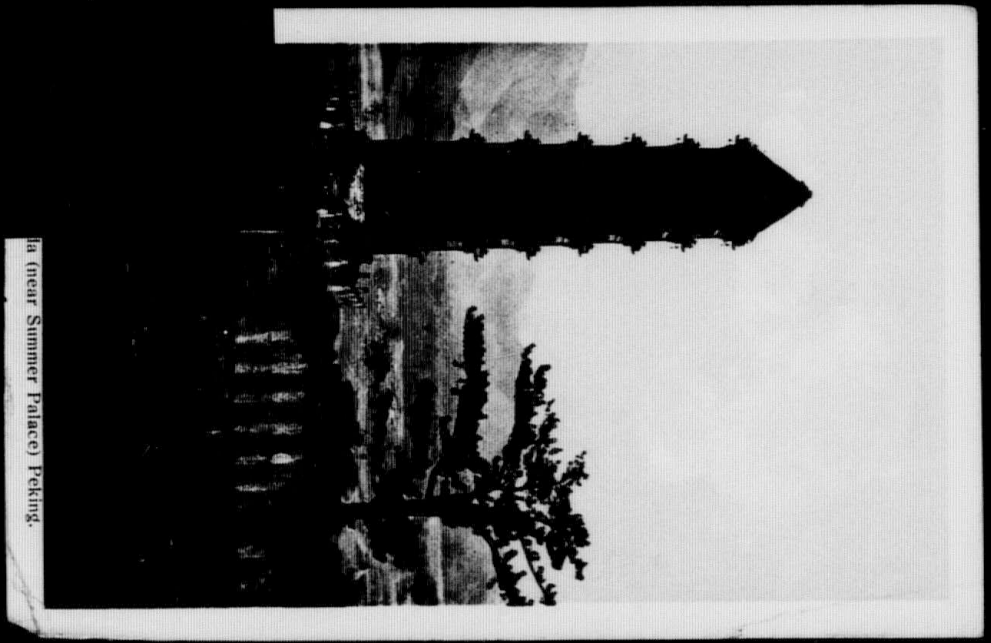

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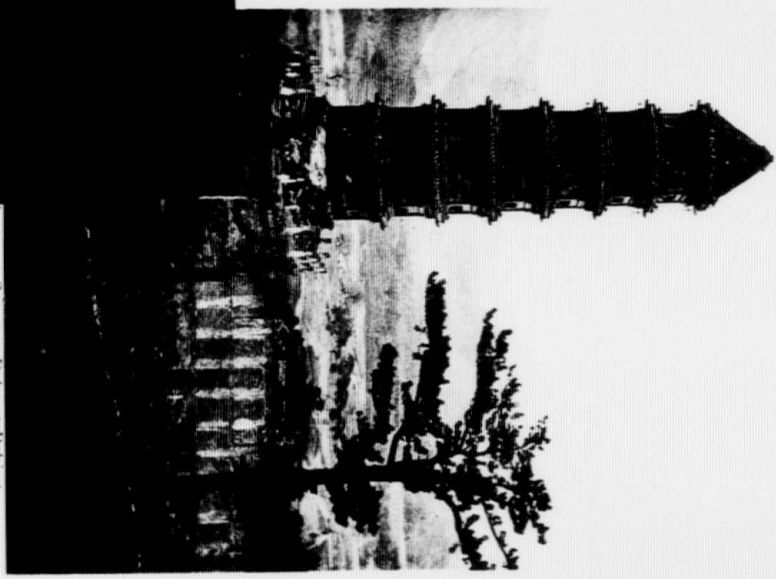

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TEL. ADDRESS: WAGONLITS.

CODE: A. B. C. 5th EDITION.

MANAGER WILH. TRENDEL.

My dear Billy

Peking, May 11 1915.

I cannot express to you our feelings at learning of Bella death. I immediately wrote your father saying this time to you all what one can under such circumstances. My dominant thought is how good she was and what a kindly soul has been taken away. I knew when I said good eye I would never see her again and I think she thought so too and my last impression of her is as fine or finer than I ever before had. You have our profoundest sympathy as you well know.

I feel very sorry for your father and mother. Bella was such a fine home girl that they will miss her terribly.

We lunched last Friday with Sir John and Lady Jordan and were most cordially received. We had previously called and have been quite favored with their friendship. You evidently stand high in their esteem and we were carefully to give all your messages to both. The first interview I had (official) with Sir John he asked most cordially for you and among other things asked if you were married. Cora later

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MANAGER WILH. TRENDEL.

Peking, 19

told him all about the Rockefeller Connection and the Greene Comity of 5th. He had not heard of it - Greene had not yet returned. I hope to get closer to Sir John soon. He has been very busy with the Sino-Japanese Agreement just concluded and Sir told played an important part in the settlement. It was not easy to secure China's friendship in such a crisis and preserve the good will of our ally, Japan.

This is as you know a most curious place, with all its varied national interests and just now with Germans in the numerical ascendent here (refugees from Kwei chow) it is not always nice. I know of no other part of the Civilized Globe (if so this can be called) where the warring elements are huddled together civilian and military as they are here.

We have seen some of the sights, not many a Cora and Jim have had very sore arms from vaccination but will "do" them all in time. We are making friends and I hope headway with my work. Morrison's letter I have not yet thought it prudent to present.

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MANAGER WILH. TRENDEL.

Peking, 19

The Chinese-Japanese crisis was an interesting moment but no one here thought the result would be arms. Poor China needs an awakening. I do not know whether 400,000,000 of people of peace loving disposition without an army or navy would in that case be able to resist the oppressor if she had no friends she could call to her assistance. It is a problem for the Peace party to consider. Certainly at the moment she was as helpless as a babe.

I hope your mom goes on well. We shall likely be here some months more or else leave soon without results. I do not apprehend quick movement from here.

Cora has written you. We have word from Charles about Bell's funeral in his letter received 2 days ago and again from Miss Szowski to-day. Jim feels very badly about his Cousin and joins us in best love to you and Yours

Affectionately Yours

George Lindsay

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Ottawa, June 11, 1915.

G.G.S.Lindsey, Esq., K.C.,
Care of The British Legation,
Peking, China.

My dear George:

I received this morning the loving and affectionate letters from Cora and yourself, and cannot say how deeply grateful I am for the words they bring from you. Ever since poor little Bell's death, I have intended writing to tell you and Cora of it; but it was only Tuesday of this week that I got back to Ottawa, after the completion of a part of my work in the States. Its details were so exacting that I preferred to wait until I could put them aside altogether before attempting much, if anything, in the way of personal correspondence. I understand Jennie has written you, but I am very sorry that in the absence of letters from Mother and Father, you have had no communication from me.

I was in Denver, spending Easter Sunday with Max, when the word came at noon that Bella was very low, and later, about five in the afternoon, that she had passed away. Fortunately, Jennie had come down from Walkerton on Good Friday Eve, and had been with Mother and Father and Bella during the Easter days, and was with them all at the time Bella died. Being with Max when this sad word came, I was able to soften a little the blow to him, and Jennie being with Mother and Father was able to comfort them. The end being inevitable, it was a kind Providence that planned the circumstances of it. Had Bella herself had the choosing of the hour in the day, I doubt very much if she would have preferred another to the hour of sunset on Easter Sunday, and we have her own word for the happiness it gave her to know that on that day we were as united as a family could be, through my being with Max in the west, and Jennie being with them all at home.

I doubt if anything could have surpassed the beauty of Bell's faith, and the expression given to it in the concluding hours of her life. It was a radiant close to a singularly pure, unselfish, and noble life. You know, from when you last saw her, how short was the time she was confined to her bed. The rest in many ways did her great good. Above all else, it made her very happy in spirit. Mother says that,without exception, the last two weeks were as happy as any they had ever enjoyed together. I do not think that Bella believed the end was so near. As Dr. Thistle says, she had come to have a sort of contempt for her physical condition; she had been so near breaking down time after time, and had surmounted this always, that she believed she could go on doing so for years to come. Be that as it may, her

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mind was not distressed, and her spirit was serene to the very end. What more, knowing her condition, had we a right to expect!

I came home for the funeral, and remained a few days, and then returned to Colorado. Mother and Father went to Walkerton to spend a few weeks with Jennie there, Returning to Denver, I was able to tell Max all that he was most anxious to know. In this particular again we were most fortunate. Max was wonderfully brave, and stood the shock well. He has had one hemorrhage since I came away, the only one he has had, and I think this can be put down partly to the shock of Bella's death, and partly to the spring of the year, which is always treacherous. With the advance he has made, I do not think it should occasion us undue alarm. While it was serious at the moment, and they found it necessary to get in a nurse to be with him for a week, the word I have since had had been distinctly hopeful, and I look forward to the more settled weather of the summer bringing him quickly back to where he was when I came away. My feeling while in Denver was that within another year or two he would be able to resume his practice in part. This conviction I still entertain, and I believe it will be fulfilled

On Monday of this week Father underwent the operation on his right eye which Dr. Reeve hopes may lead to some restoration of his sight. Dr. Reeve removed altogether the crystalline lens. He will substitute an artificial lens in a glass which father will have to wear. I was at home when the operation was performed, and Jennie was also there. She and her children will stay for some days, stay, in fact, until Father is able to move about again. It will probably be several days yet before the bandages can be removed, and we find out whether the operation will mean the restoration of his sight. Both Thistle and Dr. Reeve are distinctly hopeful. While the vision may be somewhat impaired, I really think the chances on the whole are in his favour. He was wonderfully brave in the way he stood the operation, which was performed at the house with the use only of a local anaesthetic. He has been wonderfully cheerful ever since.

I am through with my work in Colorado for a time, though I shall be going there again with Mr. Rockefeller, Jr. in the fall. Meanwhile, during the next two months I shall be digesting an immense amount of material gathered while in the west. I plan to take the month of August in North York. I hope to secure accomodation at a farm house there, for Mother, Father and myself, and to spend the month getting the riding well organized, and attending little social gatherings among the farmers. It is useless for me to think of giving up public life in Canada, no matter what sacrifices it may involve. My heart is too much in the struggle, and I shall not be happy until I represent in Parliament the riding with which Grandfather was identified in the struggles for reform during the early days. I believe I can carry North York in the next contest. At any rate I shall make a very vigorous fight, and, win or lose, accept the result with satisfaction. There is no doubt we would have had an election on at the present moment had it not been for the st nd taken by the Duke of Connaught, and also for

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desperate fighting which came just at the moment the Government was about to dissolve notwithstanding the Governor's protests. Now, the possibility of election is over until at least the fall, and possibly the end of the war. Time is all in our favour, for the scandals are developing on such a scale that it is going to be impossible for Borden and the men around him longer to conceal something of their enormity. The Tory Government in Manitoba, you will have noticed, has had to get out, owing to the extent of its corruption in the handling of public funds, and a Liberal Government is now in power there. In British Columbia, the rottenness underlying McBride's administration is beginning also to be exposed. It is sad to reflect that Tory debauchery has been so excessive and extensive as to make the chances of our party reasonably certain for an early return.

I cannot tell you how much pleasure I have derived from hearing from you of Sir John and Lady Jordan. Sir John's fondness for me is not greater than my affection for him, and I hope you will assure him of this. I never was happier anywhere in my life than I was during my stay at the British Legation, and the kindness of parents could not have exceeded the hospitality shewn me by both Lady Jordan and Sir John. Do please give them again my affectionate remembrances. You will find Sir John Jordan the soul of honour and the most reliable of friends. Sir Edward Grey told me that he knew of no one in the British diplomatic service more modest and more deserving of confidence and trust. One cannot be long associated with Sir John without knowing how truly this appreciation of his character is deserved. Do tell him I miss our walks around the walls of Peking together, and tell Lady Jordan that I miss the picnics and afternoon tea, but that I think of all these incidents very very often.

I just remember that Dr. Buttrick and Dr. Flexner, along with Roger Greene, will soon be in Peking in connection with the $5,000,000 given by the Rockefeller Foundation to the medical work in China. I do not know Buttrick very well, but think you will find him an agreeable and pleasant man. Flexner is one of the ablest men in the world, and one of the finest. His wife is as splendid a woman as he is a man, and Cora will like her exceedingly. I shall enclose with this letter a note of introduction. I spoke to Dr. Flexner of you both when in New York. I do hope you will come to know them, for they are the most charming of people.

The cuttings I am enclosing may amuse as well as interest you. It would be too long a story to narrate the events to which they relate, but Flexner, if you see him, will give you some account of them.

I have not in this letter said anything of Charlie, but you will know without my mentioning it how much my thoughts are of him, and of both Cora and yourself in the anxiety which his presence as a soldier in Europe must occasion. In a situation so desperate, we can only trust to Providence for the preservation of lives we dearly love, whilst we cherish the deepest pride in the knowledge that in this very personal way we help to share the sacrifices others are making to further the cause of liberty in the greatest struggle ever

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wages in its behalf. I hope and pray Charlie may come through it all and return to you to be honoured through years to come for the service he is now rendering. There is every reason to believe and to hope that he will.

With best love, dear George, to Cora, Jim and yourself, and again with my sincerest thanks for your generous sympathy, Believe me ever,

Affectionately yours,

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Hon W. L. Mackenzie King C.M.G. Peking, July 13 1915
Ottawa Canada

My dear Willie

I received your letter of June 11 yesterday. We read it with great interest. It was to us the funeral of poor Bella. It made us present at the end tho far away.

I am very anxious to hear about the operation on your father and sincerely hope it will be all and more than the success hoped for. Here Mr Hillier is stone blind from the same disease - neglected. He certainly has been brave and patient. Cora is writing him so I will send my messages by her.

I thank you for the clippings. The Globe had reported twice your clash with chairmen and his review of your remarks - glad to have the correct one. A few knocks like that do a Western Yankee trying to curry favor with the mob a whole lot of good. Corporations have got for the most part far bigger hearts than the mob if taken the right way

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MANAGER WILH. TRENDEL.

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You certainly have the political bee in your Scotch bonnet. I hope you will carry N. York and believe you will. From a distance - a long distance - my view is that Borden cant swim thro. All Governments go out of office on the conclusion of peace; ours apart from that has sealed its own doom. Scandals leading to soldiers graves are never surmounted. Then M & M. are utterly down and out. If our party will but clean out the men who were tied up to M & M. and publicly denounce M & M, preach real economy which all must practice for a long time to come and come out on a strong Canadian platform we can win. We shall have done our work and done it well when the war shall be as more and instead of building up Empires let us build up our home. Surely we have given assurance that in a righteous cause we will do our share of imperial fighting & financing. Curiously I fancied the Duke must have exerted pressure to the limit but when Manitoba was given away I was sure. But would like to have saved his Promise his own life and his Party while yet there was time.

Sir John & Lady Gordon will be glad to hear from you again as they have so often spoken of you. We have

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made many friends here who have been kind to us and enjoy ourselves as much as exiles can under existing home conditions. We have enjoyed much seeing Peking which now we have done pretty thoroughly.

Thanks my much for the letter to Dr. Flexner. Mr. Beemis of New York S.O. is here. But our interests are not in harmony so I have not sought to meet him. Dr Flexner I shall call on with great pleasure and look forward to meeting him and his wife.

We get on well but slowly here. Our task is an immense one and the Chinese terribly slow. But they say with patience one can accomplish all reasonable things with them and so we confidently hope for success.

We hear every week from Charlie. He is at Shorncliffe with the 3d Can. Contingent. He does not know when they go to France. We have heard Aug. 1. I feel we should get busy and do something about now. Its time for the Allies to make a successful move. Russia's reverses

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in Galicia put her prospects of moving to Berlin off till next year. Another winter campaign. The Canadians certainly have won undying fame. They were looked on in England as an unruly lot who as they took a drink with their officers could not subordinate themselves to discipline and many of the officers told me in Italy they dearly wished themselves at home never to see England again. One young unnerved officer a good Tory told me he moved from Bonassa and he a nationalist when he got back and six other brother officers said ditto. Now Charlie writes they are rated as equal to the best Tommies of the line. Yes better, are they than most of them, better educated higher minded more determined and in a tight place more fearless than 9 out of 10 of the regular troops; fastidious to fault about doing their duty.

We are all well. Glad you are to have a holiday. Wish I could spend a week with you in N. York. If you see Mr. Wm. Mc. give him our kindest regards. I intend to write

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him some day soon. His place must be lovely now. He will be proud of Arthur K. and glad to know he is safe men if a prisoner. How magnificently our fellows did is to us the grandest of joys.

Here there are many Germans & on 26th this month trading with them stops. Then will be all kinds of complications much to the discomfort of the Teutons. This is the only place in the world where the Bulletin has to rub shoulders with his hated foe.

I have a lot of photos I must send you some. They will reminder you of scenes familiar. I have several of the B. Legation buildings.

Now that we have a Republic in China all chains are discarded & all move in Rickshaws. So the function of the 2 Fingers at B. L. is obsolete. But this Country wants to be a Republic about as much it wants to die and it may be Yuan Shi Kai will be Emperor ere long. Like Caesar he protests he will not wear the Crown.

Best love from us all
affectionately yours.
A. G. Hussey.

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The Brown Palace Hotel,
Denver,Colorado,September 16,1915.

G.G.S.Lindsey,Esq.,K.C.,
In care of The British Legation,
Peking, China.

My dear George:

May I thank you and Cora for the more than tender and beautiful letters which I received from you both during the summer. To Mother and Father, as well as to myself, your loving words brought great comfort and consolation. I am indeed sorry that at the time of Bella's death I omitted to send you both a cable. I thought of it, and would have done so had it not been that I felt you had anxieties enough of your own, and that an opportunity would come of writing which would bring you the sad intelligence all too soon. You will have understood, I am sure, the circumstances which made it difficult to write sooner than I did. We did miss you both sorely at the time. Indeed, we miss you all of the time, but that was a moment when your presence would have been especially dear. Mother and Father have been wonderfully brave and philosophical, though each of them miss Bella much more than words could describe. They share, I think, the feeling that Jennie and I both entertain that her bright, beautiful spirit is not lost to the world or to any of us, while her frail little body has been spared what, with the bad condition of her heart, might have been years of great trial and pain.

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You will be sorry to hear that Father's sight is not improved as the result of the last operation by Dr. Reeve. It may be that in the course of time a film which is still across the pupil of the eye will be absorbed, and that some of the sight will be restored; but at present he can do little more than see the face of his watch, and when the objects are in a certain position with relation to the light, discern what they are. Reeve advised strongly against his attempting to renew his lectures at The Law School, and, thinking it all over carefully, I thought it best for him not to make the attempt, and have so persuaded him. Accordingly, he has tendered his resignation to The Law School, and we are now waiting to see whether, the circumstances being what they are, the Benchers would perhaps concede him some small recognition as a result of his twenty-two years of service to the School. Fortunately, I am in a better position to stand back of him and Mother than I was a year ago. For the little time that may be spared to each of them, it will be a pleasure to me to make such provision for their comfort as may be necessary. While Father has little or nothing saved, he has a small amount of insurance which he has expressed a desire to assign to me for advances I may make to him. I may tell you, too, confidentially, that I have been able to have the Carnegie Foundation recognize his services as a teacher of Law for a period of over twenty-one years, and as a writer on legal subjects, to the extent of gaining for him a small pension from the Carnegie teachers' fund. I have thought it as well to say nothing to anyone. Knowing how both Cora and yourself will be interested

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in his welfare, I am sure you will be glad to know that this bit of good fortune has come to him just at this time. This recognition, which is a very honourable one, has greatly softened what would otherwise have been a severe blow, not only to Father, but to me as well. With the security which this annual amount, though small, will afford, I feel that his own and Mother's future will remain secure.

I had Mother and Father with me at a farm in North York during part of the summer. I had expected to spend the month of August in King Township, just near Sir Henryy Pellatt's farm, but owing to Mother's illness could not get there until the latter half of the month. Mother, by the way, was very seriously ill for six or eight weeks. She had a bad bronchitis which developed almost into bronchial pneumonia, and but for the great care and constant attention of Miss Pearson, who nursed her through the illness, I doubt if she could have come through it as well as she did. As soon as she was strong enough, we took her to the farm, and two weeks there seemed to give her back much of her former strength. Both she and Father went up to Jennie's on their return, which was only two or three weeks ago, and the letters I have had since assure me that both of them have felt better for this little holiday there. I have arranged to have two people in the house with Mother and Father, in Toronto, throughout the winter. Jennie and I will drop in upon them as often as we can, and in this way I hope and pray all will go along pleasantly. Percy, by the way, has been more than kind

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in coming very frequently to see them both, and to take Father out for walks. I also have had many pleasant talks with him during the short time I was at home.

You will see from the above address that I am again in Colorado, and will, I am sure, be delighted to hear that on arriving here yesterday Max was at the station in an automobile to meet me. It is the biggest venture he has attempted, but Mr. and Mrs. Welborn brought him down in their car a distance of about six miles from where he lives. He stood the journey, however, in fine fashion, and to-day is none the worse for it, notwithstanding that last night he delayed an hour for his dinner, and sat up and had dinner with May and myself when I got out to their cottage at seven o'clock. He is thinner than he was before the hemorrhage he had in the spring, but he looks and feels stronger than at that time, and his temperature keeps well along the normal line. Consequently, there is reason, I think, to feel that he is making genuine progress. His hopes are higher than they have been at any time since his illness, and I confidently believe that, in the Providence of God, he has still some period of useful service ahead of him. May looks very well, and the children are both doing splendidly. They have grown very much and are both fine, promising boys.

I think this about covers all the family history. I have not said a word about yourselfes. Need I say that you are both continually in my thoughts? I know what your anxiety must hourly be in regard to Charlie. I can only join in your prayers that he may be

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spared the vicissitudes of this terrible war, and be brought back in safety and with honour to you both.

That reminds me, by the way, that in speaking both in Quebec, with Sir Wilfrid at a meeting in Sherbrooke, and at a couple of political picnics in North York, I referred to Charlie's presence at the front, saying it was most natural that the grandson of Papineau and the grandson of Mackenzie should be found fighting side by side for the liberties of the world, against the oppression of German autocracy. The audiences, both in Quebec and Ontario, responded simultaneously and roundly to this reference, and the papers also featured it. I cut out clippings to send you, but unfortunately find I have left them in Ottawa. I shall see, however, that you get them at some future time.

I had a very affectionate letter from Sir John Jordan. He told me of the pleasure he and Lady Jordan had had in meeting both you and Cora, but regretted that circumstances had not made it possible for Lady Jordan and himself to have seen more of you both. He hoped, however, that they would see much of you before you left. He, too, is anxious, as doubtless you have learned, about his son and son-in-law, both of whom are at the front.

I hope you will see Morrison before you come back; perhaps also meet members of the Rockefeller Commission who are at present travelling in China. You will find Morrison an exceptionally interesting man, and all of the Rockefeller Commission able and agreeable men.

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I should perhaps mention that I am out here at present really for the purpose of going through all of the camps of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company with Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who arrives in Colorado on Monday next. After we have made a tour of the mines, I think it probable that a plan of social and industrial betterment work, which I have drafted as a result of studies made here, will be adopted by the management and Board of Directors, and put into operation before his return. I do not expect to be in Colorado more than a fortnight, and shall then be back again in Canada for the winter.

Please give Cora my best love, and tell her that this letter is also for her. Give my best love, too, to Him, and when you write, also to Charlie.

With best love to yourself, and again sincerest thanks for your letters, Believe me, dear George,

Ever affectionately yours,

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W.L.M.King Esq.

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OTTAWA.

My Dear Willie-

I enclose an order from the Post Master General for 2.000 copies of the first issue of the Gazette. I will draw on this order as necessary. In the meantime please send me 500 copies here.

Yours truly,

G. G. S. Lindsey

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a message that His Excellency was interesting himself on behalf of the 4 left behind; then we concluded that Mr. Brodeur was trying to arrange the matter thro: the King. However what ever it all meant, there are 4 very inappointed Boys.

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Ottawa, December 31, 1915.

Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, K.C.,
Care of The British Legation,
Peking, China.

My dear George:

Through a misapprehension as to your movements, I unfortunately failed to get off either to Cora or yourself any letter or card of greeting for the Christmas season. When I was about to write you both with this end in view I learned from Toronto that you were leaving Peking and would likely be in London at Christmas time. Father and Mother, I believe, acted on this impression and wrote you in care of the High Commissioner for Canada in London, instead of in care of the British Legation in Peking. When I was about to write London, Charlie Bethune told me that his last word was to the effect that your stay in China would be, if anything, prolonged; and so I have come to the end of the year without sending any word.

This letter, I hope, will be sufficient to let you and Cora know that, though I have not written, you both, as well as Jim and Charlie, have been very much in my thoughts during all the Christmas season. While spending Christmas Day with Mother and Father at the Lays in Walkerton, we all talked of you both a great deal, and had a special toast for you at our Christmas dinner.

Last night Charlie Bethune and I had dinner together here at the Roxborough. He left on the night train to spend New Year's Day with Lady Howland at St. Catharines, and to attend to one or two business matters in Toronto. I have been away from Ottawa so much during the past year that, though we are nominally resident beneath the same roof, it is only since my return within the past two or three weeks that we have seen much of each other. We are counting, however, upon more frequent meetings in the New Year, and have arranged to share the same table in the dining room for our evening meals.

You will, I am sure, be glad to know that as far as appearances go, Max has made splendid progress. While I doubt if he will be able to resume practice before another year, there is, I think, ground for believing that within that time he will be

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in shape to do so. He has receovered sufficiently to walk about a good deal, and has lost altogether the fear and the dread which held him back so much at the start. The physical examination of his lungs disclosed, too, that the healing process has been substantially Out of the year, I imagine I was with him,off and on, over a period of four months, when I was able to come away from Colorado fully assured in my own mind as to the progress he had made and of what there was of further promise. The children are both well and strong, and May very happy and doing quite a little with her music as well.

Father and Mother are better than either of them were at this time last year. Father's sight is practically gone; but the hope of some restoration is not altogether groundless. The serious operation in June has not helped as yet, but with an opaque lens removed, there is a possibility, if the little film over the pupil dissolves with time, that some measure of sight will be gradually restored. He has, as you know, resigned the Law School, and upon my advice has ended also his office connection, which for some time past has been in reality but nominal; and while in one way this marks the termination of his work, in another it has added, by affording greater certainty of exact conditions, an element of happiness to his remaining years. Both Mother and he know exactly what their position is, and with the provision it has been possible to make one way or another, they have reason to feel that a real measure of comfort is theirs for the rest of their days; that deferred hopes which make the heart sick, and fears which distract the mind, have been removed; and my hope now is that they will have, not merely long life, but enjoyment of life as well for some time yet to come.

Jennie's little children are splendid youngsters. They have both lovely dispositions, and are most intelligent. She and Harry are very happy in their home life. While, therefore, the year has brought irreparable loss in little Bell's being taken away, it has ~~been~~ in other respects brought big compensations, and we are all, I think, better off to-day than we were a year ago.

How I hope that the New Year may see you and Cora and the boys all again happily together in your own Toronto home! I can well imagine what your anxiety must be with Charlie at the front, and China for little Jim is perhaps not as good as Toronto. You both, too, must be very anxious to be again in the circle of your own friends. May the New Year speedily bring the changes which will make possible the re-unions which your hearts must desire, and may it bring many added blessings to your home!

With much love to Cora and Jim, Believe me, dear George,

Ever affectionately yours,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

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P.S. - Please give my kindest remembrances and heartiest greetings to Sir John and Lady Jordan, and tell Sir John that I value very much, and shall always keep, the very kind letter which I received from him not so very long ago. I hope Sir John and Lady Jordan's son and son-in-law have both come thus far safely through the perils of the war and will be preserved unharmed to its close.

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Ottawa, March 25, 1916.

Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, K.C.,
Care of The British Legation,
Peking, China.

My dear George:

I was delighted to receive this morning your letter of February 16th. Oddly enough, I intended writing you to-day to congratulate you on having been retained by the Chinese Government to draft the new mining laws for China. The announcement of your having been asked to undertake this responsibility appeared in the Canadian press just a week ago to-day, and has been commented upon very favorably. It would have been a great honor to have received this retainer from any government, but it is a distinct mark of confidence to have had the retainer given by the Chinese Government, for with the Chinese confidence is everything. It seems to me that the opportunity afforded is one of the largest any individual could have, for it not only enables you to render a great service to China, but indirectly also to other countries of the world. We are all greatly pleased, and I congratulate you heartily.

I was glad to gather from the despatches that you had been successful in accomplishing the work you had undertaken on behalf of the British syndicate you have been representing in China.

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On the receipt of your letter this morning, I rang up W. D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration, and spoke to him about Mr. Tseng's son. Mr. Scott said that in the case of prominent citizens of China, the Department usually arranged to see that the head tax of $500 would not be exacted. It was sometimes imposed as a matter of form, but a refund of the amount subsequently arranged. Mr. Scott explained that, as we know, the purpose of the head tax was to exclude coolie labor. It was not intended to affect merchants, travellers, or persons of the professional classes. Mr. Scott said that if you were in Canada at the time Mr. Tseng was thinking of coming to this country, and would take up with him the question of his admission, he thought the Department would be able to arrange satisfactorily for his admission without requiring the payment of the tax exacted in the case of coolie labor.

The year you have spent in China will, I am sure, prove one of the most valuable, as it doubtless has been one of the most interesting years of your life. It is likely to have a significance very much more considerable than appears at the moment. The world is just coming to know of China, and the men who have established intimate relations with the Chinese are going to be in a position to render valuable service in the many relations which may be of concern to China. Two or three times I have thought of how singular it was that Harry Lay's father should have been so prominently

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identified with China, having been, in fact, the one who drafted the first commercial treaty between China and Britain; that Professor Legge, his grandfather on his mother's side, should have been the one to have translated into Chinese the Bible and to have translated several of the Chinese classics into English; also that I should have been one of the British delegates to the first international world conference to be held in the Orient, and to have come so near to bringing about a treaty which would have abolished altogether the head tax and substituted a passport method of limiting immigration for it. If our Government ever gets back into power, I intend to see that such a treaty is concluded, and if you are talking with Sir John Jordan before your return, I should be glad if you would tell him so. He will doubtless tell you of the interesting interviews we had with Liang Tu Yen and other of the Chinese officials.

I was delighted to know that you had spent Christmas night with Morrison and his wife. Do please give my kindest remembrances to him. As you will have discovered, he is quite a rare being, a wonderfully well-informed man on Chinese affairs, and a charming personality.

I hope Him keeps well, also Cora and yourself. Charlie apparently is still safe. I had a card from him only a week or two ago acknowledging a letter sent early in the New Year. We shall all be glad to see you back when the spring

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comes, and I am glad that you do not expect to remain longer than the end of the next month. If Father and Mother are as well when you return as they are at present, you will find them looking much better than when you went away. Max, I think, continues to make progress, though very slowly. Altogether, the anxieties have considerably lessened during the course of the last year.

With love and best wishes to Cora, Jim, and yourself,

Believe me,

Ever affectionately yours,

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Ta Fang Chia Hutung,

P E K I N G.

Feb.16th, 1916.

My dear Billy,

Your letter of 31st December came safely to hand, and we are very glad indeed to get all your good wishes, for which we thank you cordially, and trust that the New Year will bring to you and all your family nothing but good luck.

As you say, the position in which your Father finds himself now is one which must be a great relief to him, and we sincerely hope that his eyesight may be restored so that he may devote the remainder of his years to literature.

Cora sent your kind message to Sir John and Lady Jordan the other day.

I am very glad indeed that Charlie and yourself have arranged to dine together every night, it is companionship that he needs; and we are glad to hear through you and from other sources that his present condition of health is a considerable improvement on the past.

The news of Max is very encouraging. We heard from his wife, and sincerely hope that it will turn out as you prognosticate with him.

I had read of your doings in Colorada in "The Globe" and congratulate you on the settlement of such a serious and protracted difficulty.

I have been applied to by a Mr. Tseng, whose son is at the

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Royal Schools of Mines, London, to know if I could get him some occupation in Canada when he shall have graduated from College, and I have said that I could do so, but that the question of his entering Canada might involve the payment of $500 head tax. I further told him that if such a thing could be got round, that you would know how to do it, and I should be very much obliged if you could suggest some way in which the payment of such a tax in such a case can properly be avoided. If you would be kind enough to write me soon I would appreciate it.

At the end of January I accepted from the Chinese Government a retainer to draft new Mining laws for them, and expect the work will take me about ten weeks, so that I shall not be here in any case after the end of April unless something unforeseen turns up.

I am not writing you any of the ordinary gossip of our household, because Cora has just mailed to your Father a long letter which you will probably have the opportunity to read; and as she does that so much better than I do, you will enjoy it more coming from her.

We are all well, and send our best love.

Yours affectionately,

George

The Honble. W. L. Mackenzie King,
The Roxburgh,
Ottawa. Canada.

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CANADA LIFE BUILDING,
46 KING STREET WEST,

Toronto, Canada.

September 11th, 1916.

The Honorable W. L. Mackenzie King,
The Roxborough,
OTTAWA, ONT.

My dear Billie:-

I am putting my affairs in shape after my return from China, and I notice, among other things, a letter of yours, dated 24th May, 1910, promising to make a contribution of $200.00 in a certain event.

This event you, on the 5th of October, chronicled the happening of in a letter, in which you recollect your promise, but said you"would be obliged if the fulfilment of my undertaking could stand for a while".

It may continue to stand a little longer if you like, but if this is a convenient time I would be glad to get the matter off my books.

Yours affectionately,

GGSL/T.

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928 Olive Street,
Denver, Colo., Sept. 16, 1916.

My dear George:

You and Cora will be pleased to know that mother stood the journey to Denver in fine fashion. I think she really enjoyed the trip; was so well, in fact, that she was able to go into the dining car for all her meals. Max was at the station to meet us. We went out immediately on arrival to his little cottage, which is quite beautiful. He has his professional sign on the door, and tells me that he has made as much as $50.00 within the last few months. I am thinking of arranging to secure a little self-starting Ford for his use and Mae's. He can have it to see his patients and Mae can use it for her music lessons. We found Max considerably improved, though by no means strong as yet. The children are very well. Both he and Mae were delighted to receive the gifts you and Cora had brought them from the Orient, and drank in eagerly all the accounts we gave them of your journey.

I feel that in the strain and stress of the last fortnight it has been impossible for me to express to either you or Cora how deeply I have appreciated your many kindnesses so generously extended. It meant everything to mother to have Cora nearby her, and it meant very much to us to have your counsel and advice and generous assistance and co-operation in legal matters. Apart from this, the presence of you both in Toronto was perhaps the greatest of all the personal consolations in our sorrow.

Let me thank you both again on mother's behalf and my own, and with the best of good wishes, believe me ever,

Very affectionately yours,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

G. G. S. Lindsey, K. C.,

Tyndall Avenue,

Toronto, Canada.

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Ottawa, October 13, 1916.

Mr. G.G.S.Lindsey, K.C.,
Canada Life Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear George:

I have received your letters mailed to await my arrival, and enclose herewith my cheque for $200.50, $200.00 being in payment of the amount of which you make mention in your letter of September 11th, and 50 cents being the ~~cttlay~~ made by you for certificate by the Clerk of the County Court which it was necessary for you to obtain on my behalf in connection with Father's policy in the Royal Arcanum. Mr. J. R. Code is the Collector of the Toronto Lodge of the Royal Arcanum to which Father belonged, and as it was to him that payments on the policy were made, it was through him I was obliged to make application for payment due under the policy, and to attach thereto the certificates required. I am sorry you have been put to so much trouble in this matter, but am grateful to you for your kindness therein.

May I at the same time thank you for additional trouble to which I imagine you will be put to-day in certifying to a declaration which I signed last night and which Mr. Butler of the Royal Arcanum was to bring in to you to-day. Had you

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been at home last evening I would have explained the circumstances over the phone. Apparently there is much more in the way of legal precaution necessary for a small policy under one of these friendly societies than a transaction of very large amount in any ordinary business would involve.

As you may be interested in seeing it, I enclose a copy of the letter which I received from Mr. Lawrence respecting Father's policy in the A.O.U.W. It does seem to me that the attitude of the A.O.U.W., in view of the fact that I hold their receipt dated July 1st for all dues paid up to the end of December of the present year, subject to change in rate of dues only but not in amount of policy, makes the transaction a thoroughly fraudulent one and unworthy of any organization calling itself a friendly society. If the legislation is as unjust as the solicitors of the Company is prepared to admit it is, I presume there would be little advantage in going to law with the hope of making any recovery. I feel too indignant to express what I think of the action of the Order in treating any of its policy-holders in this manner, but perhaps I may yet have opportunity to show the Ancient Order of United Workmen that, even as respects benevolent societies, honesty is the best policy in the long run.

G. G. S. LINDSEY

TORONTO Feby. 27. 17

My dear Billy

We have been hearing thro Jennie and the Thistles about your mother. Have you time to drop us a line giving full particulars? You must have had a very anxious time. Please give Aunt Bella our very best love and wishes for a speedy return to solid good health.

I am not surprised at her being partly well used up after the death of Bella and her husband particularly the latter; at her time of life its the big blank left and the loneliness of it all that must make her fret and worry and lead to ill health.

How do you keep?

I see Wilson still thinks; retires and thinks. U.S. is far from responsible fort —

Affectionately Yours

G. G. S. Lindsey

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Toronto March 2. 17

My dear Billy

Your letter came this morning. After reading it me, Lora and I, were I am sorry to say not much relieved by the news and the facts. Like you we hope for the best; but it looks serious. Give Aunt Bella again our very best love and wishes for good health. The change may do her good, which you contemplate. I fear for her because of the lack of reserve power she must be suffering from.

It is indeed good news of Mac. I am delighted at the success of his boom and of himself as a winner out.

Doughty is wrong. Glasgow Pub Co. here is under contract to bring out Le Sueur's book. But the S.S. has annotated every reference by noting the place he got it from G. hesitates to take the plunge.

Charles is now major on the Staff of the 4th Can Infantry Brigade. I saw a letter

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for Col Chas Jones says "the success of yesterdays raid was due to Charlie's energy and capacity—" That meant this raid on Sens 17 Jan the most successful one yet when 100 prisoners were taken.

He was sent to London for a Heavy Quarter Staff course & after being there a week mailed last Thursday to France. He is of course as are we very disappted.

Cora joins me in last love to Aunt Bella & yourself

Affect.

George

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April 12th, 1917.

L/R

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, C. M. G.,
The Roxboro,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Billy:-

I forwarded a letter from you to Cora day before yesterday, to Kirkfield, so I did not learn from it how your Mother was. I hope she continues to improve, as from Mrs. Thistle we learned she did. Give her my best love.

Will you be kind enough to tell me how to apply, and if possible, what are the conditions for being put on the Carnegie Fund for superannuated professors. The case I have in point is W. S. Jackson of Upper Canada College, who is retiring this year after forty continuous years of service. I am anxious to communicate with the parties, and to learn if Jackson's case is one they would consider, and I would be very pleased if you would kindly give me all the information you can by <u>return of mail</u>, with suggestions from yourself.

Yours affectionately,

G. G. S. Lindsey.
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May 25th 1917.

Hon. W. L. MacKenzie-King,
The Roxborough,
Ottawa, Ont.

My dear Billy: Strictly private and confidential.

In a letter received at Toronto on the 23rd instant by a friend of mine, our leader says that he will not support conscription. If he means the principle of conscription, then the result will be to break his party in pieces. If he means acceptance of the principle, but support of it only on non-partisan working and fair conditions, most of us, I fancy, would feel inclined to go with him.

The result of opposing conscription in principle will not only be to disrupt the Liberal party, but to make all chance of winning the next election impossible, certainly under a French Canadian leader.

Canada, as a whole, will not support any party which relies in the main upon the Province of Quebec for its influence in the house, if Quebec is to be branded as it has up to date branded itself on war support and participation in the great struggle. If we are, as a party, to accept that position, we will be branded till the end of time as disloyal, a favorite and very telling weapon against us by the Tories.

For my part, I care not a rap about the political effect on our party of anything that is now proposed which is designed to win this war, and which is capable of being made effective in that

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direction and I believe the great bulk of the people in this country feel that way.

I wish you would drop me a line to say how your mother is. We have felt more deeply concerned about her since I saw her week before last in Ottawa. I rang you up last Tuesday night in Ottawa but you were out and I had to take the late train that night. As it was evening, and Aunt Bella probably at rest, I did not feel like going to see her without your assurance that it was all right to do so.

Jim gets along well. Charlie has been promoted to the staff of the Third Division. We are all well.

Best love to you both.

Yours affectionately,

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TORONTO

June 13th 1917.

Hon. W. L. M. King, Esq., C.M.G.,
The Roxborough,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Billy:

Many thanks for your kind congratulations on Charlie's King's Birthday honours. I know just how you and Aunt Bella feel about it, that is, just as we do ourselves, very proud. He has won it entirely by his own effort and this makes us all the more gratified, for he certainly had no political pull and backing of which things over in England are pretty full.

I am very glad to hear Aunt Bella is improving in health and sincerely trust the warm weather will accomplish all you hope for. Give her our very best love.

Yours affectionately,

George

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Toronto, Oct. 20. 17

My dear Billy

Atkinson tells me he saw you yesterday and you told him your mother was very low. I am very sorry to hear it but not surprised.

I was in Ottawa two weeks ago and thought several times of calling to see Aunt Bella but was kept every minute till after 8 o'clock by which time I felt sure it would not do to disturb her. I then intended to be in Ottawa again quite soon but the occasion for this vanished. I am very sorry I did not see her when there but it was quite impossible.

Please give her Cora's and my very best love and tell her we are all well. Same to yourself.

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Toronto.

Mac sent us his book. It is excellent. I am sorry to hear he is not so well as he was & his wife writes in good spirits.

Affectionately yours

G. G. S. Lindsey

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie Cmg.
Ottawa

P.S. I see our old friend Le Sueur is dead. Did he by his will make any disposition of his M.S.S.?

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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, October 23, 1917.

Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, K.C.,
Bank of Toronto Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear George:

I thank you on Mother's behalf and my own for your kind letter just received. Last week, I was indeed more than anxious concerning Mother's condition. She had an aspiration operation a little over a fortnight ago, and several quarts of water which had been accumulating in her body were drained off. It left her very weak, and for a moment she herself had fears that there was something from which she could not recover. Within the last few days there has been, I rejoice to say, a most remarkable change in her condition. She is once again pretty much what she was at Kingsmere, and is able to sit up quite a little. If the change which has been so marked in the last couple of days should continue, I would not be surprised to see her considerably restored and her life considerably prolonged. I have given her your messages and the love from Cora and yourself, which she always deeply appreciates, and she wishes me to send her best love to you both.

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Mac, I think, is also better. He had a trying summer, but the cooler weather has, I believe, restored him in health again. I am glad you like his book. Certainly it is very much of an achievement.

I hope you continue to get good reports from Charlie, and that Jim is again quite over the effects of his accident.

I have heard nothing of LeSueur's will. If I am able to ascertain particulars, I shall let you know.

Again thanking you for your letter, and with love to Cora and yourself,

Affectionately yours,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

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Mr Gregor - Read & turn over

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Toronto June 30/17

JUNE 30, 1917

W. L. M. King. C. M. G.

Ottawa

Dear Billy

Morang spent this week in Montreal with Mr. E. Nicholls of (Montreal) Mail. Nicholls wants to see you badly and would go to Ottawa on a mere to meet you.

There is much valuable information to be got from Nicholls that you ought to know at once. And the proposal he has you would like Sir sure to consider.

Can you mere him to meet you?

Let me know.

Hope Aunt Belle is better. The

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Monday pm.

Dear McGregor

Well you phone on receipt of this send a wire to Mr Lindsey as per what I have written. On getting his reply you might wire Mr Nicholls to Montreal as I have indicated in second telegram — If a phone message is not more than 50 cts to Montreal you could phone explaining that Mr Lindsey had [illegible] me he wished an interview. that I am at Kingsmere but would come in for an interview Wednesday evening and be glad to see him either at my rooms or the Chateau as well best suit his convenience — If Lindsey wires early in the day you better telegraph Nicholls let me have a line as to the result — if one comes in time to mail but don't mind phoning unless important

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papers here say she is at Kingsmere.

Give her our best love

affect yours

George GEORGE LINDSEY

Telegram
G. G. S. Lindsey K.C.
Toronto

Will be in Ottawa Wednesday evening. Shall I wire ~~Nichols~~ N. to meet me or will you.

W. E. Nicholls

Mackenzie King

Understand you desire interview

Will be at the Roxborough Ottawa Wednesday evening. Please wire if convenient

~~wire if likely to be~~ ~~if I may expect~~

Mackenzie King

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Will be in ~~Toronto~~ Ottawa Wednesday evening. Shall I wire N. to meet me or will you.

Mackenzie King.

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IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU YOURSELF TO WIRE

THE GENTLEMAN

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Ottawa, July 5, 1917.

Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, K.C.,
Bank of Toronto Building,
Toronto.

My dear George:

I am writing to thank you for your kindness in writing and wiring me with reference to Mr. Nicholls' wish to have a talk with me. He came to the city last night, and we had an interesting and pleasant conversation together this morning.

We appeared to be entirely at one in our point of view as to the policy the paper in Montreal should pursue at the present time, and I wish very much it might be possible for some of our influential Liberal friends to carry out Mr. Nicholls' wishes. I doubt if there is much that I can do personally in the matter, other than to speak with a few of our friends here. I am not in a position to command money, and that is what will be necessary if the purpose Mr. Nicholls has in view is to be attained. The political end his purpose would serve is to my mind in the highest interests of the country, and as it ought to appeal to friends who are interested in maintaining the unity of the Dominion and the unity of the

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Empire, it may be that I can be of service in gaining further consideration in the right quarters for what he has in mind. In any event, I shall be glad to do what I can.

I took Mother out to Kingsmere in a motor last week. She stood the journey remarkably well, and was [illegible] the worse for it. The change has done her a lot of good, and each day has evidenced some measure of real progress. I am looking forward to the summer effecting a real change for the better. If it does, her life will be spared to us for yet awhile. She joins me in sending best love to Cora and yourself.

Yours affectionately,

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July 6th 1917.

Hon. W. L. McKenzie-King, C. M. G.,
The Roxborough,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Billy:

This is just to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th of July.

If I was correctly informed of Mr. Nicholls' position, then I am sure your conversation was a useful one and it will certainly be useful if his interest could be obtained. Did he tell you anything about White?

The very interesting part of your letter is that your mother has so profited by the change, and Cora joins me in our very best love to her and yourself.

Yours affectionately,

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July 7th, 1917.

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Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King,
The Roxboro,
Ottawa, Ont.

(Private and Confidential)

Dear Billy:-

Our Montreal friend turned up here to-day to see me. He seems to feel that he has placed his interest in your hands, and is very anxious to know what is being done.

I had a long conversation with him, and without pretending to understand the situation fully, feel that it is worth while to try and do what he wants. He tells me that $25,000. now, a like amount in the Fall, and a like amount next year, would be all that would be necessary. This seems to me to be very little, and he mentioned a source from which it is not unlikely one-third of the amount might be got.

If, on consultation with your friends, you find it desirable to enter upon this task of securing his support, and get some encouragement, I might put you in touch with one or two people here who might feel disposed to consider the matter and help.

I understand urgency is necessary. I have no interest in the matter one way or the other, except that it having been brought to my a ttention, it appears to me as probably a wise thing to do, provided it carries the judgment of those who usually have matters of this kind to deal with.

Perhaps you could write me fully what progress is being made.

Yours affectionately,

G. G. L. LINDSEY.

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Toronto, Nov - 6 . 17

Dear Billy

I received yesterday the enclosed letter from Judge J. D. Cameron of Winnipeg. I leave it to you to decide if you will make its contents known to Sir Wilfred.

In any case the strictest confidence must be observed as to the contents and as to the writer and of course I will expect the latter have

I trust Aunt Bella holds her own

Affectionately yours

G. G. Lindsey

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Newmarket, Ont.,
November 14, 1917.

Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, K.C.,
Bank of Toronto Building,
Toronto.

My dear George:

I return herewith Judge Cameron's letter which I received with yours this morning. I shall probably see Sir Wilfrid again on Sunday, and shall talk with him about the Winnipeg visit. I am inclined to think that Sir Wilfrid will view all threats of personal violence much as our grandfather viewed similar threats from those who were opposed to him in his early struggles on behalf of the people and free government. Coercion and violence always defeat their own ends. That is why I believe attempted coercion in Canada at the present time is going to hinder rather than help our soldiers at the front and the cause of the Allies. That is why I am opposing ~~present~~ methods being adopted to enforce further Conscription.

I fear I conveyed most inadequately over the phone Mother's appreciation of your visit and of your kindness in sending the flowers which came from Cora and yourself. Your visit did her a lot of good, and she spoke of it many times to me on Sunday.

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I was delighted to learn of Charlie's further distinction.

With love to Cora and yourself,

Yours affectionately,

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November 15th 1917.

Hon.W. L. McKenzie King,
Newmarket,
Ont.

My dear Billy:

I thank you for the Judges letter just received.

Yours affectionately,

G. G. S. Lindsey

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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, April 20, 1918.

Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, K.C.,
Bank of Toronto Building,
Bay and King Streets,
Toronto.

My dear George:

I am greatly obliged to you for allowing me to see the enclosed letter.

Mr. Robertson had told me of his intention to include a picture of Mother in his collection, but I had not known of his intention to include one of Father as well. I cannot say how pleased I am to know that he is having this done. How kind and generous and public-spirited he is!

Yours affectionately,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

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January 26th 1918.

Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King,
The Roxborough,
Ottawa.

Dear Billy:

I had an accident with my bust of MacKenzie. A picture fell down and broke it. I am obliged therefore, to have a new casting made, and for this purpose a model is being taken from the bust in the Normal School, Toronto.

The man who is doing the work has asked me if I know of anybody who would like copies, and I told him that I would enquire among a few persons. I can get duplicates for $15.00 once the cast is made, and if you know of anybody who would like to get one, now is the time, because the duplicates must be made at the same time as the original bust is made, or it adds very considerably to the cost later on.

Affectionately yours,

G. G. S. Lindsey

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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, January 28, 1918.

Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, K.C.,
Bank of Toronto Building,
Toronto.

My dear George:

Replying to your letter just received, I cannot at the moment think of anyone who might wish to have a duplicate of the bust of Mackenzie, unless perchance Max or Jennie might wish to secure one. I shall write Max to-day, but it is just possible that, on account of the small size of his house and the difficulty of giving it an appropriate place, as well as the additional cost for express and duty, he may not care to have one at present.

I am wondering if the City Hall in Toronto might not wish to have a bust. I am pretty sure that Tommy Church would be favorable to having an order placed. As the first Mayor of Toronto, the City Council should be glad to give Mackenzie's bust a place in the City Hall. Perhaps if you were to speak to Rowell about a purchase being made for the Art Museum at Ottawa, he could arrange that with Carvell; or were you to write Carvell himself, he, as Minister of Public Works, which has to do with that department, might arrange for it. Just at the present time I am perhaps not the best person to speak to either of them. It seems to me a bust of Mackenzie would be most appropriate in any Federal gallery. Perhaps, too, the Ontario House might be agreeable to a purchase, but I would have less faith in that. You would know best as to whom it would be wise to speak.

B. E. Walker is a great admirer of Mackenzie, but whether he would wish a bust I cannot say. John Ross Robertson might arrange to have one for the Toronto Public Library, or even for his own house. He, of course, is an ardent admirer. James L. Hughes also might be glad of the opportunity of securing a copy. I don't recall any place at the University where busts are located, but if there is any such, the University authorities might be approached.

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Were I Member for North York, I should be glad to present the Town Hall of Newmarket with a bust of Mackenzie; but I presume that had better be left for some future occasion!

Thanking you for writing me, and with loving remembrances to all,

Affectionately yours,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

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G G S LINDSAY

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The Blackstone Hotel,
Chicago, January 21, 1919

Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey,
145 Tyndall Avenue,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear George:

Your telegram of the 18th instant, sent to Ottawa, has been forwarded to me here, and just received.

I am indeed sorry not to be able to be in Toronto on Friday or Saturday of this week. I passed through Toronto yesterday on the way from New York, but had time for little more than to run out as far as Mount Pleasant, to see the little plot of sacred ground there, which was covered with the winter snows. Had I had a moment free I would have been glad to run out and see you and Cora.

I am busy here on some work for the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the International Harvester Company, and one or two other industrial concerns. I imagine it will be all of three weeks before I can get away. I wonder if there is any chance of Morrison coming this way. If so, I hope you will let him know that my present address is the Blackstone Hotel, and I would give very, very much to have the pleasure of seeing him again. Please give him my kindest of remembrances and the assurance that time in no way lessens the affection I have had for him ever since the days of our meeting in China.

With love to Cora, yourself, and many thanks for your kind wire, Believe me,

Affectionately yours,

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January 30, 1919.

The Honourable W.L.McKenzie King,
"The Roxboro"
Ottawa, Ont.

My Dear Billy:

I have your letter of January 21st and am very sorry you missed Morrison, and he is very sorry too. I do not know when he will be back ~~this year~~, possibly not for a year.

I received your book but I have not been able to read it because I have read nothing since before Christmas owing to an affection of my right eye, which forbids my using it. I am getting on all right and expect to share the pleasure it seems to have given others, according to the press, in reading it.

We telegraphed Mac Christmas Eve to Denver, and included in the message our felicitations to you, thinking you were then with him. We are all well and will be glad to see you on your next visit.

Yours affectionately,

G.G.S. Lindsey

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Feb. 22, 1919.

Honourable W.L. MacKenzie King,
The Roxboro,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Billy:

I met Judge Clute the other day, and in speaking of your book he asked me to say that there was an article in the National Review for August which you ought to see if it had not already been brought to your attention.

Yours affectionately,

G.G.S. Lindsey

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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, February 24, 1919

Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey, K.C.,
Bank of Toronto Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear George:

I thank you for telling me of Judge Clute's mention of "The National Review". I shall take occasion at the earliest opportunity to look up the article referred to.

I hope the trouble you have had with your eyes is disappearing. I was extremely sorry to learn of it, for I can imagine no affliction worse than anything affecting one's sight.

With love to Cora and yourself,

Affectionately yours,

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The Roxborough Apartments ottawa

The Liberal convention has done
you a great honour hearty congratulations

G G S Lindsey

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Acknowledged
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Ottawa, December 24, 1919

Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey,
147 Tyndall Avenue,
Toronto.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to
Cora, the boys, and yourself, and best love to all.

Willie

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OTTAWA

GEORGE DIED ABOUT ONE OCLOCK THIS AFTERNOON FUNERAL SATURDAY AFTERNOON

CHARLES J R BETHUNE

320 P

A copy of this telegram has been sent to our office at Parliament Buildings, for delivery.

C. P. R. Telegraph

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it was not Typhoid Fever that I can think of nothing else. If you should see him try & persuade him to come up here & convalesce a bit before going back to work work-you?

I was so sorry not to have seen you - but was glad that Genge and you had such a nice little visit together. Genge was so pleased about it.

I am glad Aunt Bella has Little Bella back again - She was so lonely without her I know, and I am sorry I was so busy just at that time, with the

Toronto
June 26th

My dear Willie

It was so good of you to send us the wire about Charlie - and was a great relief to my mind I assure you. I got your kind letter the following morning & then felt completely reassured - the same post brought me one from Charlie himself but it was very pale & anaemic both as to writing & expression & I could see from it that he had been pretty well shaken up - I am so grateful however that

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Summer sewing & one thing or another
Grange was down at Grange Rd. last
night, but I had promised to
go up & see Ethel Kirkpatrick
So I couldn't go. I was sorry.
And now with many thanks
dear Willie for your kindness
and with love I remain your
affectionate
Cora Lindsey.

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My Dear Willie

Please put the enclosed pattier in your cap! And accept my most-present congratulations!! You will understand I feel sure, how much I have sympathized with you through this affair & must have felt my appreciation of your manly & earnest endeavour to set things right. Would you & Sir William care to drive to Coal Creek this afternoon to have a peep at the Valley & the sleeping industry there? Let Charlie know — affectionately yours Cora —

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dear this week. I had
hoped to have gone down
to see her again before
this but George has
been laid up with
Grippe this week so
I have been pretty well
tied to the house
George is still in bed
but I hope he will be
allright by Monday.
I am going to ask you
if you happen to be
in the Chateau Laurier
this coming week if
you will be good
enough to call upon
some friends of mine
who are going down
to Ottawa on Friday

22nd July 1913

My dear Willie

I was so
sorry to hear from Bella
about Mac's illness.
Poor old Chap! he seems
to have had more than
his share of that sort
of thing this winter.
I saw your Mother last
Saturday. she was still
in bed. and I thought
her looking pretty
pail but I have heard
through the telephone
since then that she
has improved a good

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for the Military week.
Mr. & Mrs. Ford Howland and
Miss Wadsworth a sister of Mrs. H.
This is their first trip to Ottawa
and they will naturally wish
to see as much as they can -
I know you could give them
some pointers. Ford H. is a
rising young architect and
is a nephew of Sir Williams
I know he would appreciate
meeting you and I shall take
it as a favor if you will
call upon them.
May knows Miss Wadsworth, but
I am not letting May know
that she is going down for
Mac's hands are acutely
full at present, aren't they?
Blanche B. is going to Bermuda
with Mrs. MacDougald at an
early date. I hear that he is
very much improved in health
and sleeping absolutely all night.
I know you will be glad of this.
George is expecting Percy Lindsey
and his wife to arrive in Toronto
this coming week - Percy has

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some employment awaits
him here.
Please give our love to
Ray and to Mac. and
tell them how sorry we
were to hear of the
Latters illness.
And with love for
yourself in which
George joins me I
am yours affectionately

Cora

Saturday
Feb. 22nd

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The New Willard Hotel,
Washington, D.C., March 15, 1915.

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
145 Tyndall Avenue,
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Cora:

I am enclosing five letters of introduction, as follows: (1) a letter introducing George to Sir John Jordan, British Minister at Peking; (2) a letter introducing yourself to Lady Jordan; (3) a letter introducing George and yourself to Dr. Morrison; (4) a letter introducing George to Liang-Tun-Yen; all of Peking; and (5) a letter introducing George to Mr. Drummond of Shanghai.

I have given to you and George separate letters of introduction to Sir John and Lady Jordan, as they may serve to make the introduction more personal and less formal. I would suggest that, just as soon as you get comfortably settled at your hotel in Peking, you and George call at the British Legation and leave these letters together with your cards, at the same time registering your names in the guest book. If George wished to enclose a personal letter to Sir John Jordan at the time of leaving the letters, that would be appreciated, but is not necessary.

When you see Sir John and Lady Jordan, please tell them that I never forget their kindness to me during my stay at the Legation. I was with them for a month or six weeks, and was really more a member of the family than a guest during that time. Please tell Sir John that I think very often of the walks we had together, and also tell Lady Jordan that I remember with much pleasure our Sunday picnics out to Morrison's little cottage and to some of the ancient ruined temples. No doubt they will be glad to have you and George take some of these little excursions with them if they are still in the habit of taking them. Ask Sir John Jordan to tell you about the King of Korea and the story of General Greathouse and his international guard; also about the high building erected by some of his Chinese servants in Korea.

Tell George he will find Sir John Jordan a thorough Liberal, though in his position he naturally will be very guarded

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in anything he may say. He will find that Sir John has read grandfather's life and much appreciated it. Tell George he can put implicit faith in Sir John Jordan and not to hesitate to ask his advice on any matters where he is likely to have dealings with the Chinese Government. He will find Sir John Jordan possesses the confidence of the Chinese to a very full degree.

Lady Jordan is one of the pleasantest women, quite bashful and quiet. Please tell her that I was inquiring for her daughter, and wished to be remembered to her. Incidentally, you might let Lady Jordan know that I am still unmarried, thought not entirely without hope of still finding someone who will share the risks of the future with me.

I am enclosing a notice given out by the Rockefeller Foundation in October last, which will indicate the nature of the work and position I have with the Foundation. Within the past month the Rockefeller Foundation agreed to give $5,000,000 towards medical education in China, assisting in providing the hospitals and providing for proper training for Chinese physicians. Mr. Roger Greene is resident director of this work in China. He is at present in New York, but will likely be in Peking in the near future. When he comes, tell George not to hesitate to make himself known to Mr. Greene. His position in directing this Chinese medical work corresponds to mine as director of the investigation of industrial relations which the Rockefeller Foundation has planned. The Foundation has $100,000,000 set apart "for the well-being of mankind throughout the world", and it is with phases of this work that Mr. Greene and I are identified with the Foundation. You may have noticed, too, that the Rockefeller Foundation has given between two and three million dollars in aid of the Belgian relief. It is contemplating giving other relief in Europe. George may find this connection of some service, and I think the Rockefeller Foundation has the complete confidence of the Chinese Government and of American interests in China.

Dr. Morrison was for years correspondent of the London "Times". He is now adviser to the Chinese Government. I am not sure whether his new position has not changed somewhat the relations which formerly existed between him and Sir John Jordan: I am inclined to think it may have. I have not met Morrison's wife, though I came very nearly so doing, as I mentioned to you yesterday. You might perhaps explain to both of them the circumstances which caused me to miss them, when I called late at the Artillery Mansions in London. Ask Morrison if he remembers the nigger servant Brunyat brought with him from India and the attendance Brunyat seemed to expect the Chinese servants to shew him. Get Morrison to let you see his library and the "Times" with his

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obituary. Get him also to tell you about China itself and some of his own experiences and travels. He is the best informed man, bar none, on Chinese affairs.

If you meet Dr. or Mrs. Gray at the British Legation, please remember me to them. I hardly know them well enough to give a letter of introduction, though I remember Mrs. Gray helped me to choose some Chinese coats for Lady Laurier, Lady Grey, and Mother. Dry Grey is particularly interested in the work of the Rockefeller Foundation, and will be glad, I am sure, to get in touch with George for this as well as other reasons.

Liang-Tun-Yen was acting Minister of Foreign Affairs when I was in China. He may be in Europe now, but if he is still in Peking he will be glad, I know, to meet you both. Sir John Jordan could tell you about him. In this connection, it might be well to let Sir John Jordan know that if ever the Liberal Government comes back, as is possible after the next election, we shall make another attempt to negotiate a treaty with China substituting a passport system for the present head tax.

Mr. Drummond, to whom I am giving you a letter in Shanghai, is a wealthy retired Englishman living in the residential English quarter. He must be a very old man now, and it may be that he is not still alive; but if he is I think he will recall having me at his house on one or two occasions, with Sir Cecil Clementi-Smith, who was Chairman of the International Opium Commission that met in Shanghai in 1908, of which Commission I was one of the five British delegates. I have had correspondence with Mr. Drummond since returning to Canada, but it is a year or two since I last wrote him. I am sorry I do not remember his first name, but think it is 'William'. At any rate he is the best known citizen in that community.

Tell George, if he is in Shanghai any time, to call on Mr. Wattie, who is the representative of the Sun Life Assurance Company there. I am enclosing a card of introduction, which will be enough without a letter. Wattie knows all the Canadian colony in Shanghai. He is a generously disposed man, and a relative of Robb, M.P. for Huntington. Wattie would be sure to introduce George to a number of interesting men and put him up at the Club there.

Just one word about your travels. Do not fail to go through Japan by rail if you can manage it. Spend a day in Tokyo and a day or part of a day in Kioto. Also if you can manage it, do not miss going to Magiami: it is one of the loveliest spots in

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dear, and a feeling of deepest regret that I had not done more for her pleasure and comfort while I was there & while she was there -
Dear Old Bella! I shall miss her cheery welcome, I can tell you, and her word of encouragement - that was never lacking when I needed it.
My heart aches for the dear old people - and oh how I wish I were there to help to brighten them up a bit when they need it so sadly -
Poor Billy! your load will be just a little heavier now won't it? But you are fit for it I know, and will be able fill Poor Bella's place as no one else could do -
I have sent a line to Jennie

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Peking
Sunday
May 9th

My dear Willie

George and I learned yesterday with deep grief of Dear Bella's death on Easter Sunday. We got no mail excepting 5 copies of the Toronto Globe, and it was in the latest of these that we read the sad announcement.
It was a great shock to us because we both hoped that the rest & care were going to bring her round again & that while she might never be really strong again, we felt she might be spared for many years.
I find it very very hard to realize, and while I sympathize most earnestly with you all I think my sharpest pain is just at present for the loss of one who to me was very very

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us. I wish you could have heard the way Sir John spoke about you to me at luncheon on Friday. Nothing could have been more full of kindly and affectionate admiration. Lady Jordan is slower in her friendships and I have not yet got to the point with her, where I find myself with Sir John.

Chinas ultimatum to Japan is forthcoming tonight so this is a critical day. Sir John says that while his life here has been fraught with many crises, none has been any thing like so serious as this one.

We are all shocked almost into insensibility at the news of the Torpedoing of the Lusitania

2/ and to your mother and Father too. But I seem so shocked & undone at the loss we have all sustained, that I do not seem capable of saying what I want to say.

Poor Mac! He will miss Bella she tried so hard to amuse and interest him in her frequent letters.

I want with you today about ourselves & what we are doing - later I will write you a longer letter telling you about ourselves but I do want to thank you for your letters & cards to us, and for all the trouble you took about them.

The Jordans are indeed Charming, and have been most kind and hospitable to

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No more now dear Billy
but best love from us all
and our very deepest
sympathy

Your loving cousin
Cora (Lindsay)

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and as we read it from the Bulletin Board these German Boches, with which this place swarms, exulted openly in our faces at their fiendish work.
Let us hope that this will now stir America to a proper sense of her responsibilities.
Her action I have no doubt will depend upon the importance of the American Citizens who are lost.
We are full of anxieties of our own not knowing where Charlie is.
No news since April 4th from him. but we try to comfort ourselves with the old saying "No news is good news"!

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Max and I greatly rejoicing with you all at restoration of Peace. Wish Charlie safe return.

W. L. Mackenzie King

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145 Tyndall Avenue
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April 16th.

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George joins me in love and best wishes.

Ever yours affectionately

Cora Lindsey

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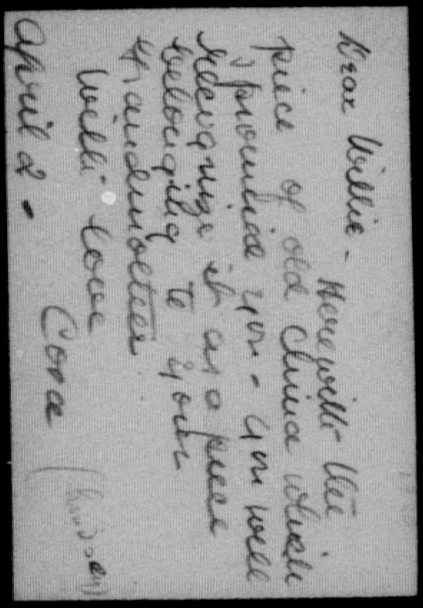

Dear Willie - Herewith the piece of old China which I promised you - you will recognize it as a piece belonging to your Grandmother
Willie love
Cora (Lindsey)
April 2 -

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My dear Willie, just
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for your kindness &
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home tomorrow -
I have been laid
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with a sharp attack
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With many thanks
& much love
Yours affectionately
Cora -

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Ottawa, April 30, 1920

My dear Cora:

I am exceedingly sorry that the pressure of public work during the past fortnight has been such as to make it well-nigh impossible for me to give a moment to personal correspondence. I know I can count on your sympathetic understanding of the matters of which I have been obliged to take account, and which have deprived me of any opportunity to send an earlier acknowledgment of your exceedingly welcome letter. I cannot say how kind I think it of you to have written me at such length, and in the thick of your own exacting duties.

The photographs of the Morrison children came duly to hand with your letter, and I am delighted to have them. I wish, however, that Mrs. Morrison had sent, instead, a little photo of herself and the Doctor and the children which I saw in London, and which was promised me at the time. Evidently, like most fond mothers, she believed I would be more interested in the children than in any family group. I do like the pictures of the little people; but I shall still seek to become the possessor of the group picture.

I am greatly distressed to learn of all the suffering which Dr. Morrison has had. When I left London, I came away believing that the worst was over. Not having corresponded since, I was under the impression that the Morrisons had returned to China. The only word of consolation is that there is a probability of the Doctor and Mrs. Morrison coming through Ottawa in the immediate future, so that there will be a chance of seeing them both again. It was very like you and George to interest yourselves, in such a generous and practical way, in Morrison's trouble. I am perfectly sure there is no being on earth who would be more genuinely appreciative of so great a kindness.

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TORONTO ONT MAY 26 -20

HON.W.L. MACKENZIE-KING

OTTAWA

CORA HAS ASKED ME TO ADVISE YOU THAT GEORGE IS VERY SERIOUSLY ILL AND THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF HIS RECOVERY SHE DESIRES YOU INFORM ROWELL AND MOWAT OF GEORGES CONDITION PLEASE CONVEY THIS INFORMATION FROM HER WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED

CHARLES J R BETHUNE

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OTTAWA

GEORGE DIED ABOUT ONE OCLOCK

THIS AFTERNOON FUNERAL SATURDAY AFTERNOON

CHARLES J. R. BETHUNE.

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Ottawa, June 5, 1930

My dear Cora:

You have been constantly in my thoughts ever since I left Toronto a week ago to-day, and this is the first moment I have had of sending a line to you.

It rested my heart very much to see you and the boys, and to have the privilege of sharing a few hours with you in the midst of a grief which has meant so much to us all. You know, I am sure, how completely I share with you every feeling you have. I can imagine the loneliness of the hours you are now experiencing, and what the strain of past months may mean in its inevitable reaction. I hope, however, you will remain firm in the conviction that all is for the best.

You have doubtless learned of poor Morrison's death. Only yesterday I learned of it indirectly, but have not yet ascertained at what time it occurred. It must have been in the early part of this week. In the circumstances, there is something particularly pathetic in the tie of affection between George and Morrison. That each of them should have looked so much to the other, and both been taken at the same time, leaving their wives and families behind them, is strange and sad indeed. I return Morrison's letter, which please, however, do not destroy. If you do not keep it yourself, perhaps you will let me have it at some time in the future; but I should prefer that you would keep it. Letters of the kind will be a much prized and valued possession to Charlie and Jim.

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I was delighted this morning to learn of the arrival of your little grandson. I am sorry I missed seeing mention of the event until to-day. Not knowing Charlie's address, I have telegraphed him in your care. Please let this letter supplement my best of wishes and heartiest congratulations to his wife and to him, and let it bring also added congratulations to yourself. I am so glad I had the pleasure of meeting Charlie's wife. I thought her a very lovely person. I am sure their home will be a very happy one, with the new life that has come into it, with new light and love.

Ever with fondest love,

Believe me, dear Cora,

Affectionately yours,

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Ottawa, June 15, 1920

My dear Cora:

I am sending this line just to let you know how disappointed I was not to have had a chance either to see you or to phone you on my way to or from Hamilton.

I expected to spend part of Sunday in Toronto, and to see you again while there. However, after the Hamilton meeting, I felt so done out that I decided to come back to Ottawa and rest quietly on Sunday. The week preceding had been very strenuous and heavy. I did not leave Hamilton until the late train on Saturday evening, and had only time to make my connection for Ottawa after reaching the station. I was very sorry not to have had a chance to get in touch with you.

My purpose in sending this line is just to let you know why you did not hear from me. I hope you are feeling more rested, and that the little grandchild is proving a joyful diversion to you. You have been very much in my thoughts day by day.

With love to yourself and the boys,

Believe me,

Always affectionately yours,

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Ottawa, July 6, 1920

Mrs. C. C. S. Lindsey,
147 Tyndall Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Cora:

I return Sir John Willison's letter and the press clippings which came with your note of a few days ago. I thank you heartily for permitting me to peruse them, and also for your own letter.

I expect to be coming up to Toronto before very long, and therefore shall not attempt more in this letter than to make acknowledgment of your kindness. I hope you are feeling stronger, and that all is going well with the little grandchild. You are all very much, indeed constantly, in my thoughts.

With best love to one and all,

Affectionately yours,

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with the hope that you were having a well earned rest.
It was a great joy to me to have Mama with me at the last and to be able to do what I did for her. Her utter dependence upon me was that of a little child - and her passing was sweet & lovely like a tired little child falling asleep in ours arms. No suffering, no pain just a blissful unawareness of all earthly things and a little journey into the beyond.
The sad thing to me, is that it leaves me as your dear mothers death left you, the oldest of my family, and some way or another I dont care for the role.
It was sweet of you to do so much for Jim and Mr. C. and I appreciate it vez much I assure you. It was particularly nice your introducing him to his Fathers old friends and the whole thing will help him in his environment in the States, where he means to

145 Lyndall Ave
Sept 10th

My dear Willie
I was just about to write you to thank you for all your kindness to Jim and Mr. Christianey, when I got your kind letter of Monday the 7th.
I quite understand that your time is not your own and I never thought of such a thing as your coming up to the funeral - I was quite alone when the end came neither of the Boys were at home, so I had all the arrangements to make myself and I definitely arranged for its being quite private so that friends would not feel they should make an effort to be here. Such a thing as your being here never entered my mind - If I thought of you, it was

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make his home - I am glad you - liked the Boy. he is a darling and a very great comfort to me. His man, Mr. Christiancy has done a great deal for Jim and takes such an interest in him that I feel I need have no anxiety now about his future. Mr. C. is a deeply religious man and a good deal of a philanthropist - and with his immense wealth is able to do an untold amount of good - He is associated with such men as the President of Princeton Univ. and others in philanthropic work all of which Jim begins to be much interested in too.
He has given Jim three night courses at New York University courses in Commerce & Finance and he seems convinced of Jims ability and tells me he has a very decided flair for the life which is opening up for him now. He was at first attracted to Jim because of his pluck in going into their employment as a messenger - and because of his grit in staying despite ill health & other discouragements.
We were at the Willisons on Sunday and Sir John was much taken with Mr. C. and also with Jim & gave them both some very nice letters to people in the West where they have gone to look into some oil proposition.
Sir John (when I was dining alone with them recently) said some very nice things about you. That you had made fewer mistakes than it could be conceived that any man would make who was called upon to take the helm at the most difficult hour in the history

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to remain - there are too many
sad memories now and it
is not good for one to dwell
too much on these things -
With renewed thanks,
Dear Willie, and hoping
to see you some time
soon
I remain
Yours affectionately
Cora Lindsey

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of this country and that you had done so well that it seemed almost uncanny - I was sorry to hear recently that our mutual friend Mrs Patteson had been very gravely ill - Please give her my love when you see her and tell her I am so sorry. When they return from the West my two Boys are going back with Mr Christianey by motor. Then Jim will return for a week here with me.

We will then have a pow-wow as to what I shall now do for I cant live on here alone. Aside from the folly of keeping on this house for one person. I have now no desire

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I know that both he and Mr. Chouinard very much appreciated your kindness to them when they were in Ottawa in September.

If you would be good enough to have your secretary give Jim a ring when you go to New York he could then put Mr. Hitchcock in touch with you. I know that he is seeing him quite frequently.

Jim's address is
c/- Hirsch Liberthal & Co
165 Broadway. New York.

That was a famous victory in West Hastings and I am sure you must be pleased - It shows what the shock troops can do when you bring them out!!

I am just going on in the same old lonely rut here.

Nov 28

My dear Willie.

In a recent letter Jim asked me to write you a line asking you if you expected to be in New York in the near future.

Some Mr. Hitchcock had asked him to find out, and he said frankly that he was thoroughly ashamed to write you because he had never written you on his return to New York.

Poor Jim! I am afraid that letters are not his forte, and he has been working pretty hard since he went back. So perhaps you will forgive him -

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trying to sell my house & not having any luck.
Charlie & family are all well - and Jim is well & doing famously - so I am told -
all send love -
affectionately
Cora

Mrs S.S. Lindsey

145 Lyndall ave
Toronto
November Twenty Eighth

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145 Lyndall Ave
Aug 20th 1920

Dear Willie

Many thanks for
your kind message of the
sympathy and for the
lovely spray of flowers
you sent me - I appreciate
your kindness -

Cora -

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spirit, which I know & love so well to be ever more than temporarily discouraged, I am sure.
To be sure, conditions are very complex & critical now, and must at times bring situations which are almost baffling to one as conscientious as you are.
I only wish I lived near you and could lend a hand sometimes, helping you out in some of the personal situations & giving you a little of the human sympathy & encouragement which even the strongest mortals need so sadly at times.
I sometimes wonder if it is worse to need this sort of help than it is to crave to give it to some one & find one's self alone - as I am.
Sometimes I have felt, since Georges death, that I could walk him back just as he was during the last year of his life. Cruel as that might be - that I could go on cheerfully to the end

St Catherines. The Welland House
Tuesday night.

My dear Willie, I loved your letter! I have read it many times, each time finding fresh comfort and strength from your assurance of love & interest in me & mine.
We missed you sadly on Saturday - but I am sorry you felt so cut up about not having been with me Dear. I knew and understood why you couldn't be beside me and I would not have had you brush aside your obligations for a personal reason, even though it was so compelling. It distresses me to know that you are feeling the stress of times so much - but I have no slightest fear that circumstances will ever master you, be they never so trying nor complicated. You have too much of the fine old Mackenzie

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of my days ministering to him as I did, just for the infinite joy of feeling myself absolutely necessary to some one - just when I was beginning to feel that I was necessary to Charlie when I had begun to seriously think of going to Ottawa to be near him, he is snatched away from me too and it seems almost more than I can bear -

The service on Saturday was most impressive - Dr H. speaking in the most touching way of Dear Charlies fine character, gentle kindliness and high sense of honour - So many good old friends were there to offer their last tribute to his memory, and I have never seen anything so wonderful as the flowers that were sent - I am so grateful, to you, and to all the people who sent them - Dear humble little man who never sought nor ever expected attention honors or plaudits lay there in the serenity and nobility of Death, not unconscious, perhaps, of the appreciation of his friends - It was pathetic to see him carried hence by the friends of his youth, who loved him, every one, and forgave him his only fault - Dear honest- loving little soul that he was -

You will see that I am writing from St Catherines. I came over this morning to spend a few days with Mama to try to comfort her a bit. I think it did her good to have a good cry in my arms - It is sad to see old people weep, but I can't help thinking that their grief is tempered with much mercy. No matter how hard the road may be they can see the end of it, and rest is almost in sight - It is dear of you to say you will come up to see me Billy, and I should have held you to

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I must go over all Charlies personal effects and make disposal of them and this will probably keep me in Ottawa the whole of next week.

No more tonight Oscar - for I am desperately tired & frazzled out and if my words sound erratic & disconnected dont mind - I'll sand-paper them for you when I see you! Any way I know you will catch my meaning & not misunderstand.

I thank you from the bottom of this thing I call my heart, for your sympathy & love & look forward so much to seeing you.

affectionately

Cora

the promise had it not been that I am going back to Ottawa at the beginning of next week. Then I hope we can steal away from people for a little while & have a good talk. I want to get your advice about something which is troubling me sorely. I want to talk it over with one who is absolutely disinterested and an understanding person like yourself - I am going to tell you in confidence, for I am not telling any one save my own boys Dear Charlie left me absolutely everything he had in the world - and this is what I want your advice about - I do not feel that I ought to have it - I do not deserve it - I am not worthy of such trust & devotion and I want to do something about it which Ted Bogg & my own Boys do not approve of.

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however to note with interest
the progress you have been making
We watch your doings in the
papers from day to day &
hope you will make the grade.
The boys are well - also little
George - and his sweet little
mother. I think little George
just about saves Grannies
life at times. I was in Ottawa
for a few days in November -
but you were not there - I
was so sorry. I went down
because Charlie B. was ill &
I was terribly worried.
I wonder what news you
have from Mac. I do hope
it is more encouraging than
when I saw you last.
Much love Dear Willie
from the Boys & myself.
Yours affectionately
Cora

Lyndall Ave
Feb 17th 1921

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My dear Willie. I am sorry to have
been so long in writing to thank
you for your kind messages at
Christmas. The fact is I have
not been at all well - my nerves
seem to have gone back on me
& I have been having a pretty
rotten time of it for the past
two months. The doctors say
it is not serious at all & that
I shall be as fit as ever I was
if I just rest a bit & that it
all comes from my having
been kept at such high tension
for the last two years &
that when the necessity for
keeping up was gone I just
had to break down a bit -
I have not been to miserable

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again.
You will see that I am in Muskoka Jim and I are spending a couple of weeks with Charlie & Wanda at Mr. Gzowski's delightful place in Lake Joseph. I have had such a wonderful summer that I can scarcely believe that I am really myself at all. I had been shut in so long that I had forgotten almost that there was any world outside of my own four walls where so much that was sad & tragic took place. I had forgotten all about the joy of summertime in the out-of-doors. but the good-to-be-alive feeling has come back to me with all its intensity and I feel almost young again - I was terribly fed up with worries & troubles & frightfully miserable over the way my sisters have treated me & suddenly I got an inspiration —

Star Island
Lake Joseph.
Muskoka
Aug 26th

My dear Willie I have been wondering if you have any news about Mac? I saw Jennie when she was in Toronto on her way through to Denver and she was very anxious about Dear Mac. and fearful lest the end might be close at hand.
A few days afterwards I saw Harry at the train at Allandale but he had not heard from Jennie yet. I have comforted myself since with the thought that no news was good news & when I found that you had not gone over I felt sure that things could not be as bad as Jennie seemed to fear. It was probably the intense heat which prostrated poor Mac and with the cooler weather he must have rallied

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Blow the expense! And off I went with Jim for a fortnight to Minnicoganashene. I enjoyed every hour of it up there. Jim was so sweet & good to me and I met so many old friends who welcomed me so warmly and were so good to me that I suddenly began to feel that after all the world wasn't such a bad place to be in. Then when our fortnight was up there we came on here with Charlie who is having his fortnights holiday.

I have been so worried about poor Uncle Percy. You see the Massey Harris has closed down & on July 1st Percy was thrown out of employment just on top of having had his rent raised. I have had to help him along ever since. I went to N.W.R. and he promised to speak to Sir James Lougheed about getting Percy an Indian Agency, but I have heard nothing more about it and so Jim has taken an office, and he & Percy have started out as Insurance Brokers. I have to finance them till they get on their feet but they hope to be able to make things go very soon, when they will pay me back. They write every kind of Insurance Fire, Life Theft, Accident & health, Automobile & bonding & guarantee. Jim has been in the business for two years & knows a good deal about it and he is very devoted to his Uncle & anxious to help him along. I dont suppose that you can throw any thing in their way. But if ever you could I know they we appreciate it very much. If you know any

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Wanda and Charlie are very happy and devoted & awfully well suited to each other. I hope you are going to continue to get a bit of a rest and holiday Willie Dear. Remember "All work & no play" you know & be warned in time.

We are getting heaps of fish here. Bass. good ones too & yesterday we had a frogging expedition & got 24 pairs of legs. Jim prepared them all most beautifully and handed them over to the cook. but the Imperious & inscrutable Chink who presides so haughtily over the gastronomic destinies of this household refused with much scorn to cook them & hurled them into the garbage box. This deity I may say is

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contractors or engineers who are employers of men in a large way all these men have to be bonded & this sort of thing pays the agent very well. so dont forget them. They have an office in the Confederation Life Bdg. and the firm is Lindsey & Lindsey. I will get them to send you a letter when we go home.

I am having such a happy visit here and luxuriating in Baby worship. His serene highness Little George is 14 months old now & is most intelligent & interesting Just beginning to walk & to talk & he adores his granny. so how could I help having a lovely time.

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in the receipt of $100 a month and I have never seen any thing like mine for insolence.
To one who has known the germs Christ in his local habitat, who knows the conditions of life in the Orient whence he came - and what $100 a month means to such as he his attitude is, to say the least, exasperating.
To run across a thing of this kind makes me all the more willing to go home and resume my position as a domestic servant to live for myself. I can, at least, have what I want to eat when I want it & am not dependent upon anyones whims but my own!! I'm afraid I shall be a corker to please if I am ever in a position to have servants again!

I have never seen my sister and her daughter since the day of Dear Charlies funeral. They have completely ignored me since I refused to divide his money with them. At first it upset me a great deal, but now I'm just trying to forget about it & to live my life without them. I find I'm pretty philosophical & when I can't have what I want I immediately become much attached to what I've got. By the way! I saw in the Globe a few days since that a great grandson of W.d. McK. was in Toronto from Ohio. did you by any chance hear from him?
The children all join me in much love. Dear Willie & when you get a moment to spare, do let us hear from you! Yours affectionately
Cora -

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Ottawa, September 2,1921 .

Mrs. G.G.S. Lindsay,
147 Tyndall Avenue,
Toronto.

My dear Cora:-

I received on my return to Ottawa this morning your welcome and most interesting letter of August 26. I am indeed glad to know from it that you are feeling so much more like your old self. You made a very wise decision in getting away for a complete rest and change . I wish I had been equally wise during the Summer months. The months to follow promise to be strenuous enough .

I tried when in Toronto a couple of weeks ago to get your house on the phone,but was unsuccessful. I was equally unsuccessful last week when I was again in the city for a day. Your absence,of course,accounts for my failure to get a response. I assumed that you must be out of the city.

I saw Jennie at Barrie on Sunday night.She had a splendid visit with Max and it did both her and him a great deal of good. Max's condition is such that he may live on for some months to come or may pass away at any moment. One side of his body is largely paralyzed and the greater part of it may become in that condition before very long. Only his indomitable spirit keeps him alive. I am hoping his life may be spared until after the result of the present campaign,whatever its outcome. For somehow I feel that to him alone any political success or reverse in my career is likely to be a matter of concern. We have never missed a week in writing or seeing each other for a period of nearly eight years now.

I think both you and Jennie have been more than splendid in what you have done for Percy. I shall indeed be only too glad to watch for any opportunity of promoting the interests of the firm.

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You will appreciate the circumstances which compel my resort to dictation and prevent more than a brief acknowledgement of your letter.

With best love to yourself and all the young people,

Believe me,

Dear Cora,

As ever,

Yours very affectionately,

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have meant to your mother, and there came into my mind the pathetic incident of the black velvet frock which was to be laid away for just this occasion - But never mind Dear, she is wearing something far more radiant today and she knows, she loves!

It is a wonderful thing to be Prime Minister of this country - and you deserve the utmost credit for the way you have stuck to the old traditions & to your convictions & above all for the courage you displayed in going into the old Constituency. And I admired the dignity with which you conducted your whole campaign.

Jim sorry Jim & I were not able to work as we should have liked - but we un-

Toronto
Dec 7th 1921

My Dearest Willie, I am sure you are inundated with congratulations from all & sundry & I hate to add another to the letters you will have to read, but I shall be as brief as the joy in my heart will permit.

When the wonderful news began to come in, and all through the evening, when the messages piled Pelion on Ossa I could not but feel the almost devasting absence, or shall I say? I longed for the completing presence of two who would have gloried in your victory. Your Dear little mother & my own George -

I couldnt help feeling all the time what it would

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-fortunately got in under the wrong aus-
-pices at the start; and I found the
Bartrams to be tricky + unreliable,
and I was afraid. Poor Jim was
just bursting to get out of work. I
think he has the old family germ
in his blood. but he is still young
and it was far better he should
not make his political Début
under such auspices. But of this affair
more when I see you! I think Dr. Davidson
could have licked Ned Bristol. He
could have addressed the motley
electorate of Centre Toronto in their
divers tongues + dialects and could
have scourged the Late Govt upon
its war record on the strength of
information from high places in
England. He had a lot to do with the
Br. Secret. service. and he could have
also scourged some of their Commission-
-ers. I think you will find that Ned
Bristol and Harry Drayton will not
like the rarefied atmosphere of the
Arctic regions of opposition. Ned will
not relish sitting opposite the great
anti-graft Phalanx on the Govt Bench
and it is a far far cry from being
a Minister of the Crown, even without
portfolio, to being a plain member
of a discredited opposition. Then
Tommy Church can not live
out of the limelight so I predict
that there may be some resignations

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and Tory Toronto may, after all,

have to suffer the indignity
of a Liberal Cabinet Minister.
And this reminds me. Alas
my brevity! Make it abun-
dantly plain to the people
of this Country, just so soon
as you assume the reins,
what an Augean mess the
late government has wished
upon you - and what it
will involve upon your part
to clean it up.

I hope you
are going to be able to take
a few days off and come
over to see Mac -
I wish I could have helped
you out a little bit in
your expenses - but I'm in
a bad way myself financial-

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not a copper yet from George's Estate + less than a thousand a year from Charlie with Nellie Leigh to keep - so I've got to forego the joy of doing many things.
Did you have time to note that Sir John Jordan was at the Conference at Washington, safeguarding, presume British interests in China. Poor China! As usual she is going to get the short end of everything - But much as we may deplore the necessity for the law of extra territoriality it nevertheless exists - and but for the presence of foreign troops in China no foreign life would be secure - They - as to Kwei-Chow and the Dairen Peninsula - Doesn't the axiom "What we have we hold" hold good as well for brown skins as for white. Japan fought a wonderful fight for Dairen and has spent a mint of money upon colonization + Railways + improvements since her acquisition + I fail to see why she should have to give it up + if I have any slight understanding of "The Aryan Brown" she wont.
I wish you had some one nearer + dearer to you than the boys + myself to be with you in your rejoicing today - but maybe we will help a little -
Much love and God guide you for you have an Herculean task before you

Cora

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Ottawa, January 5, 1922

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
147 Tyndall Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Lindsey:

Mr. Mackenzie King has delayed sending an acknowledgment of your kind letter of December 7th in the hope that he might have an early opportunity to write you personally. Unfortunately within the last day or two Mr. King has been obliged to leave for Denver, Colorado, on account of the very serious illness of Dr. King, and it may be some days before his return. As the pressure of his public duties is likely to be augmented rather than diminished in the interval, Mr. King has asked me to send you this word of explanation.

Mr. King is most anxious that you should know that your letter has been deeply appreciated by him and that he will take advantage of the first available opportunity to write to you himself.

Yours respectfully,

Private Secretary.

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hard days for me. I seem to have gone about in the past fort-night with a lump in my throat + a mist over my eyes + I am glad the holidays are over + I can get back on my monotonous existence as before. I am getting to be a terrible coward of memories.
I hadn't the heart to write any Christmas letters or send any reminders, but I thought of you all the same. I've been watching you since the Elections with admiration for the statesman like ability you have shown. I am glad you are away from it all for a bit + wish it weren't such a pitifully sad errand -
Fond love - and a Happy New Year - and Good

14 Lyndhurst Ave
Jan 6th
1922

My dear Willie, I can't tell you how glad I was when I found you had gone over to have a visit with Mac. I was so frightened when the Star rang me on the morning of the day you went, asking for a photograph. I thought the end had come before you had been able to go + that poor Mary had had to meet it alone. I couldn't stand the suspense of not hearing any thing as the day wore on + in the afternoon I rang up Dr Atkinson + found out how things were.
Many thanks for your kind telegram to me at Christmas. These anniversaries were very

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luck - from yours affectionately
Cora

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cretion to look after Jim?
My past experience with the Kirkpatrick family leaves me with very little faith that they would play the game with Jim or Percy - The boys were very grateful for your kind letter to them, the reason they have not answered it is that they have both been laid up with the

I got it first, and was in bed for ten days and Jim had to stay at home & take care of me - then he got it & is still laid up -

My affairs, financially, are in just about as desperate shape as they could be, in view of my having to

Confidential

[illegible] TYNDALL AVENUE,
TORONTO

April 23rd 1922

My dear Willie. I have just heard from Ethel Kirkpatrick that Arthur is going to Ottawa tonight and in view of your mention of him in your letter to the boys, it has just struck me that he may be going down about some of that insurance for his company - more particularly so, as I have heard that he has been in touch with the heads of that Department.

If he is to get it could it be placed through Jims agency? And could it be definitely so arranged & not left to Arthurs dis-

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provide for Nellie Leigh, lend a helping hand to Percy at home, and assume the office expenses till things look up; so I should be most eternally grateful for any relief or assistance you could throw in our way. Little George and Wanda have both been ill & the former had an operation on his throat on Tuesday. He was at the Wellesley, and everything went well & I hope the dear little chap will now be better than ever.

I had such a sweet little letter from Mary. She is a wonderful woman. I wish I had more of her wonderful courage & faith. Sometimes I feel so afraid of being alone, and so discouraged.

I see you are having a housewarming on Wednesday. I am sure it will be a great success. I wish I could be there.

With much love I am ever affectionately Cora

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has been so good to us all and such a wonderful tower of strength to me that I dont know how I could have lived through these weeks without him. Charlie has been very much occupied of course on account of the advent of the dear little Boy "George" - and Jim & Charlie both went back to work on the Monday following the funeral, so that I should have been here quite alone had not Charlie B. taken pity on me.

I had such nice sympathetic letters from Mac & May - which, I am sorry to say, I have not yet answered - I have had hundreds of notes & letters to write & left - there's till I had more time

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My dear Willie Thank you so much for your kind note of 15th. I was thinking of you on that day when you were in Hamilton hoping I might hear from you on the Sunday.

Charlie Bettune took me to St Catharines on the Friday morning of your meeting, to spend Friday & Saturday with Mama, and I saw several of the Liberal loomen who were going on the same train to Hamilton. Charlie B. is still with me, and I dread the day when he will have to return to Ottawa. He

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to devote to them.

I had a letter from Sir John yesterday, enclosing the enclosed cuttings which relate to Dr Monsons life & death. I thought you might like to see them - will you please return them to me when you have done with them. Wanda and the baby are both doing very well now, she has been moved home from the hospital and looks a very beautiful & radiant young mother. Poor little Gerge had a very bad time of it on his journey into this world, and for two or three days we were very anxious as to his future - there was some slight concussion from pressure on his skull and the darling wee chap was very ill - however that is all past & Wanda knows nothing whatever about it - only, as an old family man I suppose I am telling you.

These are sad days Willie & sometimes I wonder how I am ever going to go on alone - nothing seems worth while & I can't bear to look forward for a single day - there seems nothing for me to do now - So come to see me when you are in town - I will try not to be dismal - and I shall always love to see you - Much love dear Willie from us all - yours affectionately

Cora

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Ottawa, December 15, 1924

Mrs. C. C. S. Lindsey,
145 Tyndall Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Cora:

Will you please pardon a dictated acknowledgment of your welcome letter of some days ago. Unfortunately, I have been so pressed with public duties since its receipt that I have not had a moment in which to send an answer. Were I now to attempt to write by hand, there might be a further delay of several days.

I am glad to have Jim's New York address and shall certainly not fail to get in touch with him when I next visit New York. I have all along been hoping that I might have a chance for one or two days in New York either as a rest or change before entering on the work of the session, which will probably open towards the end of January. There is so much, however, that still remains to be attended to that I am beginning to doubt if it will be possible for me to get away.

Mr. Hitchcock, to whom reference is made in your note, is the former Postmaster General. I recall Jim speaking to me

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of him when he and Mr. Christiancy were here. I shall be glad of the opportunity of renewing an acquaintance which I made with him, but which doubtless he will not recall, when in Washington some years ago.

Jim need have no concern about not having written me since his return to New York. The little I was able to do on the occasion of his visit was so little that I felt many times since that I should like to send him an apology. It was a real pleasure seeing him in Ottawa, and I greatly enjoyed as well meeting Mr. Christiancy.

All of my colleagues like myself were immensely taken with Jim and we all very much like Mr. Christiancy. I think their association together should in every way be mutually helpful.

I often wish it were possible for me to see a little more of the boys and yourself. With the exception of a friend or two who knew mother and father, it is very seldom that I come in touch with those to whom the associations of by-gone years have a meaning at all akin to what they have for me.

I think I can share to the full in this regard your own sense of loneliness. If I ever get up to Toronto for

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more than a few hours and have any chance whatever so to do, I shall not fail to call and see you.

As we are approaching the Christmas season, may this letter carry with it my best of wishes to yourself and to Charlie and his wife, and should Jim be with you my best wishes to him as well.

With love to you all,

Believe me, dear Cora,

Yours affectionately,

WLMK/cm

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Mrs. G.G.S.Lindsey,
145 Tyndall Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

I am so sorry dear Cora to learn of your great anxiety, but am grateful to you for telling me of it. I have sent a wire to Montreal. The good wishes of your wire have brought me much happiness and I thank you, the boys and Wanda for them. I send love and best of wishes to you all for the remaining days of the Christmas season and the New Year.

Willie.

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Willie.

NIGHT LETTER
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Lindsey."

"It may be to you Wallie, but it suits me" I said "and it's a mighty good thing for the Country & shows conclusively where King stands in the estimation of the people"

His only reply was, "Willie is a clever lad. too clever for us by far"

I shall be interested to see what Sir John's Tory Partisan paper will have to say on Oct 10th.

I am lost in admiration of the dignified & temperate course you have pursued, but I do hope that you wont be too tempered now while the Reg. Telegram & other slanderers-

The Globe nauseates me- its chief editorial today is the limit. What more does it ask in the way of vindication? I wonder? But the verdict of yesterday conclusive & far reaching enough?

145 Rydall Ave.
Toronto
Sep 15th 11

My dear Wallie I wish you could know how happy I am today. in your success-

It is a wonderful victory, and you have fought a splendid fight.

I was glad you didnt give Toronto a meeting. "Cast not thy pearls before swine".

I wish you could have seen the Tories in this city last night- burning away in impounded agony from the offices of the Mail & Empire & the Telegram.

As I wended my way through the crowd I came upon Wallie Willison, looking simply dazed- "Whats the matter Wallie?" "Doesn't the news suit you" I said- "This is a terrible blow Mr.

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and "The lesser of two evils" Cst. a rire
and isn't it amusing for the Globe
to prate about Political flopping? —
I sent Jim a wire last night —
You will no doubt hear from him
and also from Charlie who is
very Jubilant —
I hope the next few weeks wont
be too terribly strenuous for you —
You will have much to do
before you leave for the
Imperial Conference —
My best wishes & thoughts for you
in the weeks to come & my
very warmest congratulations.
Yours affectionately
Cora

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means of long spikes they hold water + will be always there when you want to leave fresh flowers.
I put a large bunch of lovely mauve flowers for your Mother and some gladiolas for dear Bella.
I want you to allow me to do this myself, Dear, just this time.
It is a pleasure to be able to do something for you, and a joy to offer my little tribute to those dear ones, for I loved them all.
I had the feeling that they + I were just giving thanks today for your wonderful victory.
Any time that you want fresh flowers there + shall

My dear Willie,
Just a line to tell you that I arranged about the flowers. It was pelting rain so I went to a florist near St Clair Avenue, and he took me up in his own car and was most kind and helpful to me.
I got such pretty brown wreaths which I trimmed, myself, with bright everlasting flowers. They will last an indefinite time, as they are - one I placed on your Father's grave and one on dear old Mac's.
I got two tin vases which fasten into the ground by

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always be glad to get them for you.
With love
Cora

Wednesday night.
Sept 15th

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Ottawa, September 18, 1926

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
145 Tyndall Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

I cannot thank you too sincerely, dear Cora, for your kindness of Wednesday last Will hope for a chance to write in the course of next few days. Affectionately

Willie.

D.H.
Pass F.S.104

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SS "Megantic",
October 11, 1926.

My dear Cora,

I am sorry not to have had a chance to write you before leaving Ottawa just to thank you again for your kindness in going to Mount Pleasant Cemetery and placing flowers for me on the graves of the loved ones there.

I am afraid that the enclosure I am making with this note will not begin to cover the expenses of that day. I must ask you to let me know what the balance is, and I shall forward it at once. It was very characteristic of your generosity to ask me to allow you to meet the outlay yourself. Were I to do that there would really be nothing left on my part. I am quite as appreciative of your generosity for the thought of it as if I permitted you to carry out your wish. I am sorry it was such a wet day, but the knowledge that you carried out the mission notwithstanding, only adds to my feeling of very deep gratitude.

I feel I have never adequately expressed my appreciation of the letter you sent me on the morrow of our great victory. May I take advantage of this line just to add

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a word of further thanks.

I am writing this note on the "Megantic" on the way to the Imperial Conference. It may be a long time in reaching you, but I hope it will let you know that you have been continuously in my thoughts. It carries with it love and best wishes as well. With loving remembrance to Charlie and Jim, believe me as always, dear Cora,

Yours affectionately,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

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The Queens Hotel Toronto Limited

Toronto, October 20th 1926

write on ocean

My dear Willie. It was so good of you to send me a wire from the ship. I was thinking about you & wishing you god-speed in my heart & was so glad to hear from you -

I have not been at all well and have come down here to lie in bed & rest for a week or two as I have no one at my house to wait upon me or prepare my food for me. I have had an attack of an illness - which spells absolute rest for a while as I am taking it - Excuse the lead pencil !!!

I am going into a small apartment later on. While I rarely feel lonely now, still I think it better for me not to stay quite alone in that old house any longer - Too much isolation makes one too introspective & begets a habit of living too much in the past -

I shall go somewhere closer to my young people.

Now enough of me I want to speak of you - Your Life has been a triumph

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of late, hasn't it? I feel sure that you are being spiritually led - The one and only - the unbegun & never-ending power is shaping and controlling your way day by day - I know, with gratitude & pride that you will make no mistake and that you will justify the faith with which you were sent on this great mission.

It is like the gathering of a family from the ends of the earth - in the old home - wherein each member comes with his own particular views & interests, his own spirit, his own peculiar characteristics - Each bound by kindred ties to the Parent & the old Home, each having much in common with each other, & with the whole - I hope that no atom of distrust or hostility from Brother to Brother or from Child to Parent will mar the wonder of the event -

You must be grateful dear, for your endowments - your mental attributes your intellectual strength - your fine sanity and your spiritual understanding. I am so pleased to read of the fine

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reception you get on all sides.
I wonder how it feels to know that the eyes of half the world are upon you and their ears eagerly listening for your every word?
One thing I know - that you will never let yourself - the I mean you - get stuckup, anyway -
Now I want you to do a thing for me while you are in London. and I hope you won't take it amiss that I should presume to make the suggestion to you - I offer it as a loving sister or mother might do - So here goes —
For some time I have felt that you do not make the best of your personal appearance and after all, I am sure that you will agree with me in thinking that no matter how wonderful our mentality may be we cannot afford altogether to neglect its dwelling place.
I have thought that you do not dress to the best advantage. Your clothing fits too well - and seems to accentuate the very things it should conceal -
Now, if Saville Row is still the habitat

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of the best Tailors in the world I want you to go there and get clothes - lots of clothes - clothes for every possible and impossible occasion - For Public wear - as well as private & intimate wear. For Laurier House as well as the House of Commons & Rideau Hall - For outdoor & for indoor - for work & for play -

After finding the very best Tailor in London - place yourself in his hands - Let him study you - your height - your weight - your coulour - your attitudes & movements and, give him only one order - Amplitude

Have all garments from Overcoats to Pyjamas made with Oriental freedom which will afford the utmost ease & comfort & have them drape you rather than fit you - Study the best-dressed men you meet - the short stout men & you will understand What I mean Dear - and then do for me - My prayers & best

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wishes will go with you day by day.
With love
Cora

P.S. If you are angry & want to send this back, my address is the same as of yore - Tyndall Ave?
C.

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Earl apartments
Earl Street
Toronto
Dec 23rd
1926

Dear Willie just a line to thank you for your beautiful card - and to wish you a Good Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I dont know if I owe you a letter - I rather think we are in each other's debt. I got your note written on Ships board, when you were going to England and it must have crossed my letter to you -

I dont know if you were vexed at my my letter? At all events it has not come back to me - so I shall take it that we are on speaking terms !!!

I was sorry you returned me the money I spent for the flowers - I loved doing it - Still I see your point of view. But you sent me two dollars too much. Which I shall return -

I enclose a cutting from the Monitor which will amuse you I think -

I am selling Georges books - and have had a desperate time keeping back such books as properly belong only to the Mackenzie Collection -

After the catalogue had gone to press I was obliged to snatch two books - One, the original manuscript of Mackenzies Petitions ~~to~~ letters to

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Lord Goderich - and the other the few issues of MacKenzies "Welland Canal" bound in Vellum - Lots of ill feeling because I took them - as a matter of fact I bought them at the Catalogued prices - But we cant take any more chances on leaving any of MacKenzies writings to the distorted judgment of any more embittered Tories -

I was reading this first mentioned book & I couldnt help thinking of the different reception accorded MacKenzies Grandson well within one hundred years after he took his Petition to England -

To me that is one of the most appallingly pathetic things in history - I thought as I read - that both Grandfather & Grandson had told Great Britain some home truths -

After I wrote you from the Queens Hotel I was desperately ill & finally Percy & his wife came to my rescue & took me to their place where I was laid up for two months -

Nice admission for a Christian Scientist did I hear you murmur?

But it was worth all that I suffered

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and I do not feel that it left me
where it found me —
after I left Percy I came here - I have
the most adorable little flat, and
am so happy that I'm just-
half afraid it isn't true !!
If you are in town give me a
ring (Randolph 3564) or,
better still - come in to see me -
I am just round the corner
from Sir William Mulock's.
Now if you are vexed - hadn't you
better get over it - and be grateful
that I took enough interest in
you to care how you were
dressed -
I am expecting Jim in the
morning - for a week -
Charlie & his little flock are well -
Charlie has left the Wm Davies Co
& gone into partnership with
Reggie Pellatt in the Produce end
of the Broking business -
No more now, but much love
& very good wishes for the new year

Lora

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effort to get me on Xmas Day. And when I came home in the evening I tried several times to get you as both Jim + I wanted to speak with you. but we couldn't raise you.

I had a glorious Christmas Jim was here for ten days and we were all very happy together

I have been much interested in a blind man. was a farmer near Newmarket. I go to read to him + there I met the other day, The Immortal Agnes.

Socially she seems rather a terrible person. She is so cock-sure - but she?

Ask her to tell me about the Political Cruises last Summer

The Earl.
Earl Street
Toronto
Jan 18th
1927

My dear Willie,

Under another cover I am sending you one of the catalogues of the books I am selling

They received me today and I see that they offer a number of books which I withdrew from the collection when I was well enough to look carefully into the draft of these catalogue. notably No 160. which I had to buy back but of course we could not let that go at any price.

I know you had made an

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It was a wonderful time to have lived through - and to have been part of the Parade ! I was glad to have heard about it from one who took part in it all -

Many thanks for your Christmas card and for your good wishes in that & your wire — Your card was lovely this year —

With love

Cora

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Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsay,
145 Tyndall Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Personal. Have forwarded Jim letters requested (STOP)
In view pending visit Lindbergh would you kindly let me
know what authenticity there is in report of his relation-
ship to Charlie.

Willie.

W.L.Mackenzie King
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June. And it was good of you to reverse that telephone call the other night. If I had known it was going to be charged to the Country I should have enjoyed the chat even more than I did.

There are two situations which I invariably find to be a great strain upon my poise - One is to converse naturally and acceptably over the long distance telephone when I am paying for the call & the other is a like situation in a taxi cab - with the fare mounting steadily up in red & black letters before my eyes with each revolution of the wheels -

June 24

La Plaza.
98 Charles St
Toronto -
June 1927

Dear Willie

I have just had your wire, and feel that I cannot very well tell you what I know about the alleged relationship without writing you. So here goes if you will please excuse my lead pencil.

Do you ever notice "Aunt Het" in the Mail & Empire In a recent issue there was a small picture of "Aunt Het" receiving a letter, with the following comment, "Why lands sakes I never knew Mary Ann cared for me at all & here she sends me a letter writ in pencil".

First of all I want to thank you for looking after

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This sounds very sordid, but with an income like mine its a sort of perpetual race with this sort of thing & my Presbyterian conscience.

Now about the wonderful lad Lindbergh. The day of his historic flight I was beset by reporters asking me to verify the story they had got hold of that he was first cousin to my boys.

I finally induced the star to wire the boys mother & the reply came back from her.

"My son Capt. Lindbergh & Charles Bethune Lindsey of Toronto are cousins"!

This stumped me. So I wrote to Mrs. L. as nice a note as I know how to write, congratulating her upon her wonderful son - saying that I was very much interested in the report here that our boys were cousins - said how proud we should be to claim the relationship, and asked her, at her leisure, to be good enough to let me know how it came about.

I gave her my address and said how thrilled we all were at her sons feat & so forth - But so far have had no reply whatever. -

This letter was written the

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Bethune family some relationship might also exist, in the same distant degree, for my Father had two brothers who lived for many years in the States & died there. One was State Geologist in Oregon. and the other lived some where in the middle West. I do not recollect just where.

Why dont you write & invite Mrs. Lindbergh to go & stay with you in Ottawa when her son goes there? Whose guest will he be? Yours?

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day after the flight so she could not have thought I was just joining the procession - so to speak.

Of course she may never have got the letter - I sent it to the street & number which were given in the Star as Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergs address in Detroit.

A distant relationship say 3rd or 4th cousin ship might be possible through the Judge James MacKenzie family of Lima, Ohio - in which case you would be in the same relationship as my boys.

Then through the

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I was speaking to Jennie go down later on for a
today. She drove herself week or two.
with three of the children much love Dear!
down to Toronto to do and sorry I cannot
some shopping, and help you out more
was good enough to ask but I have told you
me to go back with her absolutely all I know
but I couldn't make it about the thing.
I was sorry.
Jim will be here a Tonight I am to get
week from today for his in touch with the
two weeks holiday + I identical reporter who
have so many little things interviewed Evangeline
I must do before he comes. + if I get any light on
the Subject I will
The Hoggs wanted me wire you.
to go to Ottawa for the
Jubilee Celebration but Yours affectionately
for the same reason I
couldn't do it. I may Cora

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well feel it if she is left out of the invitation to Canada -
Some one is Debrisay trying to dig up the roots of her family tree and I may get some information to - morrow -
If Ottawa going to allow Lindbergh to come to Toronto as usual the City Fathers have made a mess of it - (George Ferguson is now in their line) - and no one knows if Lindbergh will be here or not -
I am going to ask you to get some one to send

98 Charles St East - The La Plaza Tuesday night -

Dear Willie - I tried to get you today on the telephone - I am sure your Secretaries will think this course as Toronto is a very important - ate person - Or - perhaps your Secretaries are too discreet to allow them selves the luxury of thinking - along certain lines - Ste ?

I have been able to find a man who knows Mrs Lindbergh He tells me she is simply Charming + very proud of her Canadian Blood + he thinks she

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me a wire to let me know if he is coming - and when - as Charlie is keen to meet him -

Charlie has to go with the L.O.R. to Brampton Friday to Sunday - but on a telephone call from me will come back to town to meet Lindbergh -

If L. is coming - would you mind telling him this, + asking him to ask to see Charlie while here -

much love - and sorry to trouble you - Cora

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you were simply inimitable & that you made Meighen et-al look like a row of Jack daws.

There is much sounding of brass and beating of Tom-toms on the part of the Tories here, but it seems to me that they wrecked their campaign before they began it, by their succession of Meighan-isms — That man just cant help blundering!! Iconoclasm is his long suit.

"The voice crying in the wilderness Destruction".

People are tired of that cry — tired of being scared into the ranks of Toryism lest they might go to the bow-wows.

I have an abiding respect for the intelligence of the public, or would it be more truthful to say for the Public outside of Toronto, where the malevolent

145 Tyndall Ave.
Toronto
Aug 25th

My dear Willie,

Even while intruding upon your time, which is growing so pitifully short and which you are so ably employing, I feel I must send you a line or two to tell you how much I am admiring you at this time.

Surely something of your old Grandsire must have inspired you when you made your famous speech.

I wish I could have heard you — and to have listened to your arraignment of the make believe Government would have been a treat. I hear that

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influence of Black Jack does not reach?
And the public knows when a man is genuine, and whether he is working in their best interests or his own, dont you think?
Dunning & Robb make a great team, their meeting here was wonderful!
I dont know that you can take the pulse of affairs from the meetings but my diagnosis from that meeting would be that a return to sanity might be looked for even in Tory Toronto.
I am sending you my best thoughts and using my C.S. to the best of my poor ability, on your behalf.
I thought I had sold my house a month ago, but the would be purchaser failed to produce, when the time came. He has had two extensions and another expires on the 1st Sep.
It has been most upsetting and I hardly know where I am at.
The poor old house itself, must be fairly tottering on its foundations if it is at all like its solitary inmate.
Charlie is going to lend a hand to young Sifton I think. and Jim is of course, much interested. I send him your speeches whenever I can get them.
Heres to success on Sep. 14th.
with much love
Cora

Isn't Dunning simply priceless!

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their host of attendant evils, just as I am opposed to Governors, and Government Houses.

It is sad, but there is too much snobbishness inherent in human nature, without the Government undertaking to foster it and put a premium upon it.

Surely a mans own sense of having served honorably and well, ought to be sufficient reward.

I shall look forward with much interest to the debate when the matter comes up this session.

Dont forget the valetudinarian point of view. You will recollect how Oliver Mowat felt about titles and what he said about Governors. Yet he became Sir Oliver &

La Plaza
Tuesday night.

My dear Willie

It was good of you to send me the desired information so promptly, and I have passed it on to Miss Sutherland the artist, who was most grateful for it.

Dont imagine, for a moment, that what I said in my last letter to you was indicative of my real attitude of mind on the subject of titles.

I was only having my little joke, and you must admit that it looked well, written, and sounded well too!!

I am unhesitatingly opposed to titles in this Country, with

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died in Government House.
I am sure you are busy, terribly busy, and likely to be from now till Easter. My best wishes attend you in all that may lie before you in the waiting hours and it is such a satisfaction to be able to feel that whatever the session may bring, you will always measure up.

Jim's new job began yesterday. I was quite thrilled about it. The enclosed announcement was on the financial page of my New York Times today. Only they have James J. instead of James B. Lindsey. Jim tells that there was to be a buffet luncheon at which many members of the N.Y. Stock Exchange were expected as well as all the members of his firm, with their wives, and a number of patrons, who will in future do business in this office instead of the down town one.

I feel I have so much to be grateful for, and I am so happy that if I weren't a Christian Scientist I should be almost afraid.

Much love Dear, and I shall send you my best thoughts during the session

Affectionately

Cora

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Ottawa, January 6, 1928.

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
Passenger White Star S. S. Adriatic,
Sailing noon, January 7,
New York, N. Y.

My best wishes, dear Cora, for happy sojourn abroad. Pleasant voyages and safe return. With love.

Willie

Charge Prime Minister's Office.

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Jan 7th
1 P.M

Just a hasty line Dear Willie to thank you for your kind letter with its good wishes & its enclosures. Which I am sure will be a great help to me and for your wire which has just come to me - I shall write you before the next mailing time. Now

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I have only time to send my
best love and most
grateful thanks for your
kind remembrance of me

Your loving

Cora

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the rag-tag of Europe I should think. Most of them well beyond middle age, and with hard and cruel faces, faces set with a determination to beat the game.

From the Riviera to Naples, you have been there of course ? I enclose a little snap-shot to remind you of it. Old Vesuvius was smoking industriously all the time, so was Stromboli when we passed by on our way to Athens.

Athens beggars description, so does Corinth, but I can see why so few people care to stop there , The place is inhospitable, the people are inhospitable, the very atmosphere is inhospitable, and invidious to strangers, or so it seemed to me. They do not seem to be able to forget all the cruel things that have happened to them and to their country , and are consumed with hatred of their enemies Their very faces are full of venom, and the beautiful calm,peaceful dignified Grecian countenance and bearing is a thing of the past.

I couldnt help thinking that the descendents of Plato and the posterity of Pericles had found their metier in blacking the shoes of the world, and purveying it's fruit. Their vision, on every side seems to be bounded by the DRACHME, which is a sad and sorry thing.

Some of my impressions were funny, We landed at Pireaus, one lone Yankee and myself out of the four or five hundred passengers .

After a most searching examination of our luggage, which occupied more than an hour we were turned over to the police, and had to fill in all sorts of forms and sign on about 29 dotted lines and print our names on the 30th. Then we got into separate motors and each went our way, friend Yankee to one hotel and I to the other. I chose the Grande Bretagne, and he the Angleterre, and they were equally bad, as we subsequently discovered.

Pireaus is five miles away from Athens, and as I drove into



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February 3rd, 1928.

My Dear Willie,

I wonder if you will mind my using my little machine which Jim gave me for Christmas and which I brought along with me ?

I got your very kind and thoughtful message just after we left Sandy Hook, and it helped me a lot. It was very sweet of you to think of me and I appreciate it very much. I wanted to write you from the ship, but some way or another I never could get the mood and the quiet hour to synchronize, then in Athens I had you very much in my thoughts, but I was busy all the time seeing and going, so that not until today have I really had a quiet time in which to collect my thoughts.

I begin to wonder if I shall really ever get then straightened out, for that thing I call my mind must be fairly bulging with all the different impressions I have been stuffing into it in the past month.

It has been a perfectly marvellous trip, fine warm weather all the way from New York to Madeira but the farther East we have come the colder it has grown, until at last it has culminated in a sleet storm here today. The Canada, of the Fabre Line came in this morning and her passengers say they have had bad weather nearly all the way from New York, so I think we must have been peculiarly fortunate.

We had some rough weather in the Mediterranean Sea, but I am grateful to say that it did not affect me in the least, and I was as fit as I could be all the time and never missed a trick.

Before I tell you anything more about my trip I want to say what owing to Mr Chrisvianey having

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mentioned to the purser on the Adriatic that I was a relative of yours, and had letters from you, I was moved to a large double outside cabin, from the stuffy little single one I booked in Toronto. I couldn't and wouldnt have mentioned your name, of course, but Mr Christiancy seemed to think it was all right, and the result was the larger cabin and many other little courtesies, so you see what an open sesame your name has become. The service on the Adriatic was fairly good and they did us not too badly, but she is a very old ship, and very very dirty, and I am not sorry to be continuing my journey to the Holy Land and to Egypt in the Laurentic, the new ship of the White Star Line. I came on here from Athens on the Semiramis, Lloyd-Triestino Line. She is a capital little boat, and things were much better on her, in every way than on the Adriatic, but every time I looked at the officers I was glad that we were in calm and small waters, for they certainly did not inspire in me the same degree of confidence that the Englishmen did on the Adriatic.

Madeira was our first stop , and it was delightful. If you ever have the opportunity you should try to spend a little time there. The light and color and warmth and sunshine of Funchal I shall never forget. I have heard it said that Madeira is the fairest spot on earth and I am almost inclined to believe it, but then I have not seen Taormina yet. I will tell you more about it when I have been to Sicily, which will be on my return to Europe from Egypt. The aristocrats and jaded politicians of Great Britain knew a good thing when they elected to refresh themselves once or twice a year in Madeira. Lloyd George and a party spent Christmas there and just returned to England before we reached Madeira.

The mountain top was lost in clouds the day we got there, but we took a little funicular railway up to the top, a distance of more than half a mile, where we had luncheon at a quaint restaurant. We passed through the farms and gardens , almost through the very houses of some of the inhabitants in our ascent, and were literally pelted with cut flowers by the natives from their balconies as we passed by. Every conceivable flower and fruit seems to flourish there, but I could never begin to describe the beauty of it all. Read about it and I will endorse anything, no matter how exaggerated it may sound, and then...some more. It would take a Lafcadio Hearne to do it justice.

We made ourdescent to the town by sledges; chairs, holding two or sometimes three people, fastened on a low sled and guided like a bobsleigh, by a man who stood or ran behind us. Down the mountain over greasy cobblestones. It certainly was thrilling and has the delicious terrors of tobogganing stopped a mile. The cobblestones are much worn and are kept greased, and the sleds go like mad at a breakneck speed.

When we got down we drove about and saw the town, the mode of conveyance was bullock carts, also on sleds, most picturesque and attractive, even if a bit bumpy in spots.

Then we had a day in Gibraltar, and a trip into Spain, after which we crossed over to Algiers. This day I shall not easily forget because of it's horrors. We were taken through the old Arab quarter which is so terrible that all of the misery and squalor that I saw in the Far East simply fades into nothingness in comparison. I couldnt help thinking that it reflected but little credit upon French Colonization.

After leaving the Arab town we were taken to the most beautiful and luxurious oriental hotel for luncheon, where everything was simply wonderful and a fine orchestra discoursed sweet music, but I had no heart for it all, and couldnt help wondering why such inequalities should be. The only thing that restored my equilibrium was when I got alone by myself, and was able to think it out in the light and understanding of Christian Science.

From Algiers across a very choppy and rough sea to Monaco. Went to Nice, Cannes, Monte Carlo, Cap Martin and Menton, all very wonderful and beautiful, the playground of the wealth and aristocracy and also the nobility of Europe. I spent half an hour watching the gaming people in the Casino at Monte Carlo. They were a sorry looking lot,

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Athens all the houses looked like fraternity houses, and I found myself just naturally sort of looking for Zeta Psi and Kappa Alpha,dont you know ?

Then as the beggars began to press closely upon us in the crowded waysI realized that even the children spoke Greek,clever little souls!!

Upto that moment I think I must have been like the English boy who believed that Homer wrote in Greek simply in order that English boys might be licked.

Arrived at the hotel I was again treated like a malefactor, but after much cross examination and the signing of many more papers I was finally consigned to what I believe to be the bleakest and most cheerless room on the continent of Europe. To cheer myself up I went out for a walk and hadnt gone far when I met the lonely Yankee who had not fared any better than I had, so after comparing our grievances against the Greeks we decided to see Athens together, and here was where the compensating feature of my age came into it. We got a guide between us and found the partnership so satisfactory that we are still trotting about together until next Sunday, when we go our several ways the Yankeeto Damascus by rail, while I set sail for The Holy Land.

I was simply carried away by the grandeur and sublimity of the Acropolis, it simply beggars description. As I wandered about up there I had such a vivid picture of what it must once have been that it was almost a vision. The second time we went there we were sitting on a bench listening intently to our guide, who was a marvellously intelligent fellow, and an itinerant photographer came and snapped his camera on us. I was quite oblivious of the fact till he came running after us a very few minutes later with some wet pictures in his hand. I was very cross but I took the pictures, one of them I am sending to you, you will see that I was sitting below the porch of the Caryatiues. I am also sending you a snap of the Parthenon in all the detached majesty with which it has withstood the centuries.

If you want to feel shockingly young and immature you want to go and stand there . It is the most impressive thing I have ever seen. Some wealthy American woman is furnishing the Greek Govt. with the money to restore the Parthenonand they are working at it now. It will take more than one lifetime to complete it.

The museums are intensely interesting, and I was many,many times struck with the similarity of your Mother's type to the pure Grecian type of that age, also the similarity of my own Charlie's profile to that of the young Greek of that day. It is very striking indeed, and it is sad that the type is no longer to be found there. Some day you must go there and see for yourself. It was most noticeable too in the Greek bronzes which were recovered from Pompeii and Herculaneum , and are now in the fine museum in Napdes, and I think they gave me more pleasure than anything else that I saw in Naples.

If I could have found any pictures of the heads which I thought so like Dear Aunt Bella I would have got them, but I could see none.

The trip to Corinth was delightful, by motor,first to Salamis thenacross the Corinth Canal and round the Saronic Gulf. It was over nigh hills which commanded a wonderful view even as far as the Agean sea. I am sending you a snap shot of part of the ruins at Corinth, it looks at first merely like a heap of ruins, but every inch of it is full of interest.

Most extensive excavations are being made there, and wonderful things have bee n uncovered, this too, is being done by an American. they have a small museum there too, with some very interesting things in it.

The Greeks may be unlovable, but, be it said to their credit, they they have given a home to the refugees, in the proportion of one to four of their population, and are assimilating them too.

I had a very mauvaise quart d'heure as I was leaving Greece.

The Pass

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The Passport Official refused to allow me to be a British Subject, and as he wasn't sure at all just what a Canadian was this left me in a rather equivocal position, also he was very suspicious as to my first name which he declared to be a Greek name, so he turned me over to the police . They were an amiable smiling lot of men, so I decided to take it in the same spirit. I gave two of them a tip and we all hopped into a taxi and drove like mad to the police station (this was away down at Piraeus and my ship was due to sail in a very few minutes) where a very spirited altercation took place between my two police men and those behind the desks, but in the end mine won out, and I got my visa and away we went to the dock again, getting the last tender over to the ship, the thing having cost me a little more than five dollars and a very much accelerated pulse for a few minutes.

This is a wonderful city, I mean Constantinople. This fellow Kemal is as much of a dictator as Mussolini, but he seems to be handling the situation very well, so I am told. No one knows where t the last of the royal line of Turkey is, just as no one knows just where the King of Greece is today. Kingship seems to be a pretty serious matter in Europe today.

I have had two or three invitations here from some very nice young people from America. He is the secretary of the Near East Relief and very very much en rapport with his work. I have lent him your book to read as he is a great admirer of yours. He told me he had received great inspiration from a quotation from something of your's in "The World's Chancelleries," by a Chicago Tribune man where yousaid something about the disparity of living conditions being so antagonistic to the Peace of the World. He was keen to see your new book so I let him have it and he is going to mail it to me in Cairo, and I told him that if he felt he would like to possess a copy I would arrange it for him when I got home again.

Another man who was on the Adriatic wanted to see your book. A Mr Mr Hamilton, of Nelson B.C. He has such a charming wife, and they had met you in Ottawa at Mrs Quane's I think.

There were not a great many interesting people on the Adriatic, and some were so ordinary that one wondered why they ever thought they wanted to go abroad at all. and what they expected to get out of it anyway.

I wont vouch for the following, but it was told me about someone on the ship. Some one asked an American lady if she has seen the Dardanelles and her reply was " I know they arent on this boat for I've met everybody ".

Now I must really stop, and I hope I havent bored you dear . My address will be White Star Line, 9 Rue Kamel, Cairo, till the end of March. Then I come back to Europe, and unless I get a sudden fit of homesickness I shall not be back in Canada till midsummer.

I saw in a Paris paper that the House of Commons had not sat on a certain day because of the presence of the great Irish man. This is the only piece of news of Ottawa I have had yet. My dear faithful Jim wrote me twice to Athens and sent me two marconi grams. I suppose he told you about his long trip, he said he had written you? I just dont let myself think about it, for I must not fret about him. I must know that he is being looked after better than I could ever do it, and not hold him back by selfish thoughts.

I hope that all goes well with you and with Jennie and her family. I shall write to Jennie in the course of a few days.

Best love

from your's affectionately

Cora

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Ottawa.

December 12, 1928.

My dear Cora:

It was pleasant to hear your voice over the 'phone last night. Let me now confirm what I said about the introduction to Mr. Roy.

I have sent to Mr. Peaudecerf a card of introduction, to be presented to Mr. Roy at the Legation by himself and his wife when they are in Paris; and have written Mr. Roy to say that I have given Mr. and Mrs. Peaudecerf this note of introduction, and hoped that when they present it, he would find it possible to make their acquaintance, and to extend to them such courtesies and good offices as might be possible.

Jennie mentioned that May wished to have the wording of the motto on grandfather's crest, and asked me to forward it to you. It is as follows: "Spes tutissima coelis", the translation thereof being: "Our highest hope is in the Heavens".

Jennie also asked me to let you know where father's father was born, and some particulars concerning him. His name was the same as my father, namely, John King, and he was born near Frasersburgh in the parish Tyre, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, his father having retired to live in that place shortly before my father's father was born. Father's father was an only son, who inherited a love of military life and was educated at Woolwich. He subsequently joined the Royal Horse Artillery, and in September, 1834, was dispatched to Canada in charge of a detachment of his battery. He died at the early age of thirty years, at Quebec, where his remains lie buried.

I hope Jennie succeeded in securing some gifts for her little people. They are a fine family, and it was a great delight to see them all a fortnight ago, and also your Charlie and his splendid little lad, as well as yourself. The day was one I shall always remember with great delight.

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In sending this letter, may I again free my mind of the acknowledgment I should have made long ago of the most interesting and entertaining letter you sent me while abroad. Only this morning I came upon it again, in looking over communications which I have been carrying about with me during the past half year, hoping for some chance to make a reply. I think I did thank you verbally, but I should like to do so again in writing, and also thank you very warmly for the gift which you brought to me from Italy, and which has proven a real addition to my Library. It was really more than kind and generous of you.

With love to all,

Yours affectionately,

(Signed) WILLIE

Mrs. G.G.S. Lindsey,
La Plaza Apts.,
Charles St.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Sunday
December 16 ~~th~~

My Dearest Willie. Tomorrow will be your birthday - and I am just sending you this little line to wish you a very happy day, and many happy returns of it -

I am so delighted to hear, on all sides, how amazingly well you look. It is so comforting to know that you are really fit for the trying time which lies before you -

I have heard from friends coming in to see me, (some of them Conservative) that our friend R. B waxed so bitter & vituperative in the course of his Brockville

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speeds that they had to shut him off the radio -
Please excuse the use of a pencil I am still laid up - this will be the 7th week I have had the nurse - and I'm afraid it will last some weeks longer. I am not ill however, it is just the torn tendon & muscle that haven't healed up yet. I expect to get up to Charles for Christmas - which is nice to look forward to. Much love - Dear Willie and every good wish for You for Christmas & the New Year - Yours affectionately Cora

PS. A nice cheery letter came from Jim this week. He has got his own boat now + hopes to make money down there -

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Feb 8th

My dear Willie.
Under another cover I am sending you my much belated Christmas present.
It goes with much love & best wishes for your well being in the New Year - affectionately
Cora -

I am enjoying Jen so much
Wish you were here too!!

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Jennie also asked me to let you know where father's father was born, and some particulars concerning him. His name was the same as my father, namely, John King, and he was born near Frasersburgh in the parish Tyre, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, his father having retired to live in that place shortly before my father's father was born. Father's father was an only son, who inherited a love of military life and was educated at Woolwich. He subsequently joined the Royal Horse Artillery, and in September, 1834, was dispatched to Canada in charge of a detachment of his battery. He died at the early age of thirty years, at Quebec, where his remains lie buried.

I hope Jennie succeeded in securing some gifts for her little people. They are a fine family, and it was a great delight to see them all a fortnight ago, and also your Charlie and his splendid little lad, as well as yourself. The day was one I shall always remember with great delight.

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In sending this letter, may I again free my mind of the acknowledgment I should have made long ago of the most interesting and entertaining letter you sent me while abroad. Only this morning I came upon it again, in looking over communications which I have been carrying about with me during the past half year, hoping for some chance to make a reply. I think I did thank you verbally, but I should like to do so again in writing, and also thank you very warmly for the gift which you brought to me from Italy, and which has proven a real addition to my Library. It was really more than kind and generous of you.

With love to all,

Yours affectionately,

(Signed) WILLIE

Mrs. G.G.S. Lindsey,
La Plaza Apts.,
Charles St.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Mde., Peandecerf ~~[illegible]~~ (née Boshamer) is a niece of Mrs Lindseys; the daughter of Mrs Carl Boshamer (née Lena Bethune) who lived in Bordeaux, France. C.B. Lindsey. 25 Jan '53.

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December 17, 1930.

Dear Mr. Roy:

My cousin, Mrs. C. C. S. Lindsey, of Toronto, has a near relative who is married to a Pemudecorf, who lives at 5 Rue du Convent, Bordeaux, France. Mr. Pemudecorf has quite a talent for art, and has, I understand, done some work for the French Government Railways depicting scenery in different parts of France.

In conversation with Mrs. Lindsey some days ago, she expressed the wish that Mr. Pemudecorf and his wife might be given an introduction to you, that they might have the pleasure of your acquaintance in the event of calling at the Legation while in Paris. I told Mrs. Lindsey that I would send them one of my cards which might serve as an introduction to yourself.

I am sending this letter just to say that, in the event of their calling, I should much appreciate any courtesy or good offices which it might be found possible for the Legation to extend to them.

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Please do not feel that this letter carries with it any obligation of any kind, beyond that of judging for yourself as to whether or not these young people might be invited to call at one of your afternoon receptions, or made to feel that there is someone in Paris to whom reference may be made concerning themselves, should they desire the good offices of the Legation to that extent.

With kind regards,

Believe me,
Yours very sincerely,

Honble. Phillippe Roy,
Canadian Legation,
1 rue François Premier,
Paris, France.

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December 18, 1925.

Dear Mr. Beaudecerf:

My cousin, Mrs. Lindsey, has asked me to give to your wife and yourself a note of introduction to the Honble. Philippe Roy, the Canadian Minister in Paris. I have written Mr. Roy, saying that, when in Paris, you and your wife might call on him at the Legation, and that, in the event of your so doing, I hoped it might be possible for him to make your acquaintance.

I enclose one of my cards, which, in the event of your calling, might be presented to Mr. Roy. I am sure that he will be pleased to extend to Madame Beaudecerf and yourself whatever courtesies may be within his power.

With kind regards,

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,

Mr.Charles Beaudecerf,
3 Rue du Couvent,
Bordeaux,
France.

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the information out of Jennie at the moment when you rang up from Ottawa - so your voice sounded like a godsend to me - Not that I do not always like the sound of it only it helped me out a lot - and the poor girl was thrilled to get all the information she had been waiting for.

Thanks so much, too, for your kindness in writing to Me von Dr. Roy about my poor lonely young people in France - It will be so nice for them to meet Mr. Roy - and I am sure he will like Mr. P. my nephew - He is a very charming man, born at Orleans educated in the law and now Chief inspector of the Chemins de fer du Nord.

1928

My dear Willie

many thanks for your kind letter of the twelfth, with the information regarding your Grandfather King - It was most interesting to me - I remembered that he had been a military man but I never knew any particulars regarding him.

The request was made on behalf of a Miss Sutherland, who has in hand the matter of the illuminated address which I understand is to be sent you from our doubtless Noble? if somewhat dilatory City Fathers!"

She first got Charlie, who referred her to me, and I was, in fact, trying to dig

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voice a year he reports at the headquarters of the railway in Paris and takes my niece with him - she has been in Canada and takes a keen interest in things Canadian, of course on account of her Mother so she will very much appreciate your kind introduction to Mr. Roy -

Yes, aren't Jennies family splendid I get a great deal of pleasure from them and it always does me good to go there - I feel as young as Jennie when I am there and much younger than Harry. While rather shocks him, I feel sure -

I had Jennie for one of her flying visits and regret that she went home with a wretched cold - we got a peach of a radio, Mongle and I am sure they will all derive a great deal of pleasure and profit from it.

What a wonderful birthday you had! What fun it must have been opening all those letters - I can never get over the thrill of opening a letter. I dont know what I expect I am sure. I must be like the Jews looking for the messiah!! And as for telegrams they give me real spasms and I invariable tremble when I get one -

Dear old Jim is coming up to spend Christmas with me, so you

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one of the Christmas cards I brought from Italy - I find upon taking them out in their new surroundings I like them even better than I did in Florence -

I enclose a tiny bit of Florentine leather work with a little calendar inside - a brown sombre little thing - but I know it contains many red letter days for you and I hope and pray that there may be three hundred and sixty five and a quarter happy healthy sunshiny ones as well -

With much love
Yours affectionately
Cora

98 Charles St West -
Thursday night -

over

may know I am happy -

He rang me up two nights ago and it was a joy to hear him so full of beans and pep, and none the worse for the hectic movements of the stock market of late. He now is manager of one of the uptown offices and it no doubt keeps him on his tip toes but he is well paid and I am told that the firm think well of him - so I have very much to be grateful for with my two fine boys and all that they bring into my life - I often think I am the happiest woman in the world -

I have just addressed to you

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By the way Dear, I apologize
for the letter which was sent
to me in your care last week
and thank you for having it
sent on to me -
It was from a Miss Rankin of
Chatham N.B. sister of the
late Dr. Rankin - I crossed to
Italy with her last January &
she had lost my address &
said she felt the only way
to locate me was through
my "illustrious relative"

C.

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December 28, 1928

My dear Cora:

Let me thank you for your letter, received to-day, and for the one you sent me a few days ago. I wish I had your time as well as your gift for writing and I would make a real reply. Unfortunately, I have only a moment in which to send an acknowledgment. It carries with it, however, my best of love and good wishes to you and to the boys and to the grandchildren, for the New Year.

Mrs. G.G.S.Lindsay,
96 Charles Street West,
WLMK/C Toronto, Ontario.

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1. La Plaza Apartments
98 Charles St. East.
Toronto.
January 25th
1929

My dear Willie, I had just written the above when your note came. Willie Charlie Saunderson's note to you? Isn't it quaint? He is the most punctilious chap. And very ceremonious, like a gentleman out of an old play or novel.

I had a letter from him this morning and he is evidently troubled at the attentions he has received from "Sir MacKenzie King"!!!

How charmingly euphonious it sounds, and how nice it looks written! D—— that fellow from Kingston!

It was kind of you to take this trouble Dear, and I very much appreciate it.

Now to business!

The artist who has in hand the illumination of the scroll or book which the City is having done for you, is again after me for more information

1 Of what Universities are you a graduate?

2 What honorary degrees have you?

It appears the idea is to incorporate in some way the coats of arms of these Universities, along with that of Toronto in some border design. There is also to be a miniature of your Grandfather Mackenzie in it.

I hate bothering you, for I

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know how frightfully busy you are, but I couldn't be sure of the accuracy of the information any other way -

Do you ever sleep now? or does the thought of the coming session keep you awake at night?

Go to it with joy, you have the whole country behind you.

Much love

Cora

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January 28, 1929.

I am sorry the artist who has in hand the Toronto address is occasioning you so much trouble; but I much appreciate your good offices.

-- I enclose a memorandum which gives particulars with respect to the Universities.

I am interested in your attitude toward titles. Personally, I think that in our country we are better freed of them altogether, and the envyings, jealousies, and bickerings which they beget; also the pseudo-aristocracy which they tend to create. It may fall to my lot to speak against them in Parliament at the next Session.

I might tell you privately that, in England at the time of the first Imperial Conference, the Duke

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of Connaught told me that the King would like to have me take a knighthood, and hoped it could be so arranged. I told the Duke at the time that, even if there were no resolution of our House of Commons against titles, I should personally feel obliged to decline the honour, if proferred to me. Would you not rather have "The Rt. Honble. William Gladstone" than "Sir William Gladstone?"

I am very busy at the moment preparing for the opening of the Session.

Mrs. C. C. S. Lindsey,
1, La Plaza Apts.,
98 Charles St. E.,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Graduate of the following Universities:

1.	In Arts and Law	-	University of Toronto
2.	In Arts, M. A.	-	University of Chicago
3.	In Arts and Philosophy, A.M., Ph.D.	-	Harvard University

Honorary Degrees from the following:

1.	LL.D.	-	University of Toronto
2.	LL.D.	-	Queen's University
3.	LL.D.	-	Harvard University
4.	LL.D.	-	Yale University
5.	D.C.L.	-	Oxford University
6.	LL.D.	-	Edinburgh University
7.	LL.D.	-	Cambridge University

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JIM AND BETTY SHOULD REACH OTTAWA ABOUT FIVE OCLOCK THANKS SO MUCH FOR HAVING THEM

CORA.. Lindsey

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You dont know what a pleasure it was to have you with me the other evening, Dear, and I was so happy at hearing all the kind things you said about Betty and Jim.

I wrote and told them how kindly you spoke of them.

Their letters after they went home were filled with appreciation and admiration of you and of your kindness to them. Betty says "What a perfectly wonderful man he is! I do hope he asks us there some time again I liked him so much

La Plaza -
Dec 18th 1929

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Dear Willie

This was meant to have been a birthday letter, but even though I am too late to wish you a Happy Birthday this year, let us hope and pray that the happiness may be so compelling and so far reaching that it will carry on and make the future radiant too!

I sent you the promised photograph of Dear George as well as two letters of Dr. George Morrisons which may be of interest to you.

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he gave me such a thrill.
Jenny is coming to me
tonight and we are to
see Dr. Gow in the morning.
It was so good of you
to undertake the expense
of this work for Jenny
and to urge upon her
the importance of it.
She was very gratified and
appreciative when she
spoke to me about it.
Have you seen the
Canadian Forum for Dec?
The first three pages
(de Bussy) are most sig-
nificant of the way the
wind is blowing in
Conservative quarters!
I hear your London speech
was a masterpiece, and
this too, your Conservatives.
When will you give over
having misgivings??
No more now Dear,
save my earnest good
wishes for Christmas
and the New Year
and renewed thanks for
all your kindness to
my dear Children.
Much love
from yours affectionately
Cora

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Oriental Club, Hanover Square, London,W.

May 7th, 1920

My dear Lindsey,

My wife is worried because some weeks ago, when I was still in the Nursing Home, she wrote to Mrs. Lindsey, sending her a number of photographs, and has received no reply. The mails both to America and Canada seem somewhat erratic.

You will heard of my long and crushing illness, and how I am reduced to skin and bone, a shadow of my former self. I have, however, made up my mind to try and get back to China, and I have taken passages for myself and wife, three children, nurse and governess, in the C.P.O.S. steamer "Victorian", leaving Liverpool for Quebec on Wednesday, June 23rd. We are to make connection with the "Empress of Russia" due to leave Vancouver on July 29th. This will give us about three weeks in Canada, but I have not yet decided whether to remain in Montreal and seek medical advice, or go on without delay to B.C. Doctors, so far, have not been able to check my malady. It is thought that perhaps a warmer climate may benefit me. For that reason indeed I left the nursing home in London, and came to the south of England, where, unhappily, the weather conditions have been very bad, and we have only had four or five days sunshine since we came here (Sidmouth, Devonshire) on March 18th.

My wife and I would dearly like to see you and Mrs. Lindsey. We hold you both in our warmest affection, and I will never forget the great kindness you showed me when I was in Canada. Would to God that I were in a position to repay you.

Just about a year ago Mackenzie King came to see me. I then boasted to my friends that I had received a visit from one who was to be the successor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, a future Prime Minister of the Dominion. He is an extraordinarily sympathetic man, and I shall never forget his visit and the warm hearted sympathy he showed me in my illness.

You will have heard that Sir John Jordan has arrived in England. He has been giving some very foolish interviews to the correspondents. His successor is Beilby Alston, and the Counsellor is one who bears the honoured name of Robert Clive. Quite close to where I am in Devon, there lives a former British Minister to Peking, Sir Ernest Satow, who was, I think, the most distinguished Minister we have ever had in China.

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I should like to feel that I am in touch when I am in Canada. Perhaps you might send a note to the steamer to meet me on arrival at Quebec. I am writing to Peter Turner.

All good wishes to you and yours from us both,

Ever faithfully yours,

(Signed) G.E.Morrison

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The boys are giving me this trip, isn't it wonderful of them?

I am sailing on the Adriatic Jan. 7th and expect to reach Cairo the middle of February.

I am to visit friends there and, leaving there early in April I shall make my way back to Cherbourg by way of Sicily, Italy, Switzerland The Riviera & Bordeaux, where I have an adopted niece.

Unless I weaken and get very homesick, I shall be back in July.

I am spending a week in Athens and another week in Constantinople on the way out to Cairo. I shall also stay two weeks in the Holy Land.

Do you know any one in these places, or in Rome to whom you could give me letters? I should much appreciate it if you do —

La Plaza
98 Charles St, East
Toronto
Dec 18th

My dear Willie,

I note that you had a birthday yesterday, and even if I am a little late, let me wish you many many happy returns!

You are lucky to be still young enough to have birthdays! I had to give it up long ago myself!

I wonder if Jennie has perhaps told you that I am going away for the winter?

I am so thrilled about it that I am hardly seeing straight and so dizzy with the excitement of getting a small sized outfit for travelling and of renting my little apartment, etc, that I am sure I am not going straight which is a rattle sad thing at my age — Eh What?

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Jim is coming to me for Christmas & I will stay till Jan 2. when he and I both go to Mrs. Christianey in Westchester County N.Y. to stay till the day I sail.

Dont you think I am a pretty brave old lady to start off alone as I am doing? I shall have a cabin to myself and I dont know a soul who is going. But one always makes friends. I find I had a nice little visit from Jennie recently, too short by far, but we had fun together and I find when I get with Jennie that there is quite a lot of Siggie left in me.

Jim's boy John is a fine little chap I am very found of him. He is very much like you - perhaps that is one reason!

We hear glowing accounts of you from time to time. May you long remain where you are to keep up the good work.

This will be my Christmas letter. May you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

With much love -

Yours affectionately

Cora

P.S.

Would you like me to get flowers or wreaths for Mt. Pleasant? Delighted to do it if you would ——

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Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsay,
La Plaza Apartments,
98 Charles Street, Toronto.

Would you kindly ~~send~~ wire me collect Percy Lindsey's address (stop)
Card sent last year was returned as being wrongly addressed.

Willie.

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F.U.142.

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145 TYNDALL AVENUE,
TORONTO

My dear Willie

I wonder if you could see your way to helping me out of a dilemma I find myself in.

Percy Lindsey, who has been for some time employed in the City Architects office, has received a notification that his services will not be required after this week.

Business in this Department is extremely dull and it has been found necessary to cut down their staff: Percy, being one of the last who were taken on is of course one of the first to be laid off, and is feeling so cut up over it that I told him I would write to you and ask you if there would be any chance of your finding him a clerkship or any small position down in the States.

He has been perfectly steady ever since his return to Canada & has given satisfaction wherever he has been employed.

He would be quite satisfied with twenty five dollars a week, and would, I know, be eternally grateful for any thing you could do for him.

George, as you know, is in England, and may have to rush off to China as soon as he returns so I am trying to get the problem of Percy and his wife solved, so he won't have this to worry him on his return.

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I do not know if you have met Percy since he came home - He is very gentlemanly in his manner & quiet and dig - -nified in his bearing and makes a very good impression and I am sure he would do every thing in his power to justify your faith in him, should you see fit to interest yourself in his behalf

I am sure I do not need to tell you how very much George and I would appreciate such an action on your part, and what a help it would be to us just now if we could feel that Percy was provided for in some small clerical position.

I saw Aunt Bella yesterday & was delighted to see the im - -provement in her - My Boys have both been quite ill - Jim met with an accident at Hackley and Charlie had Grippe. I have Charlie B. here too & he is very poorly having taken a heavy cold.

No more now dear Willie but much love

Ever your affectionately

Cora

Tuesday afternoon

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there on the 27th, by the Mongolian, for China.
It was most kind of you to say you would give George one letter and I assure you they will be very acceptable to us.
I was at Grange Road tonight and your Mother told me you were going out to Denver very soon. I wish we might travel out together. But I understand you will be one week earlier than we go. I am so glad to hear continued good tidings of Max. I do wish we could have stopped in Denver to leave a peep at them all. But I'm afraid George has run himself too short of time for that now.
Harry Lay has sent George some nice letters to his friends in China. Wasn't it good of him.

145 TYNDALL AVENUE,
TORONTO

My dear Willie I am heartily ashamed of my long delay in replying to you very kind letter to me.
My only plea is that I have been extremely busy - and have put off from day to day what I wanted to find leisure to do.
Percy was very much touched at your letter with its kindly interest in him and we both realize how impossible it will be for you to find a place for him at present.
I have been trying in a variety of ways to get him something but so far have had no success.
George is sailing by the St. Louis tomorrow, and expects to be home by 19th. We leave 22nd for San Francisco and sail from

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I have been trying to rent our house
but have had no success so far.
Some one may turn up yet
however.
I hope to see you before you go
out West. You will spare a
moment for me, won't you
when you come up?
Mean time my best thanks
for your kind letter. &
much love, dear Willie.
from yours affectionately
Cora

Tuesday night.

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NIGHT LETTERS

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Wednesday
May 21st
1. La Plaza
Toronto.

My dear Willie,

I rang your house last evening but could not get you so I am going to tell you as briefly as I can what I am after!!

I want, if possible, to invoke your sympathy and assistance in the matter of the amendment to the Code with regard to the practice of Christian Healing.

Mr. Blainey, the publication Secretary for Ontario, yesterday read me a letter he was sending to Mr. La Pointe, who is, I understand, in sympathy with us. Mr. Blainey and some of the others on the Board of our Church here asked me if I would speak or write to you.

Of course this amendment would not affect us here in Ontario, but

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but it would be a tremendous help to us if it could be made to cover all the Provinces.
You have no idea how this thing is growing. I hear the Medical Men sent a protest to Ottawa the night before last. which I hope will not spoil our Chances-
Many thanks dear, for the pictures you sent me. I am so glad to have them.
I have been deeply interested & thrilled to the bone at some of your brilliant moves. You have swept the ground from under them and won a great many of the old hard boiled Tories to your side.
Sel. Ferguson hangs till he tires himself like he has the rest of us. I loved your answer to his tirade of last week. Your courage and ability must win out.
Much love - Cora

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Ottawa, December 18, 1929.

Mrs. G.G.S. Lindsey,
98 Charles St. E.,
Toronto, Ontario.

~~Personal~~. Have just received splendid picture of George and Morrison letter enclosed. Cannot thank you too warmly for sending me the picture and allowing me to see the letters. Will write shortly. Con amore.

Willie

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Christmas Night-
1929

My dear Willie - It was sweet of you to send me this adorable hand bag - I have it here before me, and I just love it - and I wonder how you guessed that I was longing for just such a bag!

I got it yesterday morning just when I was going to Charlies to stay till tonight - so I carried it with me, and it was very much admired -

When I came back tonight I found your kind cheery telegram and it has done me a lot of good.

I had a happy time at Charlies, particularly with the dear little boys - How are such a

Joy to me, and - somehow - or - -another I am happier with them than with many a grown up -

These anniversaries are hard days, days when, as someone aptly puts it " I dare not all remember, and I cannot all forget."

Today is the first Christmas that Jim and I have not spent together in all Jim's life and I have missed him terribly, though he and Betty rang me up yesterday morning and again this morning -

I think Jim felt the separation too, but it would have been madness for them to have come up here to spend 11 or 12 hours, for Jim has to be in his office in the morning -

It is strange, though, how one

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persons absence can bereave the very atmosphere - isnt it?
I havent heard from Barrie today but mean to call Jennie in a little while.
She looked so much better when she was here last week and was in such good spirits and we had such fun together.
She was so relieved after seeing Dr. Gow. The dentist in Barrie had evidently impressed her with the idea that her only way out was the purchase of two rows of handsome porcelain teeth!
I expect they are snugly snowed in at Bouldersfel. It is bad enough here. Charlies motor is reposing in a snow bank some where near St-Andrews Collars -
and it is funny to see the motors picking their cautious hooting way through the traffic, in a panic lest they may stall in the deep ruts.
Nellie Leigh has been very very low these many weeks past- poor little creature, and I am afraid the sands are running very low with her. Fortunately she does not suffer and she is invariably cheerful. Mentally she is immensely improved.
I hope you have had a restful and happy day dear, and that you will have a happy & bright New Year.
With many thanks for your kind remembrance of me and with much love
I am yours most gratefully and affectionately
Cora -

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Thanks too, for the pretty Christmas card.

Jim had to leave yesterday on the afternoon train as he wanted to be in New York in time for work this morning - but we were very grateful for even a short visit.

He has just been made manager of the new uptown office of Hirsch, Lilienthal, on Fifth Avenue below the Park -

It will be quite a responsibility for Jim, but Mr. Hirsch asked him to take it and his name has been approved by the Exchange. He will get a

Mrs Lindsey
Xmas Cheeks
family

My dear Willie,

It was good to hear your voice yesterday! And the boys enjoyed their brief chat with you, so much.

We were all very much interested in hearing those two messages from the Queen.

I hope you had a happy Christmas. I know no one who better deserved it.

Many thanks for the charming picture of yourself, which you sent me. It is excellent, and I shall prize it very much.

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salary of more than five thousand dollars a year and I hope he will be able to make good -
He has worked well since he went to New York and I am so glad that he is succeeding so well -
It is a lonely life for him, but he has chosen it and seems to be quite happy in it.
I was speaking to Jennie last night and apart from John and Jean having a touch of flu they seem to have had a wonderful Christmas.
She told me how extremely generous you had been and how thrilled they all were with the Radio and with the added presents as well.
I was the delighted recipient of a load of presents from each one of the family - They are really frightfully good to me -
Altogether I had a very happy Christmas but today I have had a touch of that post-Christmassy feeling I always have when time goes away, which is extremely foolish and unworthy of me in the circumstances, I know.
Much love Dear Willie, and every good wish for your health happiness and prosperity in the new year -

Yours affectionately

Cora

La Plaza -
Wednesday Dec 26th -

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Ottawa, December 25, 1930.

Mrs. Lindsey,
GEORGETOWN, B.C.

(Ref:RA[illegible]7 11 BDA)

Lovely Christmas greetings Jim yourself

WILLIE

(CHARGE: Mackenzie King)

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Ottawa, December 25, 1930.

Mrs. Lindsey,
GEORGETOWN, B.G.

(Ref:RAA497 11 BDA)

Loving Christmas greetings Jim yourself

WILLIE

(CHARGE: Mackenzie King)

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January 15, 1930.

It was not until last night that I had an opportunity of reading through the letters from Morrison to George which you were so kind as to send me, together with one of George's photographs.

It was a great pleasure to me to read the letters, and they recalled many happy memories of Chism and of the Morrisons, and of the friendship of George and yourself with the latter. How affecting are the words "I hope we shall meet again" in Morrison's letter to George of February the 6th! How strange it is that they both should be gone and that you and Mrs. Morrison, the other two mentioned in the letter, should be the two to remain!

Again let me thank you for permitting me to see these letters, which I now return, and above all, let me thank you once more for the photograph of George, which I think is an exceptionally good likeness.

Mrs. G.G.S. Lindsey,
La Plaza Apts.,
98 Charles St. E.,
Toronto, Ont.

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June 2, 1930

My dear Cora:

We did the best we could with the Christian Science amendments to the Criminal Code, but there was such opposition to them in the Commons that, had we sat for another week, I doubt if it would have been possible to have them pass. As we were in the last moments of the session, it was thought advisable not to continue the discussion indefinitely, but to hope for more in the way of education between now and some future time.

You will appreciate the reasons which make it impossible for me to send more than this line. I am beginning now to get ready in earnest for the contest.

With love and best wishes,
Believe me, as always,
Affectionately yours,

Mrs. G.G.S.Lindsey,
1 La Plaza,
Toronto, Ontario.

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1 La Plaza Apartments
98 Charles St E.
Toronto
July 14th
1930

My dear Willie,

I have wanted to write you to wish you success in your campaign! My best thoughts have been with you, and here and now, I want to say that I trust and believe that you will come back stronger than you have ever been.

There have been very sad days for all of us - dear Betty, Jim's wife, died on the 25th of June at her own hand - I leave you to imagine what the shock has been to us all - she had been melancholy & depressed for some time and Jim had taken her for a three weeks cruise of the West Indies, but she seemed little better on their return.

The only physical trouble, so far as we know was thyroid trouble, and she was taking medicine for that for some time.

Charlie went to Jim at once, and as soon as they could leave he brought Jim home to me.

Poor Boy! He is distraught with grief - He loved Betty madly, and feels now that he cannot carry on in New York, without her - his firm have been perfectly wonderful to him in refusing his resignation and persist that he shall have his salary & as long a leave of absence as he cares to take - and his

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position again whenever he feels he can go back to it.
Jim has an idea that he would like to go to Nova Scotia and get a job on some ships out of Lunenburg. He asked me to write you and ask if you would mind giving him a letter to someone there, preferably the member for Neal part.
If you feel you could do this, will you send it here, as Jim will be with me.
He has gone back to New York for a few days to dismantle their little home there and to wind up the estate Betty had speculated madly and lost nearly all she had in the Stock Market.
I have been wondering if Betty wrote to you before she died. Did you by any chance get any letter from her? I got one, a strange little note saying goodbye & telling me she loved me. It realled me after the deed was done.
I feel a great sense of personal loss as I looked forward so much pleasure with her and my heart is just breaking for poor Jim.
Much love dear Nellie, and my best wishes and prayers for your success.

Cora

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Mrs C G S Lindsey
LaPlaza Apartments
Charles St Toronto

Dear Cora. I cannot begin to say how my heart aches for you and Jim in the overwhelming bereavement Jim has sustained. I received your letter last night and have been able to think of nothing else since. You both know how deeply and how completely I feel for you both. Please tell Jim will do anything he wishes me to do or that I can do for him but would like to have a word with him over phone before communicating with Lunenberg. Will do this probably sometime on Sunday from Ottawa. Meanwhile fondest love to Jim and yourself. Tell Jim for me that all will prove to be for the best in the end.

Willie

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FORM 6124

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Day Letter	D L
Night Message	N M
Night Letter	N L

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

New Form 21

RAILWAY SERVICE TELEGRAM

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Chesley July 23 1930

Mrs G G S Lindsey
Plaza Apartments
Charles St
Toronto

Delighted receive your kindest of wires on Ottawa speech. Also to get other message contained therein. Have Jim constantly in mind my thoughts. Best love to you both.

Willie

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little trip with me - I feel just like going some where, on a boat, up the lakes or down the Gulf, and I am sure it would do Jen an infinite amount of good to get a surcease from family.

I haven't the excuse of very much family, myself, but I have had a hectic summer, & feel frightfully unravelled and I think a little trip would do much to knit up my "ravelled sleeve".

You will never know, dear Willie, how much your sympathy and kindness helped me this summer, nor how it bucked Jim up. but I am sure he has written and told you how much ~~[illegible]~~ your letters and messages helped him.

Your letter to him was read over and over again and was finally wrapped about a little picture of Betty & tucked inside

1. La Plaza Apartments
98 Charles St. E.
Toronto
August 31st
1930

My dear Willie,

I have been trying to get a peaceful moment in which to write to you, but peace seems to be a hard thing to achieve in this town during the Exhibition.

It has been a very full week: My family went away the beginning of the week, then Jean and Harry & Peach were down for the Exhibition then Harry came down and took them home.

Harry looks remarkably well, Growing flowers seems to have a rejuvenating effect upon him but his report about Jen was rather discouraging -

I have written to ask her if she will try to come away on a

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He seems to have enjoyed being
with Nelson - I was so glad you
suggested his looking him up.
They apparently got along very
well together for Nelson has
mentioned Jim from time to
time in his letters home.

I think he was amazed that
Jim wanted just that kind
of a job but I quite under-
stand Jims feelings.

He wanted to get away from
everything like his old life
+ from people of his own
kind + he wanted lots of
hard work.

I must say I got rather a jolt
on Friday when someone called
my attention to a story told in
the Toronto Globe about a four
masted schooner which had
sailed from Halifax August 17th
going to pieces in a storm and
three of the crew being washed
in to the beach at Atlantic
City.

But if one's faith is worth
anything it is a sheet anchor
at such a time as this and I
realized at once that Jim is
in good care and safer far
than I could ever hope to keep
him. In fact it is only through
one's faith that one can help
another. By taking conscious
possession of the Kingdom of
Heaven within ourselves, through
spiritual ascendency we can
individualize infinite power +
glory and express unlimited
health + well being, not alone
for ourselves but for those whom
we hold dear.

And the practical demonstration
of this is just as certain +

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we had talked about it. and your great kindness to them all she decided to go and spend Sunday with you.

That same evening she telephoned me that she wasn't going, after talking it over with "Bob & Mother" she had decided not to. The King boys were very sorry, they were keen to have her go, but the Wookey influence was just too much. I think it is Jealousy which has begotten a sort of inferiority complex on their parts.

The dear old lady has it in for me too, because I slighted Mays mother "whilst" May was doing "innumerable kind things" for my Danish friend.

This came out in a burst of garrulity over the tea cups - after which she proceeded to rip my Danish friend up the

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infallible as one's spiritual under-standing is secure and unassail-able.

I felt so sorry for May. She looks so ill and sometimes seems so nervous and distraught. She is evidently trying to do every thing of her own strength and deter-mination. She has grown very hard and bitter about some things. I had her down here for half a day trying to persuade her that she should go to Barrie with her boys, but it was of no avail.

The same thing about her going to Ottawa. She brought me your beautiful letter to her and asked me to read it aloud to her. which I did. And after

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back till May came to the rescue putting an end to the incident- by smothering the sweet old lady with kisses - am I a cat ???

Jim asked me to send you the enclosed which he clipped a long time since from the New York Times - he thought Gen. Pershing looked so much like your Grandfather.

I am sure you are busy these days buckling on your armour and clearing the decks for action.

I hear that Mr. B. is feeling very ill at ease, and here's hoping he may feel much worse before you get through with him !!!

Give my love to Joan.

I am so glad you have such a friend - Her sympathetic understanding must be a great help to you -

With renewed thanks, dear Willie and much love

I remain

Yours affectionately

Cora

P.S. I like Mac's boys very much particularly Don - I hope he and John will get to be good friends -

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OCEAN VIEW HOTEL
HASTINGS
BARBADOS, B.W.I.

December 4th

My dear Willie.

Please excuse a pencilled scrawl! I am waiting on the shore for Jim and I want to send you a line to ask you if you would hop on to a Lady Boat & come down to St Vincent where I have rented a furnished bungalow, from the 15th of January.

It is on a hilly island lying off a shal. distance from Kingstown and is said to be a lovely restful spot.

I am sure a few weeks there would do you a lot of good and you could be preparing for the play. Bring a secretary with you if you like.

A Lady Boat arrives at St V. on the 15th and we shall likely take that boat from Trinidad up to St V. and it would be simply wonderful to find you on board it coming to us.

I have had a glorious time here but the pace is far too swift and for both of our sakes I felt it would be better to get a place of our own for a while.

It was such a joy to find Jim looking so well and I think he was pretty glad to see "Mother" too. People here have simply adopted Jim and they are overwhelming & kind to us both.

We have been seeing quite a lot

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of little Mrs. Lewis Carling - and according to old superstitions your left ear should have been burning a lot, for we have been saying many nice things about you - Now — hold your breath! I am sailing on Sunday in a little Dutch schooner from Saba - for Demerara - Unless the people here limit I am hopelessly mad - But even at my age, why shouldn't one go out after thrills? The trade winds are very constant & will carry us to Demerara in three days - and all fear of hurricane is over for nearly six months to come so that nothing untoward is likely to happen. I have such a vivid imagination that I can easily turn the shabby little schooner into my own Spick-and the nice little honest-Dutch skipper into my own navigator. By the way, speaking of navigation, Jim is rather pleased to have been at the wheel & to have brought the Integral around the East coast of Barbados and up the South coast & into the Bay to her anchorage. It happened to have been his turn at the wheel & the Captain let him alone to do it himself. He is just as fond of the sea as ever - and will tell you when he sees you. Why he didn't wrap-

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next six weeks will be what I have just given you and we can also be reached care General Delivery Bridgetown Barbados.
In case I cannot reach you again before Christmas we both send you our best wishes for a Happy Christmas and now dear Willie Must-Stop. With much love in which Jim joins me and hoping you will be able to come to us, and that we shall see you in St Vincent

Yours affectionately

Cora

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HASTINGS
BARBADOS, B.W.I.

go back in the Sch Integral. I think the trip down did him a whole lot of good in every way, even if fraught with more or less danger at times. And the kindness of people here has helped a lot to bring him back to normal, and repel him from brooding on the tragedy that took place in June.

If you find you can make the trip down to visit us (and we are both hoping that you can) will you send a cable to Trinidad Care of the Royal Bank of Canada Georgetown British Guiana - "coming" and we will look for you on the Lady Boat or at any place you may specify - Our address for the

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As Christmas will be here within a fortnight I feel that I should write at once to extend to Jim and yourself my best of wishes for a very happy Christmas. That Christmas Day will be what you both desire is assured through the fact that you are together. Nothing could bring more happiness to each of you than that. When Christmas morning comes around I should like you both to know that you will be very much in my thoughts throughout the day and that I am sending the best of wishes and greetings.

You will have heard from Jennie that Harry's operation was wholly successful. I went up to Toronto to be with Jennie and Harry the day they left the hospital for Barrie. It was a lovely bright Sunday afternoon and I am told that

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they both thoroughly enjoyed the drive to Barrie. Harry is now able to drive and walk about pretty much as usual and has been increasing in weight as well as strength from day to day.

Neither Jennie nor I will ever be able to thank you sufficiently for all you did for her and Harry during the anxious weeks that they had before and after the operation, and Jennie says that no words could express what you did for her and what you meant to her at that time.

In writing yesterday with regard to Christmas I told Jennie that I thought we would all feel the saving of Harry's life and his restoration to health and strength as the greatest of all gifts at this Christmas season. It was a pretty close call and if Harry had not had the operation when he did I doubt very much if he would be alive and with his family today.

While in Toronto I took Max's boy Lyon and Jennie's boy John to the Winter Fair. We had a very enjoyable afternoon together.

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I have little to report on my own doings, beyond that I seem to be as busy as ever. Correspondence from day to day continues to be just about all that I am able to overtake. If I run behind a day an accumulation immediately begins. I am finding more and more that about all I can attempt in the way of correspondence is the briefest acknowledgment of the letters that come to hand. As Leader of the Opposition I am too much alone in the management of the party's affairs, for the time being at least, and wholly alone in the preparation of material for the debates for the approaching session. I have not as yet got under way with their preparation although from day to day I have been accumulating a good deal of material.

The Imperial Conference was a genuine fiasco. Bennett's schemes from the outset were doomed to failure. About all he managed successfully was to entangle himself in controversy before leaving England.

Ferguson's orations since the announcement of his appointment as High Commissioner have been even more of a

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farce. I am assuming that you will get the Toronto papers and you will have seen for yourself what he said about going to England to strengthen the morale of the British public. The truth of the matter is that both he and Bennett are in a sort of conspiracy to join Conservatives in England in their effort to overthrow the Labour Government and to prevent the Liberals from gaining power. It is a diabolical plot and will, without question, have harmful reactions so far as our inter-imperial relations are concerned.

I wish I possessed the gift of ridicule and I would be able to have no end of a good time in parliament at the next session. Unfortunately, I am deficient in that, as in many other respects. I really do not look forward to the job as chief critic of the government; not that there is not enough to criticize, but my nature inclines me much more to conciliation than perpetual conflict.

Conditions in Canada are none too good. In the West they are really very bad. While I regret having missed the opportunity of being at the Imperial Conference, I certainly am happy at the moment that we are not facing another session of parliament with the prospect of a general election at its close. Any government compelled to go to the country

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Mrs. C. G. S. Lindsey,
c/o James Lindsey, Esq.,
Bridgetown Club,
Barbadoes,
West Indies.

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next year would be swept out of
office.

Again, dear Core, let me
send to Jim and yourself my very
best of wishes, and I hope that your
Christmas may together may be a very
happy one and that when the New Year
dawns it will bring with it full of
promise for long continued happiness
to you both.

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December 20, 1930.

My dear Cora:

It is characteristically kind of you and Jim to think of inviting me to spend a few days with you at St. Vincent.

If I could spare the time for so long an absence, I can think of nothing which would give me more real pleasure.

In all probability, however, our Parliament will be reassembling early in February, if not at the end of January, and I have very much to do by way of preparation for each proceeding. Up to this very hour my time has been consumed in overtaking arrears of work, and dealing with matters at which I have had little or no opportunity of giving any attention during the past ten years.

In the beginning of the new year, I shall have to settle down in solid fashion to the work of the session.

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Your taking a cottage of your own is, I think, a splendid idea, and I do wish I could sit on its verandah and look, in company of you both, towards the sea. Some day perhaps, I may have that chance; if not at St. Vincent, then on some other isle.

I sent you and Jim a little line of birthday greetings in care of the Bridgetown Club, Bridgetown, Barbados. I also sent along a little bit of colour in the form of a tiny gift to you mailed to the same address. I was afraid to send anything which might be valuable enough to encounter the customs. I hope this little remembrance will get through the post alright.

I am sending to Jim to-day, care of General Delivery, Bridgetown, Barbados, a copy of a book to which I made reference in my letter to him. It is one which I believe he will greatly enjoy, and which, I am sure, you will enjoy as well. It is the sort of a book for reading in the open, and I feel sure that to the both of you this message

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will make a strong appeal.

I have just celebrated my fifty-sixth birthday anniversary. I have been deluged with greetings of one kind or another to which I am seeking, at the moment, to make some acknowledgment.

Many of those have been quite exceptionally fine in character. I might say the same of some of the items which have appeared in the press. After all, to have the loyalty of one party and the good-will of the country while out of office is perhaps something which, at times like the present, is even more to be desired than office with the kind of fatuous praise which it too often inspires.

Again, dear Cora, let me extend to Jim and yourself, my very best of wishes, and send to you both my fondest love as well.

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
Bridgetown, Barbados.

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Niagara

My dear Willie

This is just a line to tell you how much I appreciate your Kindness in taking me in your car last Saturday, to Niagara, and to try to tell you what a pleasure it was to me to be with you and Jennie on the trip.

It was a wonderful outing and I shall never forget it - more particularly the Sunday part of it.

I am not going to write any more now, for I know how precious every moment of your time will be, till the end of the Session -

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my warmest thanks dear,
and fondest love -
Yours affectionately
Cora

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Young's Island
Saint Vincent
Feb 2nd 1931.

My dear Willie

I am thoroughly ashamed of not having written you before this, but our mail has been wandering around British Guiana after us and only caught up to us after we had been here some time.

Thanks so much for your kind letter. We enjoyed it so much. and I do think it was kind of you to send me the adorable little blue purse. It is a work of art. and I shall prize it very much.

It was good of you too, to send Jim Rutledges book "Peace in the Heart"

I came across it more than a year ago and liked it so much that I sent it over to Paris to Mr Christiansen who had just lost his wife. He told me that it had done him a lot of good and been a great comfort to him.

I have been reading it aloud to Jim. I find I have to read to him, for his state of mind is still very chaotic and he finds it hard to concentrate as he should do. I am hoping that much may be accomplished for him, in this peaceful paradise

I have wished so much that you could have been with us here. It is so beautiful and so restful that I don't think you would feel bored or lonely as many people might.

We are on an island of perhaps 20 acres. 4 miles from

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the town of Kingstown on the leeward coast and lying about 400 yards off lee coast.
The bungalow is charming very well equipped - There are four bed rooms a large living + dining room and a pantry. A wide gallery running all the way round the house. The servants quarters and the kitchen are entirely separate. From each of the 34 windows of the bungalow we get a magnificent view -
Lying out to sea a short distance from us is an old historic land mark, called Fort Rock. It is of volcanic formation + is nearly 400 feet high.
There are steps leading to the top where there are a number of cannons and Mortars mounted in the time of George III for the protection of the

island of Saint Vincent. We get a wonderful view of the Grenadines on a clear day we can see more of them straggling away to the South of us.
The sunrises and sunsets are magnificent from our galleries and as for the full moon we are having just now, it beggars all description.
The island of St Vincent boasts a once active volcano - La Souffriere, which did so much damage in 1902.
We havent been to see it yet, it is 40 miles from here, I am told there is a lake in side the crater a lake filled with Crystal clear fresh water.
That was apparently always there, and the whole lake, which is said to be unfathomable, rose thrown out in the form of

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that is about as close as I shall get to it myself !! The govt. also maintains a sloop service between here and some of the grenadine Islands - and we hope to make a trip or two that way. We are renting a small dinghy for a fort night so that we can do some exploring on our own.

We have all kinds of scenery here on our own little island huge rocky crags and bold promontorys on the sea side and a lovely coral beach on the land side. The bathing is wonderful - no shock whatever upon entering the water. For long swims the boat man always

steams, preceding the hot ashes & lava of the eruption of 1902.

Now the Lake is there again and some tourists have been known to bathe in it.

The roads are quite good here and quite a lot of motoring is done, but petrol is so expensive down here as to make the cost of motoring almost prohibitive.

The Govt. runs a steam launch up and down the leeward coast of the island, every day & we are going on that to a place called Château Bel air just at the foot of La Soufrière - I think

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goes along with the boat, for sharks have been seen here, and there is, besides, a very vicious fish, called a barracuta, which is not averse to taking a bite out of anything it meets in the water.

The temperature of the air is usually about eighty degrees in the shade, but it is tempered by the never failing South East Trade winds.

I pay $25.00 a month for the house, boat + boat man I have an excellent cook for $7.00 and a butler for $15.00. They all feed themselves or are supposed to !!

Food is very cheap, with the exception of a few things which are imported from Canada and England. Meat and fowls are 14 cents a pound, milk 5 cents a quart, eggs 14 cents a doz. fish and lobsters 4 cents a pound and vegetables and fruit are simply ridiculous, compared to our prices at home.

We live mainly on fish fruit and vegetables. We don't care much about the meat here. It has to be eaten the same day that it is killed, and it isn't a particularly appetizing reflection that your dinner at night was walking around that morning, incorporated in a cow or a sheep !!

All our food is carried the four miles from town by women porters, who carry immense trays on their heads. The coal black

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mis'r tree yums (williams)? Yas sah, dis
am Melia spikken. His tress
at Young's Island she wan
at youall sen her
thruppence per de oranges
" " " limes
" " " Bananas
" " " Pineapple
an " " " fo bid'n
fruit."
When I asked the butler
what fo bid'n fruit was
he drew him self up &
said "Dat mis tress am
pually a colokal name
de igrant blacks has
fo de grape fruit"
Did I tell you that I had
gone to Demerara in a
tiny schooner - 100 feet by 25.

effigy who presides over the
destinies of my kitchen is a
character. Of uncertain age
and doubtful virtue, having
a flourishing family. though
she assures me she "she
aint never done married
no man" and that she is
not Mrs any thing "only
jes plain Melia".
She wears a short blue
denim frock like the
women of the islands,
shewing bare feet & legs
and arms, and a bright
bandana festooned over
her neatly platted wool.
She went to the telephone
yesterday to order some
fruit from Kingstown and
we heard her as follows -
"Is you dere please - Dat

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Jim was keen to go that way and it was so cheap - $10.00 as against $50.00 in a mail packet -

It was quite an experience I would'nt have missed it for any thing. We got our full share of local almos - phere I assure you -

We were both sea sick but Jim rigleted himself sooner than I did -

The motion was so novel to me that it fairly took possesion of me and long after I landed in British Guiana I found my self swaying & clutching at things for support.

The climate in B.G. was delightful, much cooler than in Barbados, but I did not like the place so well. We spent two weeks down the East Coast of Demerara where Jim got some sketch and I got some delightful walks on the shore & on the Sea walls. Then we returned to Georgetown to make a trip up river. We got the good Steamer an antiquated little stern wheel thing, very like an old time Mississippi boat and went up to a town called Bartica, a mining town, where the diamond & gold miners start for their fields. It is at the junction of three great rivers, the Essequibo, the Mazaruni & the Cuyuni - the Essequibo

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We hoped to have got a tramp ship or schooner for Trinidad but no such luck, so we took a Lady boat as far as here.
They are very fine boats.
No one here has ever seen any thing half so fine in these waters and I am sorry to hear that they do not pay. Every where in British Guiana we heard much about Canada. The Royal Bank has done a lot to put the thought of Canada in the minds of the people. The bank notes there are all Canadian or rather Royal Bank of Canada. Bank notes all duly signed by Sir H. Holt. The Royal Bank have been most awfully kind and attentive to us down here.

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is 27 miles wide in one place and has 350 islands - all beautifully wooded. I had never seen this tropical vegetation before. It is very wonderful. Jim took his gun expecting to get a tiger or a boa constrictor or some thing, but the "put-put" of our motor boat put every thing to flight & all we saw was a flight of parrots & Macaws and a few Toucans.
The Hon. Sidney Bayley chief of the Transportation Commission in B.G. arranged the trip for me and placed the Govt. launch at our disposal. He and Mrs. B were most kind to us, too, while we were in town.

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and we are bemoaning the fact that they have no branch at Kingstown. Only Barclays Bank here, but we find them extremely kind & nice. Our main difficulty is in protecting ourselves from the hospitalities and attentions of the people here. They are so kindly and hospitable, but time and, I neither of us, time for a social life here. We are loving our island and its loneliness and remoteness and have no desire to go to swizzle parties and bridge parties. Jim has really not been at all well. I was quite worried about him in Demerara, but the life here seems to be working wonders for him.
His trouble has been that he could not sleep. And when he did he was beset with most awful night mares. Here he is sleeping well. and we are often in bed & asleep by half past eight at night. We rise with the sun, and are out of doors all day long & take a lot of exercise.
There is absolutely no twilight here at all, once the sunset is over, night falls and we are ready to call it a day. Just now, while we have a moon it is so very beautiful that we manage to sit up to watch it on the breakers below our little island. I have never seen such bright moonlight as this. I saw the Pyramids many times by moonlight, also

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the acropolis, and I thought it was a startlingly bright moon in both places, here, however one can distinguish the colors quite distinctly and the scene before one looks just like a colored moving picture with browns & blues predominating, just as they seem to do in the colored movies.

I am ashamed of my writing I broke my pen at the beginning of this letter so I made myself a quill out of ~~some~~ one of the tail feathers of a huge bird, a frigate bird, or man of war bird, which Jim shot. I have always liked writing with a quill

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but I had to cut this one with an old razor blade, so it is not just what I would wish. Just here the mail came in and to my amazement it brought us each a lovely letter from you and a beautiful card from you and one from Joan. I am sending you the envelope to show you that it is possible for a letter to take this length of time to reach one - Ottawa Dec 12th St Vincent Feb 2nd

It was sweet of you to take the trouble to write us so that our Xmas Day might not be so dreary. Well at all events, we got your cable and it helped a whole lot. Now I shall answer that last letter under another cover. With fondest love and warmest thanks from us both. Affectionately Cora -

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Youngs Island.
Feb 5th 1931.

My dear Willie,

I mailed a letter to you two days ago, when I was in town and now I am going to answer the charming letter you wrote me for Christmas which has travelled so far and been so belated. It went from Barbados to South America & was there sent on here from Barbados.

I am sure it has brought me all the pleasure it was designed to bring for Christmas Day, and I am most grateful to you for writing it.

You mustn't thank me for any thing I did for Harry or Jennie. Whatever I may have done was prompted by love, and was a joy to me, and the one regret I had in leaving home was in leaving Jeanie. Poor child! She was pathetically courageous - and it just broke me all up to see the misery in her eyes when I said goodbye to her at the Parkdale Station.

Did she tell you that she had been away out there in the train with me, to see me off!!!

I came away with the distinct feeling that I was passing up the privilege and opportunity of being a comfort to some one very dear to me.

One of the hardest things about advancing years is the feeling of not belonging to any one and of not being of much use any where and I always welcome an opportunity of usefulness to any one, particularly to those I am fond of.

It is a matter of rejoicing to all of us that Harry has made such a splendid recovery and I am sure it must be a joy to you to know that you relieved his mind and Jennies, of so much anxiety as to the financial end of the thing, to say nothing of the loving kindness your generosity reflected to them.

I heard from both the boys, Dyer and John, about the good time you gave them the day you were in Toronto.

Mary writes me that she is very

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crime! The best that can be said about it is that now we are rid of his baneful influence upon Ontario and particularly its youth.

English people are not insane, (not even the Conservatives) and they are quite capable of taking Mr. Howard Ferguson's measurements & specifications so to speak.

And the column to which they have by this time relegated Mr. Bennett & Mr. Ferguson is a long, long way from the one in which you stand! I am not at all worried about your ability to make Mr. R.B. wish he had never been born when you get your stride in Opposition this winter. I have seen you do that & more to Mr. Meighen & haven't forgotten your prowess, my dear.

I am sorry conditions are really so bad in Canada. I wasn't so surprised about the state of affairs in Toronto, for instance, but the West is different. When the optimism of the Westerner

pleased with Lyons progress at the University. So I take it that the rough spots must have been all smoothed out by now.

I thought of you on the 17th and thought you might possibly be with Jennie at Barrie.

I am sure you would get a great many greetings that would make you both proud and happy - and more so being just (temporarily) out of office.

These things happen for the best when people are honest in their endeavours, and I had much rather you were out of office now than at the helm.

I hear from Charlie and Wanda what a colossal failure Bennett had made of things and I read in a British Guiana paper a long speech of R.B's trying to set himself right and denouncing the British Govt. for not apologizing to him or at least making their minister apologize for calling Mr. B's offer Humbug. The whole thing was amusing to a degree. As for his appointment of Howard Ferguson, it was a

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for the book "Peace in the Heart"
he will write you soon. He
accuses me of scooping him
& using all the news we have,
I love my blue purse. I take
it out and chortle a little
over it now & then. It is
really most artistic & pretty
and you were a dear to think
of sending it to me.
Our address will be General
Post-Office, Fort de France -
Martinique F.W.I. If any
thing particularly good
transpires - do get your secretary
to send me a new paper.
Jim joins me in warmest
love and thanks for your
kind thoughts of us - And
in all good wishes for.
1931. Ever yours affectionately
Cora.

Please overlook the
paper & writing. Both are terrible.
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gets a set back, then it is really
bad.
Jim and I are both genuinely
sorry that you couldn't have
been with us down here.
It is a most beautiful and
supremely restful spot, and
we have enjoyed it very much.
We are leaving on Tuesday on
the Lady Hawkins for Barbados
and then St Lucia, where we
hope to get a small French
steamer or a sloop to carry us
over to Martinique which is
our present objective.
I may take a house there for a
few weeks, if one is to be found.
It is much the pleasantest way
to live down here, as well as
the cheapest way.
Jim is far from well and it is
infinitely better for him to be
in a house of our own. He is
coming round all right but
nerves can not be forced - and
it takes time. For his sake, as
much as for my own I wish you
might have spent a little time
with us, but it just couldn't
be, at present, at all events.
Jim sends his love and warmest
thanks for your kind letter &

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March 7, 1931

My dear Cora:

Parliament reassembles on Thursday of next (now this) week. I have, therefore, not opportunity for more than a line of acknowledgment of your two delightful letters, which I received a week or so ago, and the letter from Jim which came to hand within the last day or two. I am more than pleased that you have had such a happy time together. I could wish that Jim were more rested than he appears to be, but I imagine that the real benefit of his trip will come when it is over and he returns to work. I am quite sure that he will then find that the winter with you has been just what he most needed, and that he will be able to take up his work with a fresh heart and courage.

I wish I could have paid you both a visit, but that was not possible with the circumstances what they have been in the last few months. Were it not for the fact that some of my ablest colleagues were defeated in the last campaign, and will not be in the House this session, and that two or three others who were returned have since become

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indisposed, I should look forward to the present session with a fair degree of satisfaction. As it is, however, I am full of trepidation as to my ability to measure up to what will be expected of me. I shall be really very much alone, though I am hoping that opposition may disclose latent talents in many of those who, up to the present, have been heard from but little. I always find the beginning of a session a very anxious time, and shall be truly glad when my first speech is over. Until that time comes I shall be too restless either to read or write at any length.

I send with this letter my best of love and wishes.

Believe me, as always, dear Cora, to Jim + yourself.

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
Fort de France,
Martinique,
French West Indies.

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Hotel de la Paix
St. Pierre
Martinique
April 2nd 1931.

My dear Willie

Just a line to thank you for your good letter of the 7th which I received a few days ago.

By this time the session is in full swing and I am sure that you are making yourself heard and felt in no uncertain way.

I hope that Mr. Moore has been able to take his seat and keep it, also that some of the others whom you feared might fail you through illness have turned up, stronger than ever.

I have heard very little news, but what I have heard makes me thankful that you are not at the helm, and I am quite confident that you will make Mr. R.B.B. wish himself any where else on earth.

I am not going to take up your time with a long screed this time, but I have been thinking a lot about you and just wanted to tell you so.

The enclosed card was left for me by a Frenchman who was a teacher in some R.C. College near Ottawa. A great admirer of yours, and he told me of your having had him to luncheon with you at Kingsmere.

We went for a delightful drive with him. His card explains what he is doing here. His Journal is the most pitiful little rag imaginable, but it bears the distinction of being the only one there is on the Island of Martinique.

We are having a wonderful time here. The Volcano is very active and I find myself fascinated by it to the extent that I scarcely give more than a passing glance at the beautiful Caribbean Sea at our very door.

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2/ Please excuse this atrocious paper + ink. It is a shame to inflict them upon you. but- They are the best that this place affords.
We shall be moving North by the time this reaches you: or very soon after that, and, like most other trips, one of the first things about it will be getting home again.
Best love pour un bottle
Cora

1 La Plaza Apartments
98 Charles Street East
Toronto
July 23rd

My dear Willie.

Just a line to tell you that I am thinking of you. Jim and I have thought and talked of little else the past few days - and I'm afraid the things we have said about some people are scarcely fit for publication -

I am so sorry you have had all this trouble Dear! And I hope you are not taking it too seriously - All I hope is that you may be able to force a Judicial Enquiry - Then we shall see!!!

I am sending you a much belated Christmas present. I began them down in Barbados, but-alas! the sweet-do-nothingness of those latitudes seized me and I have only finished them since

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I got settled back again in my own little home.
Jim is with me. He felt there was little use staying on in New York. There is so little doing there, and he was so beset with memories.
He has been trying to raise enough money to buy a seat in Chicago, on either the Board of Trade or The Exchange.
We had just enough when Mr. Hoover's proposal was announced, then the prices went soaring away out of reach.
It is possible they may come down again, so we are just waiting and hoping.
Jennie and Jean were down about ten days ago. I have never seen Jennie look so well and so happy. It was a joy to see her.
Jim joins me in love to you.
Please accept the handkerchiefs with my love. I worked a lot

of lose into each little letter.
Don't bother answering this just now
I know how busy you are but
just wanted you to have a
little reassurance of our faith
and love.
Cora

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Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
LaPlaza Apartments,
98 Charles Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Cora: I am delighted with your exquisite gift and most kind letter. Will write as soon as session over. Best love to Jim and yourself.

Willie.

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November 14, 1931

My dear Cora:

I continue to feel that I owe you, by way of thanks, something more than the few words of acknowledgment that I expressed to you when in Toronto for your beautiful gift. I have never let the handkerchiefs out of my sight since they were received, being determined that somehow or other I would get off a letter of thanks to you, and that, if possible, by hand. Now I am about to start for the Maritime provinces and following my return will be busy for some days with the National Liberal Organization Committee. If I wait until my return to send a letter, I should be writing at this Christmas season of what belongs to another. Please, therefore, forgive me if I send this dictated line to tell you again how much pleasure your present has brought me and what pride it gives me to think that the lettering on the handkerchiefs is all your own and so expressive of your affection for me. It was really very good of you to have had me so much in your thoughts.

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I have been prompted at all cost to write you at the moment because of a letter I received a day or two ago from Elsa Kiely. In view of what you told me, it seems very strange indeed that she should wish to have further interviews with me and to write in the way in which she does. I just cannot understand the meaning of her letter. Perhaps, after you have read it through, you will be able to enlighten me upon its motive. I replied that I was sorry I could not arrange an interview for this week-end, as I would be leaving early next week for the Maritimes and had the preparation of speeches in hand. I added that there are reasons why I thought it would be inadvisable for her to come to Ottawa for any interview and that it would be better if she would send word by letter as to just what it was she wished to speak of to me. I wrote last Monday, but as yet I have had no reply.

I hope you and Jim are very well. The glimpse which I had of you both, though brief, was a very welcome one, and has left, as all my talks with you do, a very happy memory.

With love to you both,
Believe me, as always, dear Cora
Yours ~~sincerely~~ affectionately,

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
1 La Plaza Apartments,
98 Charles Street, East,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Ottawa Dec 24 1931

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
98 Charles St. E.
Toronto.

Loving Christmas greetings, dear Cora, to Jim and yourself and my best of wishes for 1932.

ful44 Willie

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I wish you could have been with me the last time Jenny was down with Jean - Your gift to them had just come a day or two before - and they were so thrilled at your generosity.

And yesterday I heard about your wonderful letter and generous cheque to Lyon. How happy you must feel to be able to do these things.

I want to thank you for the charming gift you sent me. How I should like to be able to make use of it this winter - but how if I could afford to go, it wouldn't seem right to spend money that way now when money is so hard to get. I so many people are really needing things.

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1 La Plaza
98 Charles St. E.
Toronto
Dec 28th
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My dear Willie.

When I was clearing away the post Christmas debris from my dining room I found a letter which I had written to you to go with a Christmas Card I chose for you.

Apparently the card went, so you would know at least that I was thinking of you, and, as the letter is now old Pre Christmas "stuff" I shall just proceed to write another one.

I hope you had a happy Christmas. More of us one who better deserves it than you - who do so much to make other people happy -

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I haven't much, and at present I seem to have a dozen different ways in which I could use every cent I have.
With the exception of a dozen Christmas Cards, I have spent nothing in presents this year, and I find that a great many people have done the same thing.
Jim went back to New York over a fortnight ago - and has succeeded in getting a position - not with his old Firm, but through them - and with another Jewish firm Loeb & Co.
I am desolate without him but he is so happy to be back at work and to be back in New York and I think he is so improved by his long rest that things must go well with him now -

So I must take up the threads of my own life & make my way alone once more -
I am very happy though really - happier than I have ever been in my life - because now I feel that I have that something, without which, no one can be really happy -
Jim would send his love if he were here - He may have written to you - I sent him the Christmas Message you so kindly sent us both.
With fond love
Dear Willie - and every good wish for your health & happiness in the New Year
Ever yours affectionately
Cora

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P.S. Please excuse the spots on this letter. They are not tears of mine, but my sthplight wept over my table!!

I only know what she has done therefore advise you to be careful.
My guess would be, that either she was being sent by her Father, or that she wanted to be in on the Political gathering, which is in conference at Ottawa.
Jim says - to tell you that whatever her motives or intentions may be you can "bet that they are Pro bono McDougald + not pro bono King."
I am glad to see that things are going so well at the convention and am hoping much good may come of it all -
Jim is getting an American Financial magazine which contains an article about R.B.B. you may not have seen it + I will send it to you probably Tonight -
much love from us both - Cora -

P.S. Please exclude the spots on Mac's letter. They are not tears of mine, but my skylight wept over my table!!

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Tuesday Morning

My dear Willie,
Many thanks for your kind letter! I am sorry to have been so long in answering it but, as usual, I seem to have been running off schedule, and am still trying to catch up.
By the time that I cook three meals a day, make the beds, dust the high spots, and spend hours walking with Jim, I find my days are pretty full - However, I am happy in what I am doing and deeply grateful to have been free to meet this emergency in Jims life.
With regard to Elsa, I am at a loss for any translation of her curious behavior -

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SORRY TO TELL YOU PERCY LINDSEY SUFFERED A STROKE THIS AFTERNOON AND PASSED AWAY THIS EVENING

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Mrs. J. M. Percy Lindsey,
163 Balsam,
Toronto.

Please accept the expression of my deepest sympathy in your great bereavement, of which a wire from Cora has just informed me. Am writing.

ful44 W. L. Mackenzie King

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Ottawa, March 18, 1932

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
LaPlaza Apts.,
Toronto.

Many thanks, dear Cora, for your kind wire. With all of the family connection who remain, I join in deepest symapthy for Mrs. Lindsey and most affectionate remembrances of Percy.

ful44 Willie

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98 Charles St. E.
October 18th

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My dear Willie,

Congratulations are very much in order today!! I've felt that your turn was a very long time coming, but, it was well worth waiting for, and I certainly was proud of you when I read your speech this morning. It was fine! And I see that Sir Herbert Samuel lost no time in availing himself of it in the House of Commons in London.

I have admired your attitude with regard to this thing - controlled + temperate and hoping always for the best. and I felt sure that when the psychological moment came you could be relied upon to descend upon it and deal with it as no one else could do.

Can you tell me what has happened to the Globe? Even if it were not sailing under false

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colors, even if it were avowedly independent one would have a right to expect a fair report of such a speech as you made yesterday - One might suppose that the Globe had a brief for the Tories in General, and for the Hon. Harvey Stevens in particular, after reading its two first columns on the front page this morning -

They point out that the Liberal leader had unlimited time to go over the agreement "clause by clause" while poor Mr. Stevens had barely 40 minutes in which to "refute" the "exhaustive condemnation" of Mr. King.

Since when have the Liberals taken to applause of the Tory speakers. "Liberal voices - Hear! Hear!"

Why must one turn to the Conservative organs to get a fair report of anything you say?

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surely the globe is old enough to know that it can't fool all of the people every of the time.
Never mind though, "the handwriting is on the wall" - and they have all lost out in the most wonderful opportunity of history.
Your time will come, and very possibly, it will come sooner than any of them suspect.
I am sending a copy of the Mail Empire to Jim - He will be very interested to read your speech.
The index finger over there seems to be pointing to Roosevelt doesn't it?
No more tonight Dear -
but best congratulations and lots of love -
Cora

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December 13, 1932

My dear Cora:

I have been not a little distressed at having had on my table for some weeks past a very kind letter which you wrote me at the time parliament reassembled, but which I have had no opportunity of answering by hand.

I am now even more concerned about the little time I shall have at my disposal when in Toronto on Thursday and Friday of this week, for I fear that, with the jam what it already is, I shall not have a moment in which to call and have a talk with you.

I am speaking, as you know, both Thursday and Friday night over the radio, and have yet to prepare Thursday's speech. I have only been able to give a few hours of to-day on the one for Friday. I shall, therefore, need a little time when in Toronto to get my thoughts in order for the evening broadcast, which means that

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I shall have to have the latter part of the afternoon fairly quiet. Luncheon engagements have been made for me at which I expect several persons will be present. That will mean I shall be kept after the luncheon hour until the time I should go to the hotel.

In the circumstances, I have thought I ought to write you at once to say that, if you do not hear from me, it is not because of any oversight, but simply because of the great pressure of my engagements. I have, unfortunately, to return to Ottawa on Friday night so that I cannot spend the following day, as I wish it were possible to do, in the city. However, I hope I shall be up again in the not too distant future at which time I shall certainly look forward to giving myself the pleasure of a brief visit with you. This line is just a word of explanation, but it carries with it my best love.

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
98 Charles St. E.,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
98 Charles St. E.
Toronto.

Every loving good wish, dear Cora, at this Christmas season.
Will write within few days.

ful44 Willie

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1. La Plaza Apts
98 Charles Street E.
Toronto
Jan 17th 1933

My dear Willie,

I got your kind note a few days before you came up here in December, and I was so glad to hear from you. Mrs. Ballantyne very kindly invited me to go with her to the banquet - saying that the sight of two of the earlier presidents of the Y.W.C.A. sitting together might inspire awe & veneration in some of the younger generation - but I was. I had no evening frock - and besides, I have no desire any more, to get back into politics. I am too partisan and find it too disturbing to get "all het-up", as it were.

I was so glad that Jennie & Harry got down - and I am sure you were glad to see them there weren't you - Blood is thicker than water, even at a political Banquet - isn't it? I heard you

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2/ speak over Mrs. Bertrams radio - and was charmed as usual with your voice, your manner and your attitude on everything - My only regret was that I couldnt see you. I had been at a church with John Lay, where Woodsworth spoke, & I became very disquiet + alarmed at what he said, and the element to whom he particularly appealed who were present in generous numbers and who at times seemed to threaten the peace of the meeting though I had worried quite a lot about the thing I never gave it another thought after I heard your speech - certainly not a thought of fear -
I was sorry not to have written you for Christmas, but before Christmas I got an urgent S.O.S. to go up to Charlies where everyone was laid up with flu - I had four in bed at one time - then finally the maid came down with it - so I was a pretty busy old lady

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3/ for nearly three weeks -
Jim also was laid up with it
in New York.
I hope you escaped it -
Wanda is still confined to the
house, but the little boys are
both back at school + Charlie
is all right again.
The boys both came out- head
of their forms at Christmas -
George was head boy of his form
at U.C.S. when in Sept: they
stripped him a form, so we
hardly thought he could be
head boy again - but he was.
I don't think I have been so
happy for years, as I was up
at Charlies this year -
To begin with, I had been
suffering from that unwanted
+ unnecessary sort of feeling -
and to feel myself vitally
necessary to them all was a
nice warm feeling in itself
Then I found the most
wonderful transformation in

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4/ Charlie and Wanda due to their having taken up with the Oxford Group.
Their entire attitude, their whole point of view is changed and in consequence their family life and their social life is also changed. They went to all the meetings and had a great number of the men of the group at their house at different times - and all of Charlies particular friends are also interested
They meet now to read the Bible and the works of the group - and discuss their things, where they used to meet to play bridge & drink & do forth. I cant tell you how happy I am about it - Please do not speak of it Dear - But I had to tell you for I know you will rejoice with me.
Thanks, so much, for your Christmas card, and for your

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5/ telegram. It was good of you to remember me.
This year I didnt even send a card to any one.
I find it hard to stretch out my few dollars, now, and make them do all I would like to do.
Isnt it too bad that Harry & Jennie had such bad luck at Christmas, in the way of illness in the family.
I was hoping to have Jennie down with me in January, but she still seems to be pretty anxious about Rosabel.
No more just now Dear, but fond love and all good wishes for your happiness and well being in the New Year.

Ever your loving

Cora

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My dear Willie - Please forgive a pencilled note, but I am laid up with a cold - I want to tell you how much I enjoyed your letter - but I don't want you ever to feel that you have to answer my letters - You have so little leisure, while I have all the time there is, and when you do not write me I just know how much you have to do and I don't "hold it against you" -

I want to send you a letter from Dr Morrison which I found yesterday - It is not one that you had before, I think - and in view of the Japanese antics today it seemed interesting to me - I don't bother to send it back - I am just going

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y over a box of old letters now with a view to disposing of them for good -
John came in to see me the night before last + brought me two Quebec newspapers. The Chronicle Telegraph of the 17th + Le Soleil of the 16th and I have had the happiest time reading your two speeches -
I am lost in admiration of your ability, not only to prepare such a speech, but to deliver it in the French language -
You say you spoke too fast -!
Can one speak French too fast?
Impossible! John. Say -
I think you are wonderful -
I had a few minutes talk with Jennie last evening. She had been out skating on the Bay all the afternoon with the children -
How is that for energy?
Most women, having come through

3/ The exigencies of Christmas & little Harry's illness, would have retired to a rest cure for a while. I am hoping to have her come to me early in February.

Now, lest you might think this is a letter & have it weighing on your mind. I shall stop. I just felt I had to congratulate you on your speeches.

Lots of love -

Cora

Thursday Night.

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January 23, 1933

My dear Cora;

I have been distressed at letting so long a time pass without a letter to you. I meant to write you before Christmas and again at the Christmas season, but somehow or another the pressure of my work and engagements was such that I had very little time for correspondence. I had meant to write you by hand, but I have been suffering quite a little of late from eye strain, and I hope that, in the circumstances, you will not mind a dictated note.

I share all your delight in what you have told me of Charlie and Wanda. Indeed, nothing for a long time past has given me more real pleasure. I shall, of course, keep what you have told me in strictest confidence.

I am not surprised at Charlie's boys doing so well at school. Some day, I hope not only to make their acquaintance, but to come to know them really well. Though

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Charlies has repeatedly extended an invitation to me, I am sorry that I have never had, while in Toronto, an opportunity to so much as call and see them.

I was sorry to hear of all the family having the flu at the Christmas season. Apparently, for you the attack was not without its compensations. I hope everyone has completely recovered.

Jim seems to be bright and happy in New York. I had a characteristically thoughtful letter from him at Christmas.

I was really greatly disappointed at not seeing you when in Toronto for the Liberal meeting, but I was pretty hard pressed during the forty-eight hours I was in the city. I was not particularly proud of my speech at the Liberal gathering, though the one at the Commercial Travelers banquet gave me unqualified pleasure. I wish you might have heard that speech rather than the other. When I have two important speeches following each other in such quick order, I am apt to fumble

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one or the other, and it is usually the first.

Last week I spoke in Quebec, in both French and English, the French speech first. I got along fairly well in the French speech so far as the pronunciation was concerned, but I spoke far too rapidly. The reason must have been that I had the same sort of subconscious feeling that it was desirable to get it out of the way and have the coast clear for what might follow.

I imagine the part of the session which resumes a week from to-day will be pretty strenuous. All the difficult problems seem to be coming together in a heap. One can only pray for guidance and for endurance and patience. The more I have to do with public life, the more I become determined to say only what I absolutely believe, whether it means victory or defeat. Our times have come to be what they are through much in the way of talk and so little of knowledge

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and conviction with respect to many of the measures that have been adopted.

Please let this letter bring to you my fondest love and every good wish. Please, too, extend the same to the boys and to all of Charlie's family.

Like you, I am getting a little "fed up" with politics. How any appreciable number of people in an intelligent community can put up with a man like Bennett amazes me. He, more than anyone or anything else, has brought our country into the condition in which it is. But I must not write more.

Again fondest love, dear Cora, and every good wish,

Yours affectionately,

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
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My dear Willie,

I am so glad that you registered your objections in no uncertain terms to Dictator Bennett taking on an unstated and unnamed degree of power.

Of course it was a foregone conclusion the instant that Roosevelt stepped into the limelight that R.B's ego would at once urge him to go the President one better. Poor fellow! what an egregious egotist he is! No matter what he might do he never could entrench himself in the hearts of the people, because he simply

isn't human. If he could only realize what people think of him or could hear what-ever the Conservatives are saying about him.

I wonder he wasn't taunted in the House yesterday. They seem to have found a real man at last in Washington. How I wish you were at the helm here. We can't expect ever to get back into our stride with a man like R.B. who never for an instant forgets himself and his poor, pitiful, petty personality.

I found the enclosed letter from Horace Greeley introducing your Grand-father Mackenzie - and I

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think you might like to have it in your collection of autograph letters.

Jim was home for a week end at the beginning of this month. He was here, in fact, when the debacle came with the closing of the Exchange & the Banks. He came to see the American Consul here to get a certain visa which the office at Washington required before issuing him his naturalization papers. He is now an American citizen and is very happy over it.

I have no sentimental feeling about it myself.

I think if a man makes a good living in a foreign country he should become a citizen of that country if he can conscientiously do so - he is living on a wrong basis otherwise.

It was rather a shock to Charlie at first, I think but now he feels much as I do about it.

Jim had some wonderful letters from present & past employers and from influential friends whom he has made. No doubt these all helped. But they are very wary now about

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2/ whom they admit- to their citizenship.

I haven't seen anything of the Barrie people for a couple of weeks - but I hear that all is well with them.

I believe that my sister Bessie was in Ottawa last week, picketing Uncle Will and the Toronto General Trust Co's office there.

I had a distracted letter from poor Uncle Will.

Much love, Dear Willie
I often think of you and the difficulties that beset you today - but all will yet be well. You have wisdom, and

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vision and a sense of statesmanship such as few men have, and that poor old R.B. will never have if he lives to be 100 years old -

Ever your loving

Cora

Charles St. E.
Tuesday Morning

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Morrison letter
filed "Autograph Letters - Foreign"
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Transferred to
G G S Lindsay
Family
Correspondence

January 28, 1933

My dear Cora:

I shall be more than pleased to avail myself of your kind permission to keep the letter from Morrison to George, which was enclosed with your letter received this morning. It is of special interest, in view of the present situation in the Far East and has an important bearing upon it. Apart from that, I am somewhat interested in collecting valuable autograph letters, and this one of Morrison's to George will be an important addition to my collection. If at any time either Jim or Charlie ~~will~~ would wish to have it, of course I will be willing to return tt to yourself or to either of them.

I am glad you enjoyed the Quebec speech, and I thank you for your too kind words in reference to it.

I met Mr. Lapointe at Three Rivers yesterday, and he told me that he had had quite an interesting talk

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with John Lee. The conversation was carried on entirely in French, and Mr. Lapointe told me that John spoke French very well. I was pleased indeed to hear this.

This is only a line, but it carries with it, as always, my every good wish to you.

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December 21, 1933

My dear Cora:

I cannot say how grateful I am to you for having written me at once of the result of the X-ray examination made in Jennie's case. I have no doubt there is a letter in the mail from Jennie herself which will arrive at any moment, but your letter has prepared me for whatever word it may bring, and has enabled me as well to write a little sooner than would otherwise have been possible to both Harry and herself. I am very sorry indeed that the condition is what it has been discovered to be, but I cannot say that I am surprised. It was only at the time of 'phoning Jennie that I learned that there was any real alarm about her condition and her mention in one of the letters that she had decided to have an X-ray plate made caused me at once to seek to relieve her mind as much as possible by undertaking whatever there might be in the way of expense incidental to the examination and necessary treatment. If I had only known that there was need of anything of the kind, and that there was hesitation on the score of expense, as was certain to be the case, I would have made the same offer long ago. I believe very strongly in preventive medicine. Indeed, almost anything can be cured, if taken in time. So far as

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expense is concerned, there is never economy, but only vast increase of outlay as a consequence of delays.

It is very sweet of you to offer to lend Jennie and Harry a hand by expressing willingness to be with Jennie part of the time, should she be confined, as I expect she will be, to bed for some little time. It is an immense relief to my mind to know that she has you not only to talk with, but to counsel with as well. Father always used to say that you had quite exceptional judgment and any amount of common sense, and I think all who know you must share that view. You have also a very loving as well as understanding disposition, which means quite as much, if not more.

I know that the condition mentioned in your letter is a very serious one, and above all, that it is a very painful condition. I believe, however, that it is one which medical science is capable of dealing with, and if the delay has not been too long I feel quite sure that once the Doctor's prescription is given and followed, Jennie will begómeto respond to treatment. What I think she really needs more than anything else is the kind of rest which treatment of the condition will bring. She is far too active for a woman of her years, - far too much engaged in the work of her home. By way of prevention of this kind of thing I offered some time ago to advance sufficient to enable her to pay what she needed in the way of domestic help, but I have never been able to persuade her and Harry to do other than get along with the kind of help they have had. My own income, like everyone else's, has diminished considerably within the last

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few years, and my obligations on the other hand have considerably increased. In all that lies ahead I am facing a very considerable strain, and I have always to keep in mind that once I lose my seat in Parliament or the leadership of the party I am out of everything, and that is something which may come, for a variety of reasons, at any time. I have, therefore, to be as careful as I can be of what little money I have been able to save. While, therefore, I am thankful beyond words that as yet I have not come to the point where I am unable to lend a helping hand to those who are near and dear to me, it is not without difficulty that I am able so to do. For this reason I have thought I should ask Jennie not to allow anyone to know that I have anything to do with meeting the expenses of her present illness. It is really astonishing how ready most people are to fleece anyone who is in public life, and how little they realise what one's obligations are. They seem to think that a public man is provided with funds as manna was provided the Israelites of old. As a matter of fact, it may interest you to know that in the trip I made through Western Canada this summer, I had not only to bear the whole of my own expenses, but those of my Secretary as well, save in so far as local Committees made provisions for meeting some of the local obligations. This is only one of the many calls that come out of my salary for work which I am doing for the party, of which no one knows. I suppose most people think that expenditures of the kind are met from a party fund. Notwithstanding what has taken place with election campaigns, I have yet to find out where there is anything available, apart from what may be subscribed at election times solely for preparation for the election.

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I am delighted to know that Jim is to be with you at the Christmas season. Yesterday's mail brought a charming letter from him to me, in which he told me how much he was looking forward to being with you at the Christmas season. Do thank him for this letter, and give him my fondest love, as well as best of wishes. Please also extend the same to Charlie, Wanda and the boys. I was sorry to learn from your letter that one of the boys had been quite ill. With you, I hope that he may be quite strong and well again by Christmas day.

I am still hobbling about with the arthritis from which I have been suffering for nearly three months past, but I find that it is beginning to respond to treatment, and that since I have had my infected teeth extracted I am very much better able to get about. I am hoping that this old year will see the last of this trouble.

The times in which we are living are indeed serious times. What they must be to millions of people, I cannot bear to contemplate. I should not be in the least surprised if at any time youshould not witness another world war, thought I pray with all my heart and soul that such a catastrophe may be averted.

While members of the party and friends are beginning to congratulate me on the prospect of an early return of the Liberal party to power, I must frankly say that I do not look forward to that happening with any degree of enthusiasm. Indeed, were it not for what I believe it might be possible

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to do in the way of improving conditions, and above all, the attitude of government toward the people, I should not be wholly disappointed if I were not in office again. I believe, however, that there is a real work to be done, and that I shall be given strength and vision to do some part of it. This faith alone sustains me as regards the future.

Let me thank you, dear Cora, for the beautiful card which came with your letter, and for the loving and good wishes which it brought with it. You know how precious both are to me.

Again wishing you all that is best at the Christmas season and the New Year, with fondest love to yourself and the boys,

Believe me, as ever,
Very affectionately,

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98 Charles St. E.
December 19th
1933

My dearest Willie

I was so pleased to get your Christmas card, with its kind flowing wishes, and the adorable old Chimney in your library. It made me homesick to see your home again.

I can't tell you how glad I was to hear your voice over the telephone when you rang me last week, and I certainly blessed you when you told me what you had done for her about and your generosity and love in offering to defray her hospital + doctors bills.

I have been very anxious about her for some time, and all my efforts to get her to come down + see Dr. Thistle were unavailing.

I even had them together at supper here and made poor Jennie's health the constant topic of conversation but with no success.

Thank goodness, however, she came down to see Dr. Thistle yesterday, and we heard the result of the first X Ray and preliminary examinations at noon today.

They find a duodenal ulcer, if that is the way to spell it. Any way dear, I know you will understand

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what I mean. She is to go back to the hospital at four this afternoon for some further examination + then she is going home.
Jean drove her down + will take her back as John is in the throes of his exams.
Bad as it sounds to have a duo-denal ulcer, I may tell you it is a tremendous relief to Hazel + to me, for Jennie has been looking so terribly ill + hasn't been a bit like her self and we feared Jim had this same trouble and he was put upon a special treatment for a fortnight + kept constantly in bed for three weeks and if Jen is to have this treatment she has

It might be something worse.

promised to let me go up + take her in hand.
She will likely write to you tomorrow + tell you what I have told you, but as I was writing you today anyway I thought I might tell you for I know how anxious you are feeling too. Jean is looking so pretty and so happy because it has just been decided that she is to go back to New York with Miss Ferguson and carry on for twenty weeks longer at a little larger salary than before.
Jim is coming up for Christmas, which ensures my happiness, you may be sure.

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one of Charlies little boys has been quite ill for some weeks, but we are hoping he will be up and about by Christmas Day -

I thought of you on Sunday and meant to ring in the morning just to wish a lot more birthdays on you, but some people came in & when they left it was too late - I couldn't risk rousing you from your beauty sleep -

I hope you will have a very happy Christmas - & that when I write to you next Christmas I shall be once more writing to the Prime Minister -

Much love and very good wish for the new Year from Yours affectionately Cora

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December 26, 1933

My dear Cora:

I have just written Dr. Thistle, asking him to write Harry Lay and impress upon him the importance of Jennie following the advice which he has given to her. My fear is that Jennie will make light of the trouble, because it is not worse than it is. One thing is perfectly sure, and that is though putting off the examination so long, she has but narrowly escaped something very much worse, and if this is so it has been through the kindness of Providence, and she must not tempt Providence again. If she is to be strong, and be spared to her family for years, as I pray she may, she will have to follow to the letter what the doctor has told her is necessary for her to do. The letter she sent me, telling of her examination in Toronto, was finished about midnight. She said in it she had intended to write during the afternoon, but some people had come in and taken up her time. This was after all the anxiety of her examination and the strain of her trip from and to Barrie, which to my mind is little short of criminal.

Jennie's heart is far too generous towards people that come to call upon her, and the children's friends. She will just have to learn to have persons told that she is following a course

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of treatment which the doctor has prescribed, and decline to see any one or to do anything in the way of entertaining from now until Easter. I have told both her and Harry as clearly as I can, by letter and by telephone, all of this. I wonder if you would mind supplementing my word some time in a written or spoken communication. I think you perhaps could do more with Jennie than anyone.

I am writing this way at the moment, as I am trying to get my mind as much at rest as possible before the New Year comes on. I see a very heavy task ahead, with parliament opening on the 26th of next month, and from now on I shall have to give all my thought and time to work in that connection.

Jennie must be impressed with the vital importance of taking no further chances in the matter of her health, and I shall be deeply grateful if you will do this for me, as I know you will. Please do not trouble acknowledging this letter, and do not go to any special trouble in the matter of writing Jennie. If you see John, I wish you would speak quietly and privately to him, and also to Jean. They all need to be told, so that they will see that their mother does what the doctor says.

I hope you and Jim have had a very happy Christmas together, and that the whole season will be a very happy one for you all. I send to you and to Jim, and to Charlie and all of

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Charlie's family, every loving good wish for the New Year.

With fondest love to yourself,

Believe me, as always, dear Cora,

Mrs. C. G. S. Lindsey,
98 Charles Street East,
Toronto, Ontario.

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My dearest Willie. How good it was of you to bring me the wonderful damask table cover from Italy. Charlie & Wanda were here when I opened the parcel & you should have heard our combined shouts of joy as its beauty was unfolded.
It looks simply gorgeous on my dining table and there it shall repose in state on all high days and holidays.
Many many thanks dear for your kind remembrance of me and for your letter & the loo cards.
I hope you had a good Christmas and that you will have a very Happy New Year. I am sure you will have a busy one & an eventful and interesting one.

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3/ On Sunday Duncan Mr. Dougald dropped in to see me, having heard I was ill, and he said "Well Mr. King will be our next Prime Minister whether he wants to or not." I asked him what the Conservatives were saying, and his reply was "Mr. King will be our next Prime Minister whether he wants him or not." Duncan told me that Wilfred had been in a hospital in New York undergoing a third very critical operation & that he himself feared that Wilfred was in a bad way.
I saw Jenny Jean & John last Friday. John was going as far as St Andrews College with them on their way home - hoping to get on the Tutorial Staff up there - but since then I heard there were no vacancies & that John had taken a job with the

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I went to Charlies for Christmas for an early dinner - my nurse went along too and we had a very happy time with the children - I was pretty tired however and glad to return home at six O'clock + call it a day.
I had a wonderful letter from Jim telling all his experiences since he went down to Nassau. He has been up to one of the most-Northernly of the Bahamas & bought himself a stout boat (large enough to sleep 6 besides the crew) It is sloop rigged and carries a 12 foot dinghy as well as a Jolly boat. He sailed her down to Nassau - alone - a day + a night + it gave me such a thrill to read about it - He has gone into partnership with a young German naval man a

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be walking as well as ever - I am so glad to hear that young Patterson has done so well - How proud they must be of him - Isn't it splendid? Now I must stop & you are not to answer this - Fondest love and again my warmest thanks for your lovely gift -

Yours affectionately

Cora

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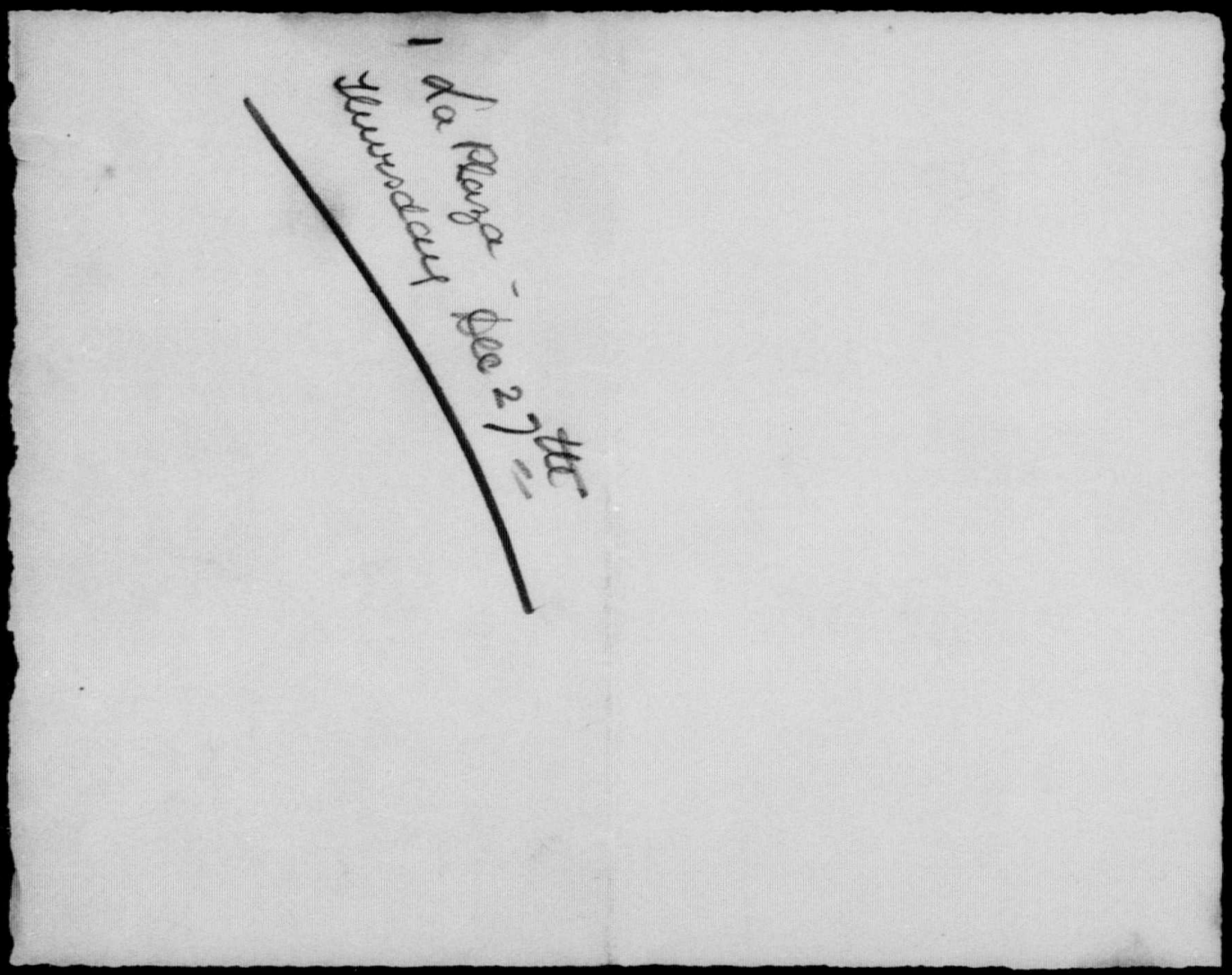

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4 friend Frenchman of Count von Luckner, whom Jim knows. They have all the equipment for shark fishing, and a crew of well trained blacks. a ready market in New York for skins - fins and livers. so they ought to make money. It is a wonderful life in an ideal climate & it is what Jim has always wanted to do - and in the end he may make more than he ever could in the Brokerage business any more.
I think this accident of mine came in the nature of a visitation so that I wouldn't worry after Jim left me - and now he is all set, and everything seems to have worked out beautifully. I think the rest has done me a lot of good - physically mentally & spiritually - and soon I shall

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Greatly pleased to receive your own and Wanda's letter, also your telegram. Am looking forward to seeing persons mentioned. Regret have had no chance since returning to write Wanda and yourself. Will do so shortly.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

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Mr King to see

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March 20, 1934

My dear Cora;

Since my return from Toronto, I have meant to write and tell you how much I enjoyed seeing something of you during my recent visit to Toronto, and also how greatly I enjoyed the little glimpse of you and Jennie and Helen McMurrich at your apartments on the night I came away.

I wanted too to tell you how greatly I had enjoyed my luncheon with Charlie and Wenda and the talks I had with them. I was particularly pleased at what they told me of their interest in the Oxford Group Movement. I am sure that nothing will bring to them both and to the boys more real happiness and inspiration than this immediate touch with Christian thought and teaching and with the Christ life.

After saying good-bye to you and Jennie, I went to the station via Bond Street and paid another visit to No. 82. I regretted that at the time of our visit we had not seen the basement and I wanted to be able to visualize the entire house. I had an interesting talk with the old lady, Mrs. Hall, and four or five men who were occupying one of the rooms. One of them was a young student studying electrical engineering. Another was a war veteran who had had no work for three years. The others seemed to me quite intelligent and of fine character, though evidently without any means whatever. I was glad to have had this little visit as the last of the remembrances of those three eventful days.

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I want to thank you again for all you have done for Jennie. It was a great joy to see her looking so much stronger and better. If she will only guard her strength from now on, I think she will find herself, in the years ahead, a very different person.

I have just written a line to Charlie and Wenda to thank them for their kindness while I was in the city. I have expressed the hope that sometime they may pay a visit here. It would be great fun if, at some convenient time in the summer, you could all motor down from Toronto for a day or two here. I don't think you have ever seen Kingsmere. With the natural surroundings what they are, you would, I think, be charmed with my summer home there. It is not pretentious, nor is there much in the way of accommodation, but, with the life out of doors what it is in the summer time, to those who enjoy a change in camping out, there is enough in the way of accommodation to be able to provide pretty much all that is necessary. Keep in mind the possibility of coming down with "the children" at some future time.

With fondest love and all good wishes

Yours affectionately,

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
LaPlaza Apartments,
98 Charles St. E.,
Toronto, Ontario.

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LaPlaza Apts.
Charles St.
Toronto.
Affectionate Easter greetings dear Cora to Charlie,
Wanda, Jim and yourself.

Willie.

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WILL YOU DINE WITH JIM CHARLIE AND ME FRIDAY NIGHT

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Day letter. Ottawa, August 2, 1934

Mrs. G. C. S. Lindsey,
98 Charles St.E.
Toronto.

If possible arrange accept your kind invitation will phone after arrival Toronto tomorrow. Understand however committee has made plans for dinner as well as luncheon and afternoon meeting. Love to all.

Willie

(Charge Mr. Mackenzie King)

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Jennie wrote me saying how much she regretted not being able to accept your invitation. I fear, from what Harry says, that she is not too well, and has begun to worry about her condition. She is apparently again without a maid, and, nothwithstanding, is determined to do as much in the way of keeping open house as ever.

If you should see Dr. Thistle, I shall be grateful if you will ask him if he would make inquiry of Jennie as to the degree to which she is taking necessary rest, and has the necessary help. I have told both Harry and her that I would gladly assist them towards defraying the expenses in connection with domestic help, if they will allow me, rather than have them run along shorthanded in the way they are doing. It is all such false economy, and means heavy expenses in the end. The only way to deal with illness is to prevent it, if at all possible. Cure is always an expensive business.

You yourself can perhaps do more with Jennie than anyone else. Should you be seeing her, I shall be very grateful if you will urge upon her

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how important it is not to get run down again, but to realize that if, through a little sacrifice in the way of entertaining and the like, she builds up now, she will be much happier for years to come.

Let me say how glad I was to see you yourself looking so well; also to have had the opportunity to talk so much together.

It makes me very sad to see the summer go so quickly by. I shall have to begin in the Ontario campaign probably before the present month is over, and shall have to prepare for the more strenuous work of the session, which will likely follow immediately after. Up to the present time I have not completed the arrears of work from the last session. I need, too, more opportunity for rest, before entering upon the autumn and winter's work.

Do not forget that Kingsmere and Laurier House will always be glad to welcome you and the boys and Wanda, should your travellings at any time

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take you this way. All that I should like to be sure of is a word a few days in advance, as, from now on, I am likely to be held to some engagements already made, and to other in the making in connection with the Ontario by-elections.

With love and best wishes to all,

Believe me, dear Cora,
Affectionately yours,

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
LaPlaza Apartments,
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Toronto, Ontario.

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November 29, 1934

My dear Cora:

As you may have noticed in the press, I got back from my trip abroad a few days ago. You will, I know, be glad to hear that in all particulars it was most enjoyable and profitable, and that I have returned feeling like quite a different person than I have for years past. I am really back to my old self again.

In a letter received from Jennie, she told me that you had not been well. I do hope that you have not been suffering more than a temporary indispostion, and that you may very speedily recover, if, indeed, you are not already well again.

While in Italy, I carried out a project which I have had in my mind for a long while, namely, to have executed in marble a portrait bust of father by the same sculptor who made the very excellent portrait bust of mother. I went daily to his studio for the greater part of a week, and I witnessed the fascinating achievement of seeing my own father's features and expression recreated in clay. The outcome will, I believe, be a likeness at which you will be perfectly amazed, and with which you will be more than delighted.

The bust is one of the head and shoulders, and is being made from photographs of father in his K.C. gown.

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The artist was most anxious, if possible, to obtain the original gown, so that he might reproduce it exactly. It is, as you know, of special style, with a large square collar at the back. That was not to be found in ary of the photographs. Unfortunately, after father's death, h's gown was cut up, to be used for some other purposes by mother and Jennie, so that I am unable to send the original to the artist. The best I now can do is to secure the loan of a K.C. gown which I could send, and which he could use in finishing that part of the portrait.

I am wondering if, by any chance, you would happen still to have George's K.C. gown, and, if you have, if you would be so kind as to loan it to me for the space of a month or two? I will send it by express to the sculptor, and will guarantee that it will be carefully preserved and safely returned. I should rather have George's gown than that of anyone else for the portrait. I am sure that would be father's feeling as well as my own. If, therefore, by any chance, you still have the gown, I should be more than grateful to you if you would send it to me. In the event of your not having the gown, perhaps you would not mind dropping me a line to that effect, so that I can seek elsewhere. The artist will not begin the work in marble until after he has completed the bust in clay. It now awaits that part of the apparel.

I hope George, Wanda and Charlie are all well. When you see them again, please give them my love. With fondest love to yourself,

Believe me, as always, dear Cora,

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
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Sunday
December 2nd
1. La Plaza Apartments
98 Charles Street E.
Toronto.

My dearest Willie, I am extremely sorry to have to report to you that we have not been able to find the silk gown. I am still in bed (my fifth week) so I was not able to go to my storage to look for it but my nurse spent three hours there yesterday and two hours today with no success. I feel quite certain that as soon as I am able to walk again I shall find the gown but it will then be too late to be of any use to you. I am so sorry, for there is no one to whom I would rather

give the thing, and it would be a very nice way in which to round out its history. You will recollect (not from your own memory of course) that there arose a doubt in the minds of one party as to the validity of certain appointments of K.C's in the Province. The question came up while my father was wearing his silk gown in one of the courts. Quickly he walked without the Bar, divested himself of the silk, and donning an alpaca gown continued his argument from without the Bar. And it was not until the legality of those certain appointments had been placed on a sure footing that he wore the silk gown again. And this is the gown I am having given to the P.C. when he was made a K.C.

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wouldn't it have been just
wonderful if it could have
gone on this jaunt to
Rome to do us all a good turn.
I am delighted to hear on
all sides that you are so
splendidly well! I am thinking
you will need all the health
& strength you can command
in the coming months.
And I know that you know
it is all yours to command
but there is only one way
to get it.
I had the misfortune to rupture
a muscle behind one of my
knees, when I was running to
catch an omnibus four weeks
ago last Thursday.
It has been a pretty agonizing
experience - and I am sorry to say
there are still a great many
vagrant aches & pains floating
about.
It is an elementary muscle
under the knee - called the
Plantaris - The fellows who
play football and the
flappers who play badminton
are prone to it. but it does
not usually attack the
ancient of days like myself
unless they are so undignified
as to run -
The doctor told me about one
patient he had, a girl, who
had the same accident just
as she was boarding a tram
on Yonge Street. Her fearful
stab of pain under her knee

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reflection -
I had been going rather too vigorously perhaps. while Jim was with me - and this thing happened just the night after he left for New York -
Jim is in the Bahamas for the winter, if not for longer. He is out at Abaco Ltd - now having a little sloop built - in which he means to live + go about on some business he is taking up.
He still has a contract in New York, but that holds good if he ever decides to go back. He was actually well when he left here, his nerves were in much better shape - he had over three months together +

2/ made her wait + she turned to a young man who came up behind her saying "What did you do that for you have broken my leg" as she sank down on the floor of the car.
There was no one behind me or I dont know what I might have said.
I am thoroughly well, save for the knee - and I hope to be able to be about in another week.
In a way I have enjoyed the rest and quiet - and I think it was perhaps a good thing, just making me give pause as it were - and affording me lots of time for quiet-

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I have never had a happier time with him -
He had been on the water waggon since a day or two after you were up here - and no smokes + no drinks have done a lot for him -
I think the wear + tear of that New York Broker's life is very bad - and I almost hope he will never resume it -
I saw Jen for a few minutes on her way home last Monday. She looked very well - and was very happy. Harry + Harry Jr. came in here before six, so I had a nice visit with them - one on either side of my bed till Jenny + Jean arrived at eight o'clock, then, off they went to Barrie. Harry Sr. looks awfully well - and is so placid and restful. I always enjoy him -
My young people are all well and are very good to me in my confinement. And I have an excellent nurse - I think my slender bank account minds the accident more than I do - for - no matter what it may be the divine law of compensation is ever in operation I find -
Lots of love Dear Willie - I'm awfully sorry to have failed you in the matter of the gown. Your loving Love to Joan! Cora

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December 3, 1934

My dear Cora:

I am so sorry to hear that you have had such a long confinement to your bed. I can imagine what the pain of a ruptured knee muscle must be like. It was my right knee that gave me most of my trouble during the past year, so I am able to sympathize in a very understanding way.

I am afraid that both you and I have reached an age where neither of us should ever attempt to run. There is an old saying, which applies more to my sex than yours - "that one should never run after a street car or a girl, as another will be along in a few minutes". I think an observance of that rule has helped to prolong my days. I do hope you will soon be up and about again, but you will have to be most careful in whatever you do until you do get about.

I share in equal measure your disappointment about the gown. It would have been a great pleasure to have the association, alike with your father and George, which it would have brought. Is it not surprising how little we appreciate at the time the value of some of our personal possessions, as well as opportunities, and how completely some of them disappear.

I am particularly distressed to have given you and your nurse so much trouble by way of search. Do please accept my thanks for having done so much to meet my wishes.

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I was telling Mr. Cahan, the Secretary of State, about my having the bust of father made. In appearance, he reminds me very much of father. He said, if there was any trouble in securing George's gown, he would be glad to let me have his. I shall write him today, but I shall always be sorry that I did not have the original gown which belonged to father or the one which your father and George wore.

I am glad Jennie had the little holiday she had with Jean. I am sure it would do her great good.

With fondest love, dear Cora, and with all good wishes,

Believe me, as always,
Yours very affectionately,

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
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June 4, 1935

My dear Cora:

I cannot tell you how distressed I was to learn of little Casimir's accident. I do not know how I came to miss seeing mention of it in the press, except that some days the pressure of work in the House of Commons is so great that I do not get a chance to read the papers in the morning or afternoon, and am too tired when night comes even to glance at their pages.

I had only a word with John on Friday night, and it was on the way to the Convocation Hall that he asked me if I had learned or heard of the accident. We were interrupted before he had opportunity to tell me of it. I had no idea it was anything so serious. I just cannot say how deeply I feel for you, and for Charlie and Wanda, and also, of course, for the little lad himself. It is a great relief to have the re-assuring words which your letter brings as to his recovery. I do hope that it may not be long before you will all have reason to believe that it is complete.

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Do tell Charlie and Wanda how deeply I feel for them. Had I known of the accident, I would, of course, have communicated at once.

I am indeed sorry not to have seen you at Convocation. Without glasses, my sight is not too good, and at the distance I was from the audience at the Convocation meeting I could barely distinguish the features of anyone. I recognized Mrs. Monk, and I thought also Ethel Kirkpatrick at one side of her. Had I known you were to be at Convocation, I certainly would have searched the audience over to have found you out. I would have particularly welcomed a chance to have a word with you when the proceedings were over. As it was, I went over to Jarvis Street to have a little talk with Sir William before catching the midnight train. It is one of the regrets of my life that I have so little time to give anyone, or see anyone, once I venture away from Ottawa for a day. I spent the entire forenoon at the offices of Dr. Gow and Dr. Small, and, of course, in the afternoon went out to Richmond Hill.

I am glad you liked my few words at Convocation. As we were going in to the hall, Dr. Cody said he might call on me for a word. I asked him not to, as I had rather

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hoped that I would be free of any obligation of the kind. However, if you thought the remarks were appropriate, that is enough in the way of approbation.

Since receiving your letter this morning, I telephoned Mrs. Patteson and told her about Casimir's accident. She also had missed seeing any account of it. She wished me to say to you how deeply she felt for you, and how vividly the occurrence recalled a similar experience on her part when her son John was a very little lad.

Life is indeed full of tragedy: It can only bow before it, and seek in the discipline of heart and mind which it brings a keener perception of the reality which somehow, somewhere, lies behind it all.

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Sunday Afternoon
June 9th - 35

My dear Willie

Thanks, so much for your kind letter and your good wishes for dear little Casimir - The instant I had despatched my letter to you I recollected that I had forgotten to thank you for the charming book you sent me for Easter -

Let me thank you for it now Dear, and please know that even if my thanks are belated they are none the less heartfelt - It is so nice to have both these books - the first one by dear old John Lewis & now the second one by Mr Rogers. How wise he was to use so much of Mr. Lewis's book -

There are so many points in these books that would be a positive illumination to the electorate if one could only get them over to them in a small pamphlet in a simplified

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3/ way. For instance the chapter on Social Legislation is brimming over with information with regard to you & the Party, much of which has been misrepresented to the man in the street.
Then in the next chapter "The re-alignation of Nationhood" there is a lot that would be a help. A short but clear & definite resume of your reasons for asking for a dissolution in 1926. The response of the people at that time was abundantly clear & decisive, but today you will make an appeal to a large number of people who have no personal recollection of this incident, many of whom too, are gravely misinformed, with regard to the urgent reasons which led you to press the Governor for an appeal to the Country. In your appeal in that campaign you were very strong, but now it might then be stressed more than there - because in nine years many people grow up politically, and others forget all but the Comic Opera side to the Byng incident. -

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your attitude on the Dardanelles incident at Chanak - and the ground you took at Lausanne.

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3/ Byng's name need not be used!
Poor old Chap! God rest him soul!
By the way that was a Kindly
gesture with regard to his being
invited to come back here, which
you disclosed in the House the
day of his death!!
Then on page 143. in the same
chapter, last paragraph + the
long paragraph on P. 145
The definition of the position of the
Gov Gen is abundantly clear here. as
is also the new order relative to the
Dominions of the Br Empire P. 143 -
It looks now like a real election
appearing in the offing - I have been
terrified lest the Conservative Party
might be borne back into power on
the Brains of Cleopins Funeral March.
You have heard it said that nothing
robs a man of his enemies like a
Timely demise!
Please forgive the lead pencil - I am
laid up with an attack of asthma
am almost drawing my breath
with a corkscrew - and have to

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4/Keep awfully still -
You will be sorry to hear that Casimir had a little set back yesterday - Today however, he is better - and Wednesday will be the crucial test to his spine - They have no knowledge of its condition since the X Rays which were Taken on the 13th of May -
Give my love to Joan - She must realize better than most people what we have been going through
Much love Dear Mother
and forgive the ramblings of an dazed lady -
Ever yours affectionately
Cora -

P.S. I love the pictures in the book. I think I shall take you out & frame you! And some day I mean to make a Ketch of the Bond Street House —

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June 11, 1936

My dear Cora:

I was glad to receive this morning your letter of Sunday, though I regret having put you to the trouble of writing at such length. I just was not sure whether or not a copy of the biography by Rogers had gone forward. As long as it was received, that was all that I desired to know.

I am glad you like the biography so much, and I agree with you about the desirability of parts being reprinted and made accessible in pamphlet or leaflet form. This, I understand, the National Liberal Federation is considering having done.

I do hope that the word of the result of little Casimir's examination will serve to lessen your anxieties, and that the little lad may soon be on the way to a complete recovery. I feel more deeply for you all than I can say.

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I am indeed sorry to hear that you yourself have been so greatly troubled with asthma. I know how distressing that form of illness is. I fear that the many strains you have had have taxed your resistance considerably. The only cure for most of these ills is more in the way of rest, and something in the way of change, where that can be obtained. I hope both will become increasingly possible for you.

With love to yourself and the boys,

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
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Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
98 Charles Street East,
Toronto.

My heartfelt thanks, dear Cora, for all the loving words and wishes of you telegram just received. Am greatly distressed at not having had a chance to write the boys, Wanda or yourself since election day. Will endeavour to do so before the year is out. Fondest love to all.

Willie.

Charge:
Prime Minister's Office.

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WE ALL SEND OUR LOVE AND BEST WISHES FOR MANY HAPPY RETURNS

OF THE DAY

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Ottawa, December 24, 1935

Mrs. G.G.S. Lindsey,
Le Plaza 4th. Charles Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Every affectionate good wish dear Cora to Charlie Wanda, Jim and yourself for a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. My best of wishes as well for the little people.

Willie

Chg. Prime Minister's Office

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Saturday
April 25th
1936

My dear Willie,

This is just a line to tell you that I got Mrs. Parker on the telephone the morning after you were here and gave her your message. She was staying with her sister at the Studio, on Spadina Road - but where you called there she was at her daughters for the rest of the day. She said she had found your card upon her return and had felt very badly at having missed you.

I cant tell you how much I enjoyed seeing you, and how delighted I was to find you looking so fit and rugged once more.

I am sending you the picture

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2/11 of George which I promised you - I've done it up in an extremely homely looking parcel - please forgive its appearance.

Much love Dear! And many thanks for your kindness in coming to see me.

Yours affectionately

Cora

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May 19, 1936

My dear Cora:

Please forgive me for not having immediately acknowledged the photograph of George, which you so kindly sent to me some weeks ago. The photograph is an exceedingly good one, and I am more than delighted to have it.

Let me thank you too for your kindness in 'phoning Mrs. Parker. I have since received a very kind and appreciative letter from her.

I greatly enjoyed, as I always do, my little talk with you. It is strange how little time one has for any of one's friends, to say nothing of relations, when one is in a position of any prominence in public life. For me, life has come to be one steady pursuit for moments of rest and peace.

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With fondest love to
yourself, Vonda, the boys and the
children,

Believe me, as always, dear Cora,

Very affectionately yours,

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
La Plaza Apartments,
98 Charles Street, East,
Toronto, Ontario.

WLMK/FM

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Sunday
June 2nd/36

My dear Willie.

I saw you at the Convocation on Friday night but was sorry not to have had a chance to speak to you -

I was with Mr. Mouk in the front seat just opposite to you, but I just couldn't make you see me either there, or at the door, when you were on your way out.

It was a most interesting ceremony - we were all so proud of Mr. Dunlap. I liked the speeches too - particularly yours -

John told me he had seen you for a moment and that he had told you about our Darling little Casimir. We have had some frightfully anxious hours since his accident three weeks ago but it really seems now that he is going to pull through.

They cannot tell yet about the

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2 injury to his spine, and will not be able to test it for some weeks yet, but the fracture to his skull has mended well and he came through the emergency appendicitis in the most amazing way. He is home from the hospital now for the second time.
I wonder you did not see it in the papers, it was on the first pages of the Globe + Mail and Montreal Gazette on the 13th of May. He fell from a tree 35 feet to the ground and was found unconscious in the Rosedale Ravine about 300 yards from their own back garden. He was taken to the Sick Childrens Hosp. by some Kindly passers by + later it was found out who he was. It was a terrific shock to his father + mother to say nothing of his Grannie. But thank God! he has pulled through and I hope may be no worse for it eventually —

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3/ I wonder if you heard of the McCrimmons bad luck. They lost one of their little boys on Friday - cancer of the lungs - Murray told me they knew of it for only four or five weeks - and that there was no hope for the little fellow from the start. How cruel life can be, can it? We are all holding our breathe politically - and looking to you. I hope and pray that you are feeling strong and well enough to carry our burdens - They are going to be a load. I fear, whichever way things go - I had a letter yesterday from my Ultra Conservative old Uncle Mr. Hogg - in which he expresses the conviction that you will lead the next Government Much love Dear Willie from your loving Cora —

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Toronto
October 30th
1936

My dearest Willie -

I am sorry to have been so long in writing you, but- I know you have been simply inundated with letters, so you may not even have missed my congratulations.

I was simply thrilled with the majority you got, and I am so happy that you are back again at the helm - but - as to congratulations!! well I think mine will have to go to the Country, for if you had not been returned in the way you were one trembles to think what would have been in store for Canada -

I adore the way you have taken off your coat - (so to speak) and gone to work. It seems almost too good to be true that things are in your hands, after this past year of hideous

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2/ political nightmare !!
I have had a hectic month having been called hurriedly to Montreal to my sister, on the death of her daughter. How I stood nearly three weeks in that house I don't know - but every time I arranged to come home Annie went all to pieces and I just stayed on from day to day till I got a telegram that Jim was on his way home ill with malaria - so then I came at once of course.
Jim is here still and the D. says he will soon shake off the malaria in this climate and be none the worse for it in all likelihood. He was so ill that when he got as far North as Charlestown he stored his Boat + came on by train as fast as he could - He brought his boat over from Nassau to St Augustine alone

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3/ Here he had to run up the river away from the hurricane and had a hard time saving her.
I hope he wont want to go back to that work again. It has been an anxious time for me. and if he has got rid of some of his Marine complex, I shall be most grateful. He was in New York for two days, on his way up and was offered a position by the old firm Hirsch Differential, but hates the thought of the stock market worse than ever - and hasn't decided yet just what he will do.
Charlie and Wanda told me how splendidly well you were looking the night of your big meeting here. and I hope the campaign has left you not too tired and frazzled. You sound pretty vigorous

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4/ to me.
Jim joins me in love and best wishes dear. and doul-dare to answer this!
Yours affectionately
Cora

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My dear Willie - This is just a line to wish you "Bon voyage", and to tell you that our most affectionate good wishes and loving prayers will attend you on your journey. I am sure you will let the responsibility of your people and your country weigh too heavily upon you, for you know, so well, where to get strength to carry on -

Lots of love
from yours affectionately
Cora

1. La Plaza
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September Fourth

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Toronto
Saturday
Nov. 21st
1936

My dear Billie

I have just come home from a movie where I saw you on board ship on your return from England. You looked so well and so jolly - and were in such a friendly and expansive mood that I came right home to have a little chat with you myself. I am glad you are back safe and sound, and I want to tell you how delighted I was at the stand you took. It must have made everyone here feel that we had a Gibraltar of our own, and I am sure your calm and courageous attitude did a lot to steady the ship.

I hope you are feeling as well & as fit as you look, because I am

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2/ sure you will have a very difficult session.
I enjoyed hearing you speak at the banquet they gave you on your return.

I suppose you saw the young people in Montreal as you came through? I was not at the wedding on the 10th as I was not feeling well, but Jean dropped in for a moment to see me on her way to Hart House.

I see that News Print is giving a good account of itself, so I hope John's future is assured.

They have had a bad time at Charlie's in these weeks. Charlie was in bed for many weeks, and in the middle of it Casimir had his leg broken. However they are both on deck again. Charlie is looking better than I have seen

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3/ him for a very long time + I feel that this illness has been a blessing in disguise, in every way. He has lost much weight and has not yet regained his usual strength but that will come in time - meantime he is back at work and happier than I have known him to be for years.
I am so hoping that he may be chosen to go to the Coronation. He is so keen to go - and it would do him so much good and help his morale just at this juncture. I know that you will put in the word for him when the psychological moment arrives, won't you?
Little Carie is back again at school with his leg in a cast from six inches above the knee to his toes - no complaints from him however from the start! and there is never a dull moment

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wherever he is.
Wanda has been a perfect brick the way she has measured up in all these vicissitudes and has done all the nursing herself with what help Grannie could give. and we all feel so happy and so grateful for the outcome, most particularly for the great change in Charles.
Will you please give my love to Joan. and my very warmest congratulations on the appointment of her son. I saw that it had been confirmed and meant to have written to her but at that time I was spending all my days at Mackenzie Avenue & was pretty busy -
I almost turned handsprings when I read "Globe has bought out Mail and Empire". It would have broken my Political Heart had it read the other way!
I think this must be the worst dose our Tory friends have

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5/ had to take for a long time!
I was almost as much surprised at the result of the Presidential Elections.
I think it must have been the women's vote - His infirmities his ravishing smile - his seductive voice - his personality - (What slaves we are to personality I could almost have gone out + voted Roosevelt myself every time I heard the rascal speak)!
Or is it possible that the american line of beauty the letter S with two perpendicular strokes through it might have helped out a little bit?-
Now dont bother answering this. it is just to tell you how glad I am that you are where you are
With much love

Cora

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November 25, 1936

My dear Cora:

I was delighted to receive, this morning, your welcome letter.

How very kind of you to speak so appreciatively of my efforts at Geneva, and of the account of them given at the League of Nations Society at Ottawa upon my return.

More and more, I am coming to feel that the League, through placing its reliance upon force, rather then upon informed public opinion, has done more harm than good in the affairs of the world. It has caused nations like Germany, Japan and Russia to feel that it was necessary to build up within the confines of their individual countries a power strong enough to cope with the combined powers of nations associated with the League, notwithstanding that the strength of the latter is much more to appearances than in reality. I believe it was this fact which lies at the root of competitive arming of recent years. Had the League, in its covenant, left out altogether the article relating to sanctions and ~~its~~ their application, of which Canada never approved,

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I believe that today every country in the world would be a member of the League, and that within the past few years, instead of nations looking to force as the ultimate solution of their problems, they would have sought that solution in the fullest enquiry into existing injustices and collective effort at their removal. But I must not take time to attempt to discuss these matters in a letter.

I, of course, ~~would~~ shall be only too glad to put in a word on Charlie's behalf, which, as a citizen, I have an equal right with my fellow citizens to do. With respect to Coronation matters, however, as with all else, I have had to maintain an attitude of placing upon my Ministers the full responsibility for matters which come within their respective Departments, and in no way seek to over-ride their policies or decisions.

I am so glad to know that Charlie is again in the good shape which your letter tells me he is. I felt very sorry for the family, and yourself, in the recent anxieties you have had.

I am glad to say that I have come back feeling much the better for my two months abroad. I worked very hard every day, but I tried each day not to overdo. I believe it is by giving up,

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more than by all else, that we achieve a control over ourselfes, which is so essential to our peace of mind and general health. To conform to social conventions, which do not commend themselves to one's conscience, is responsible more than all else for the ruining of homes and of individual lives. Sooner or later, one has to decide which really is the boss: conscience, or conceit. The latter, I think, is at the bottom of most endeavours to appear to be as others, instead of being one's self.

I did not see John and Mary on my way through, and, not knowing their address in Montreal, I did not get in touch with them. They, evidently, did not know of the time of the arrival of my train. I brought from England, for Mary, a loving cup, which has an association with the Jubilee Year of King George and Queen Mary, which links up with the year of their marriage. It is a pretty thing for a table, and beautiful with or without flowers. I sent it on to Mary yesterday, and hope they will like it.

Jennie, I am sorry to hear, has been in bed for the last few days with a cold. I think our illnesses come from fatigue, and fatigue comes from things which it would be much wiser to give up, and which we would give up did we not attach so much importance to what we ourselves do. It is a good

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thing for all of us to come to realise that a few things well done will serve the needs of others more than many things attempted and partially accomplished, and that we best serve ourselves and others when we learn to keep a space about our lives and individual movements and efforts, as much as we can, and avoid whatever tends to confusion.

I fear I have done too much talking, but the thoughts to which I have just given expression have been much in my mind for a long time past, contributing to my own improved health and strength, in an indeavour to give them daily application, it is perhaps not unnatural that I should wish to share with others the good which they have brought to me.

With much love,
Believe me, dear Cora
Yours very affectionately,
Willie

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1. La Plaza Apartments
Toronto
Dec. 12th

(1)

Dear Willie

This is your birthday letter, but I want first to thank you for the wonderful letter you wrote me at the end of November. It was so good of you to write me at such length and about the things you did and I assure you I did appreciate it.

I read it to Charlie and Wanda and to two or three other friends all of whom enjoyed it and felt that such a letter was a rare treat nowadays.

I felt that what you said about giving up and not trying to keep up with the Parade was particularly apt in these days when the whole world is going so fast that it is scarcely permissable to stop even for breath.

Every one is praising you for your dignified silence in the crisis of last week and we were all glad to hear your voice on the air.

2. I am sure it must have been a very trying and difficult week for you! Prince Edward has been enshrined in so many of our hearts as Hero. So I think we found it hard to believe that he really would abdicate. and I don't think I ever listened to any thing more pathetic than his farewell. Every hour since then I have been thinking of the poor misguided soul. One can only hope and pray that this woman who has inspired his tremendous sacrifice has something in her which will keep her faithful to him, and enable her to help him to fill, in some noble way, the gap she has created in his life.

I think, in so far as the British Empire is concerned that the abdication has been a blessing in disguise, for a man who could do what Edward has done must, sooner or later have been an embarrassment to the Government, and it is best that he went, as he did, of his own will & volition.

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3. I think the way the Government in England, and Mr. Baldwin in particular, rose to the occasion and dealt with the crisis was simply magnificent, and the prestige of the British has risen thereby rather than waned.
The dignity, the quiet assurance with which it was all accomplished must have been an object lesson to many Americans about you think? I think the wordless rebuke to Churchill was simply priceless!
The King will be found much more amenable to the right influences than his brother was and his ideal family life will be a great help and will mean so much to the British people.
I fancy we shall soon find the pendulum of popular opinion swinging forcibly away from the fast American Coterie in London & that we shall hear little of them in the future. The whole sad affair

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4. has been in the nature of a rebuke, and a very stern one, to the young smart set of iconoclasts who are romping ruthlessly through the Christian world today, shattering or trying to shatter all age old idols and traditions.

A day or two ago a young, woman well born and presumably well brought up, granddaughter of supreme Court Judge and daughter of one of our first families, said to me "I beg to disagree with you Mrs. Lindsey I think Stanley Baldwin is a disgrace to England - any decent man would have given the King the permission he asked for a morganatic marriage, What's the matter with Mrs. Simpson anyway?"

But, to get back to our humble selves Dear I want to wish you very many happy returns of your birthday - I am sending you a little gift with lots of love - you

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5. are a difficult person to give
anything to for useful things
are out- so to speak.
I hear you have everything on
your Kingsmere estate but-
have you by any chance
an elephant?
My little gift- is an
elephant- bell - a hand
beaten brass affair made
in Northern India al-
Jaipur - Use it for your
favorite Cow - or to summon
assistance at your table.
Ever yours affectionately
Cora

P.S. But Harry's attitude on the
recent crisis in England a
perfect- scream! I suppose Jennie
has written you about it?

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This is just a line,
Dear Willie, to tell you
I shall be thinking of
you on Sunday -
I wish you health, strength
and happiness - and many
happier birthdays after
all these clouds of war
have rolled away -
Every day I am thankful
that you are our Prime
Minister now - you don't
know what a sense of
security it gives me.
Fondest love from
Cora

Dec. 15.
1. La Plaza Apts.
Toronto

Mrs Wm Lindsey

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Sunday
Jan 24th
1937

My dear Billie, just a line to give you a sentence or two from a letter received yesterday from Uncle Will. I know it will amuse you, coming from this old Tory rascal!

"Parliament is now in session and Billy King is very busy & is doing his work well and is keeping his followers in line better than Bennett was ever able to do. The trouble with Bennett is that he is too serious. Now while it is well to be serious about the business of being Prime Minister it is not well to be everlastingly serious about everything, people like to get a break in life some times and have a little fun mixed with even the serious and important matters they have to deal with. Billy seems

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2/ to understand this necessity and applies it where he conveniently can."

Dont you look this from a life long bitter old Tory?

Jennie was with me for a few days and I did so enjoy having her. We talked a little and laughed a lot and it has done me good. But alas! it was all too short. Harry came down + snatched her home last evening.

Lots of love - and you are not to answer this!

Cora

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Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey telephoned
Sunday night (Dec. 27, 1936) to
thank Mr. King for Christmas gift
sent to her.

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January 29, 1937

This is only to thank you for your letter which brought its note of cheer at a most welcome moment.

The pressure of these heard only days is so great that one ~~knows all~~ about the things that are going wrong. It is comforting, therefore, to have words which lead one to feel that at least the general trend is in the right direction.

Fondest love to all.

Mrs. C. S. Lindsey,
La Plaza Rpartments,
98 Charles Street East,
Toronto, Ontario.

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1937

My dear Willie, The news that Charlie's name was on the list of Officers for the Coronation Contingent made us all very happy indeed. I know how much we owe to you in the matter and I want to tell you how deeply grateful I am to you for all you have done for us.

It will be a very wonderful holiday for Charlie. I am sure the trip will just set him up physically and will be a splendid moral & mental tonic for him, for he has had a very hard year.

I am glad you were able to steal away for a couple of weeks respite and I am sure you have come home

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2/ refreshed thereby.
I have had a too liberal rest altogether, for I had flu, and the last time I was out was the night you left for the South. After your train left Lyon and Arthur came up here and we all went to see a picture.
I have so much pleasure in these boys and hope to see Arthur often when I am out of quad.
I have an invitation to take him to dine at the Newmans Wm. Crimmons one night soon. Wm. M.C. was so interested in Mac's book and is keen to meet the boys.
Sir William M. left for South Carolina last night in a private car, with Wm. Mock

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3/and two attendants. I hear he is very feeble and his doctors weren't keen to have him go but he was determined to go and I hope it will do him good.

Now don't answer this Dear. I know how rushed you are but just accept my loving gratitude for your kindness to Charlie

Yours affectionately

Cora

Tuesday
March 23rd
1937

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This is just a line to thank you for your kind letter, and to send the warmest of Easter Greetings to you and all of the family connection.

I am indeed glad that Charlie is to be one of the Coronation contingent. He has only himself and his own record to thank for this opportunity.

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LaPlaza Apartments,
98 Charles Street, E.,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Ottawa, December 17, 1937.

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
La Plaza Apartments,
98 Charles St., East,
Toronto, Ont.

Warmest thanks, dear Cora, your kind telegram birthday greetings and wishes. Much love to you and ~~all of the family~~ the boys.

My best wishes, as well, for Christmas and the New Year.

Willie.

Charge: Prime Minister's Office.
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Dear Willie, This seems to be the psychological moment when every Scion of Mackenzie should be wearing his tartan, just to celebrate his arrival.

It has been a long drawn out and desperate fight against desperate people, but right will prevail".

Here another adage rushes to mind "discretion is the better part of valor". Well Rolph et al took what they thought the better part while your Grandfather had the valor - and plenty of it - He also had another wonderful gift also spelled with a V. and that was vision - and now after more than a century of conflict he has come into his own - Some where today,

to have your answer.

I hope you know how deeply thankful the people are that they have a man of vision and experience and other statesman like qualities, on whom they can rely in these disturbing times -

Many thanks for your nice message by wire a day or two since - Much love dear Willie and every good wish for you, for Christmas and the New Year!

Yours lovingly

Cora

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he must be within sight of the castle of his dreams - I like to think, too, that George is, some how, aware of it all! But - to descend from the hill tops! Let me get back to the Tartan - In making a neck-scarf for Charlie to wear in honor of Mackenzie I suddenly recollected that you should be wearing one too, by prior right, so I have made one also for you, lest you might not have one. And I am sure, if to you here with - I am so glad you had been a short respite in Florida, though I am sorry you found such an unpleasant and annoying situation here, on your return. However, in your own quiet and dignified way, I have no doubt, you will be able to deal with this demented and ungoverned creature who seems

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Wednesday
Dec 22nd 1937

My dear Willie I dont suppose you would think it possible for a woman of (say) seventy five, to get a thrill? Well if you had been here when your wonderful present arrived from Florida, you would have seen what a real thrill can be. It was simply adorable of you to send us the box of fruit and I dont know how to thank you for it. To begin with old people dont get many presents, and when they do get any, they are apt to be so provokingly "useful" & "suitable" & like warm gloves & scarves & hot water bottles) that one couldnt possibly thrill over them. But to feel my self the recipient of a whole crate of grape fruit and oranges, just gave me an indescribable feeling -

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2/ I opened the case myself by means of a hammer, can opener, scissors button hook etc - (you know what a woman's kit of tools consists of) and there I found your card with its kind message and all your good wishes for Christmas - and when my transport had sufficiently subsided I ate an orange & later I devoured a whole grapefruit - and I don't think I ever enjoyed one more - I sent for Charlie to come down and get some of the fruit - Then I took some to little Mrs. Farrie (the wife) downstairs and afterwards fed an orange to an invalid across my hall.

I rang Jennie in the evening to see if she had got some also, and if she doesn't get any I am saving some for her & some is going to the Hustles - So you see we shall all enjoy your trip to Florida dear - It was so good of you to remember me, and I wish you could know how much

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I appreciate it.
Please excuse this pencilled line
and accept my grateful thanks
along with my love and
good wishes for Christmas
and the New Year -
Yours lovingly
Cora

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December 29, 1937

My dear Cora:

How very kind of you to make for me, with your own hands, the Mackenzie Tartan neck scarf. It is, indeed, something I should be wearing in this one hundredth anniversary year, and which I am both thankful and proud to wear. Your gift is one I shall always greatly prise.

Let me thank you as well for the charming letters received from you at this Christmas season. Your gift of humor has lost none of its power with the passing of time. I recall what pleasure your letters used to bring my father. Now, that I am reaching the age he was at the time, I begin to appreciate, in this as in other respects, how sound his judgment was.

You may be sure that nothing is unknown to, or unseen by, those who have passed into the Great Beyond. They share our lives much more intimately than we can begin to know. I imagine nothing

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delights them quite so much as to see us helping to accomplish the aims and purposes they had so much at heart.

How marvellously the one hundred years - 1837-1937 - have rounded themselves out! Could any fulfilment of a promise be greater than that we have actually witnessed?

I am sorry that the little time I have for personal correspondence does not permit me to write more.

Please let this line bring my fonest love to you and, with it, my best of wishes for the New Year to yourself, to Charlie and Wanda, to Jim, and to Charlie's boys. May the New Year be a very happy and good one for you all.

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
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Lindsey Family / Baxter Family / Anderson Family / Mackenzie Family / Mr. and Mrs. (Christina) John King (grandparents) and family

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"in all its diversified conditions and that is where he is far ahead of Bennett.
"Bennett never seems to be able to throw off his extreme seriousness and looks, as a rule, like a solemn judge prepared to pass sentence on all who come in contact with him, the result being that people fight shy of him.
He has ability but what is its value if he cannot make use of it to draw people to him, and this "he cannot do="
Now I must stop - much love, and may the Power that has brought you where you now are, carry you safely through whatever may lie before you in the coming weeks of the session - Ever yours affectionately

Cora

LOYAULTE ME OBLIGE

Sunday
March 20th
1938

My dear Willie, I have been hearing rumors about certain changes in the personnel of the Ontario Bench, because of the expected retirement of some of the older Judges - much, therefore, as I hate troubling you at a time when you are so occupied, I do want to ask you if, in the general shuffle it might be possible to move Fred. Hogg to the Appeal Division?
He is very delicate and has been ill during the last year and has found it hard making the grade in the Circuit Division, owing to the constant travel which

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Jim rang me up last night and asked how you were & said he would like so much to have a chat with you and hear what you thought about world affairs -

I told him there were several thousands of people who felt that way - notably Mr. Bennett.

Speaking of the latter, I am sure you will be glad to be relieved of his tirades, he must have been consorting with the false Prophets in the West he was so full of spleen when he came home.

In Mr. Hoggs last letter to me he says "Willie King is now in the turmoil of a Parliamentary session - He is doing his job extremely well. His manners are good and he understands human nature

2/it- involves.

Don't bother to answer this Dear, only if occasion should arise I know you will do what you can for Fred.

Jennie went home yesterday and I am bereft. I never knew any body who could leave such a blank as she does when she goes -

We had three very happy weeks together and often when we lapsed into reminiscence we wished you had been here with us.

Jennie did me a world of good and I think the change did her good too, but I am afraid she is far from well, and she has not yet achieved the gift of being able to rest - Even when there is absolutely nothing to be done she doesn't seem to be able to relax nor to

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Market tip: Buy Mackenzie King common. As long as Mr. Hepburn continues to talk Mr. King's stock will rise with the public.

I'll take 1000 shares!
and if there is a preferred issue, the sky's the limit!
C. A. L.

Mrs GGS Lindsey

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April 1, 1938

My dear Cora:

I have not, until this morning, had an opportunity to send a line of acknowledgment of your letter of March the 20th. You will appreciate the reasons which make it impossible for me to say anything about Justice appointments or Judges, but I shall be glad to see that the representations of your letter are, in a tactful way, made known to my colleague, the Minister of Justice.

I am so glad that Jennie had such a delightful rest and change and holiday with you. It was, I am sure, of the greatest benefit to her. I am glad to know from your letter that it was also of some benefit to yourself.

With you, I have often wished that Jennie could learn to rest. I have been trying religiously, for months past, not to get over-fatigued, simply to give up when I begin to feel tired.

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It is amazing what a difference it has made in my general state of health and usefulness to myself and others. I am really better than I have been in years. It requires will-power and discipline of self to effect this end. And is, to my mind, a much greater virtue than that of believing that one is so necessary to others, one must sacrifice one's own health in an endeavour to serve them.

I am sorry that my time does not permit of more than just this line, which, for some days past, I have been anxious to send.

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Night Letter

Ottawa, June 16, 1938

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
98 Charles St. East,
Toronto, Ontario.

Am much looking forward to pleasure of company Jennie and yourself to Niagara on Saturday. Ceremonies include visit to Mackenzie house, Queenston, twelve noon; luncheon, Hotel Brock; unveiling Memorial Arch during afternoon; dinner, Brock Hotel, Saturday night; later, open air concert, Mendelssohn Choir. Spend Saturday night Brock Hotel as guest of Niagara Parks Commission. Attend service St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Niagara on the Lake, Sunday morning. Afternoon, visit around the Falls, etc. Shall count on you and Jennie breakfasting with me my car Bonaventure Union Station, Toronto, between eight and nine Saturday morning.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

Charge:
Prime Minister's Office.

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MANY THANKS AM LOOKING FORWARD WITH GREAT PLEASURE TO MEETING YOU TOMORROW

CORA.

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September 23, 1938

My dear Cora:

I have been greatly distressed to learn of your illness. I would have written you before, but for the circumstance that I myself was also laid up. For three weeks I had a pretty bad time with a very painful attack of sciatica, but the rest has done me good, and I am now able to be about the house again. I am taking things easy, as it is necessary, with my public responsibilities what they are.

This line is just to let you know that you are very much in my thoughts, and that I do hope you will soon be feeling much stronger.

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You must have been delighted at George's record. It does great honour to his parents and grandparents. What pride you must feel in him!

When you write Jim, give him my love, ~~and~~ With the same to Charlie and Wanda, when you see them, ~~with~~ and as well, every affectionate good wish for their boys.

Believe me, as always,
dear Cora,
Very affectionately yours,

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
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Sunday

My dear Willie,

Thank you so much for your kind letter - It did me no end of good! For I was lying here worrying about your being so ill, and it was fine to hear that you were up and about once more. Honestly, I was not very much surprised to hear of your breakdown for you were doing far too much and getting no rest - nor semblance of a holiday - And what is this I read about you now slumming up 70 feet on ladders & what not? I can only think you have been converted by Sir William to the consumption of Phyllosan which he says is the secret of his perennial youth!!!
Well, as often before, your miraculous ability to maintain a dignified & complete silence has brought you out on top - and one wonders what Leopold Macaulay expects to gain by all his post mortem yapping! As for George Drew - his behavior at a time like this is worse than con-

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2/ temptible. To what terrific lengths an egotist will sometimes go to get a background + a flash of publicity. Charlie tells me that this Jimmy Hahn is one of the finest men he knows. He has been a friend of his for years he says + is as straight as a die. Then think of the poor fellows who are hoping for jobs on the contract - but of course George Drew could not be expected to see that aspect of the thing. I have been thinking of you a great deal in the hectic days that we have passed through. You must have been afraid to hear a knock on the door or even a foot-fall in the corridor not knowing what was coming. I loved your message to Chamberlain. What a wonderful person he is. I hope his health will stand the strain and that when Parliament meets the hounds wont make it too hard for him. The man who achieved the impossible! He has ushered in a new school of diplomacy for the whole world. The mailed fist has been

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8/ relegated to the past - because one man took off the glove and offered his hand in understanding friendship to his adversary - How wonderful it seems! One wonders why it was not done long ago - How much human agony it would have prevented - how many useful lives would have been spared
I have been thinking of one of Keats sonnets I've forgotten which one
"These will give the world another heart & other pulses - great spirits now on earth are sojourning
Hear ye not the hum of mighty workings - Listen awhile ye nations & be dumb."
I think the nations are listening dont you? And they will hold their peace for the most part - and as for the men - the Duff Coopers - Winston Churchills Anthony Edens - they cant do much - Nothing can halt this peace movement now - Do you think -
I saw Jenny a week ago - Pretty

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4/ tried - no maid yet - but full of her indomitable spirit - Yes it was splendid about George - wasn't it - And he is so sweet & shy and unassuming about it too. He had two weeks with Jim at Port Washington - seeing New York & sailing during the week end in Jim's boat - Then came the hurricane & Jim's boat - where George slept - was wrecked & sank - and they had two hectic days & nights trying to salvage their things & to assist others who were worse off than they were and out of it all George got the greatest experience - an almost indescribable thrill through his 18 year old eyes. He took a lot of snapshots - scenes of destruction & wreckage almost impossible to credit. He is back now and already on the first lap of Burnside scholarship - he is a dear Boy & I get a great deal of joy out of him as well as Casmire - The latter is now an officer in the Boy Scouts - & Baden Powell himself could be no more important -

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3/ It has been pretty tough sledding for the brokers lately + both Charlie & Jim have had a hard time - Jim has fierce accessions of rage with + against - everyone from the President to the lowest - Jew on the street - then forgets it all + has a good time - Charlie plods along good naturedly taking the bitter with the sweet + growing lowly fatter - He was a great comfort - to me through the lurid days of the "Crash" Crisis - Always sure that war would not ensue and always thinking + saying the best about all parties concerned in the fracas. But I must stop - I am sure I have tired you - Lots of love Dear + please don't climb any more ladders - It almost gave me heart-failure to read about it -

Hoping you will soon be as strong as ever again + with love from Charlie Wanda + myself

Ever your loving Cora -

Please excuse the lead pencil it is a hangover from my illness.

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Sunday
Nov 13 th

My dearest Willie. after the broadcast was over on Friday night I tried to get you on the long distance telephone, I felt so strongly that I wanted to thank you for the finest speech I have ever heard you make. It was not only what you said that reached every body's heart, but there was a vibrant quality in your quiet earnest voice that seemed to go to ones very soul. There was something in the way you spoke, so gratefully, so humbly, so gently, that I am sure everyone who heard you must have loved you just as I did. I heard all the Remembrance Day speeches that came over the radio - from the United States as well as Canada, but none of them will be remembered like yours. If yours is printed I would so much like to have a copy!

I spent such a happy day, a week ago in Barrie, with Jenny. I found her very much better,

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4 more quiet and rested & much less nervous, and their home is a haven of rest- now that the youngsters are employed at the little shop in the town - Harry told me he felt such a sense of relief, and freedom from weariness now that young Harry is taking such an interest in affairs and is lending such a sturdy hand.

I have been seeing Arthur quite often latterly and have come to like the boy very much. I feel it is only fair to tell you this because when I spoke about him with you last Summer I criticized him pretty severely. His stay in Peterborough has done something to him, for he seems quite a different boy now. I thoroughly enjoy him now, and see that there is a great deal of good in him that I never found before. Perhaps it was my fault that I failed to find it formerly - so often,

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3/ in dealing with young people we want to find what we want in them, and so overlook some things that are perhaps very much finer than what we have been looking for.

At all events Arthur + I have struck up a friendship now, and he comes and talks to me for long hours - and asks my advice about many things. I have urged him to try to see you alone - and to have a heart-to heart-talk with you - It would do him so much good - I think he is a lonely creature - He has a very great admiration for you and a feeling of deep gratitude for all you have done for him - along with what he calls a "dumb" inability to let go and tell you all he feels.

I find he has an unusual command of language for so young a lad, a vocabulary rarely heard in one of his years - I used to think that

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4/ his attitude towards his fellow man, and to life in general, was that of an Ishmaelite. Now that is all changed and he feels that he can get on just by himself! that success lies in team work, and doing as he would be done by. He is a veritable Pagan in so far as his beliefs go. but we need not make that our responsibility. The same arms that are around us must also be about him. and he will arrive in good time.

A few weeks ago I wrote to May about him, just telling her how much he had improved - and passing on some of the loving things he said about her, and I had such a sweet letter from her. I am sending it to you to read so that you can see how deeply grateful she is to you. Please send it back to me dear - I should like to keep it -

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5/ You know Willie I think you are a real peace maker. Do you remember our in the Old Park House at Fernie, how you asked me to drop the old feud with the Orange Road people and make friends of them?
But for that conversation with you, I never would have done so - and what a lot of real joy I would have missed -
Today I have no dearer friend than Jennie, I don't know what I should do without her -
Then too, when I was on the wrong road about May, you asked me to be kind to her, and I send you her letter to shew you the result -
Now this is an awful inflation upon a perfectly innocent man but it's Lots of love - and my warmest congratulations on your speech on Friday
Ever your loving
Cora

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Dec. 15.

My dear Billie. In looking for cards
Today I came across the enclosed
which I think must really have
been meant for you. I am sure
you will find it amusing, par-
-ticularly the latter part of the
advice given, as to where your
success in life should lie.

Before Messrs Hepburn, Duplessis
et al get through they may
offer you some suggestions
as to what your particular
métier may be, but don't fail
to consult your astrological
chart before turning the Cowlitz
down!! Charlie has been in to
see me, and we are feeling very
sorry about this conspiracy -
but we have the satisfaction of
knowing — no matter what
eventuates — that you are absolutely
right, and that you will come
out on top!!

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2/ I am sorry the lucky coin isn't real gold. but I'm just a little short of that commodity just now, what with Doctors - Chemists & Nurses etc, and so I can only send you my very best wishes and love for your Birthday -

Cora

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My thoughts are much of you, dear Cora, on this Christmas eve. Shall write soon to thank you for loving birthday greetings and other letters as yet unacknowledged. Meanwhile I send my fondest love and best of wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you and all of yours.

Willie.

Charge: Prime Minister's Office.

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December 28, 1938

My dear Cora:

Ever since receiving the beautiful letter you wrote me in reference to my short address at the time of the Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Broadcast, I have had your letter and its enclosure on my table waiting for a chance to send some fitting acknowledgment. That opportunity has not come, and I am afraid never will. I am obliged, therefore, to content myself with simply thanking you for one of the most precious letters I have ever received, and letting you know that it did my heart no end of good.

As you inquired whether the little broadcast had been printed, I have pleasure in enclosing one or two copies herewith. I was really greatly relieved to know that you liked what I said. The truth is, it was all prepared so hurriedly that I was much more conscious of its many limitations than of any merit.

I am returning May's letter, which you enclosed with yours. Thank you so much for allowing me to read it. I deeply regret that I do not get any chance whatever to see anything of members of the family, immediate orrremote. I was particularly disappointed not to have hadn able to invite Arthur to spend Christmas Day with me, or, for that

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matter, any day at this Christmas Season. The truth, however, is that I have so much to do that, unless I reserve the hours of each day for special demands, I soon get cluttered up so with arrears that I more or less break under the weight of them. That, I think, more than all else, is what cost me four weeks in bed during the summer with a very painful attack of sciatica, and made necessary the little trip I had to get my health restored.

Your birthday letter was another great treat. I was immensely amused at the card of birthday greeting which accompanied it. Did I not know myself as well as I do, I might be carried away with the horoscope. It is really quite amusing, in the characteristics it sets out, how strikingly apposite it is in relation to ~~one's~~ some aspects of your life and work!

Holding your letters, in order to have the acknowledgment in your hand on Christmas Day, I held also the card which I had meant to send to you. I did not send it out with others as I wanted to have it framed before sending it to you. I was able to get the picture framed in time, but I did not get sufficient time in which to dictate the letter which I wished to have go along with it.

Not being able to get off the letter in time, I sent a wire on Christmas Eve, that you might know you were much in my thoughts on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day

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I am, at last, sending both the letter and the picture by the same mail. Please let each of them bring to you my fondest love and best of wishes for the New Year.

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February 25, 1939

My dear Cora:

The enclosed will indicate what, thus far, has become of the Christmas greeting I sent to Jim. Perhaps you would be so kind as to send it on to him, as I should like him to know that he was in my thoughts at the Christmas season.

I shall be glad to have Jim's correct address, in case, at any time, I might be in New York and have a free moment to get in touch with him.

I hope you are keeping well. I have been taking early morning exercises, watching my rest and diet, and am happy to say that, thus far, I am in better shape than I have been for years.

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Sunday
June 11th

My dear Willie, Thank you very much for thinking of me on your historic trip, and for your charming note in the treasured envelope. My thoughts and prayers have been following you upon your Odyssey day by day, and, more than ever, I feel that you are a wonderful person, with a superb courage to have undertaken it all. Not until this Epic comes to be written into history can any of us realize what it may mean nor what it may accomplish.

What adorable young people their Majesties must be, and how superlunnarly human to have wakened up old Uncle Sam in the way

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3/ they did. I shall be grateful tonight when I hear that they are back on Canadian soil once more - for some times I have almost had a fearsome feeling about their safety, since they went over into the United States.
How have you stood this journeying about? I have been following you in the newspapers and in your pictures you look as fit as a fiddle.
The tempo, at times was a bit Allegro and unless you were feeling well it would have been hard to keep in step I should think.
Can you imagine what Dear Aunt Bella would have felt about it all, and how proud she would be of you? I hope she knows all about it. I saw Jenny and the girls after they got home from Ottawa, and heard about-

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3/ their visit with you - how thrilled they were about every-thing. It was a wonderful experience for them and they enjoyed every moment of it. We all saw you in Toronto (the children several times) and I am hoping that Jim saw some of the pageant in New York.

Much love dear - and again many thanks

From your loving

Cora

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June 1, 1939

Dear Cora:

Just a line to bring you love and best wishes from the Royal Train, and to let you know that you are much in my thoughts as I journey with our King and Queen across our wonderful country.

You will, I know, be pleased to retain, as a souvenir of the Royal Visit, the envelope with the special stamps cancelled aboard the Royal Train.

With love to Charlie
Wanda, the young people and
yourself

Yours affectionately

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Dearest Willie,

This "thing" I am sending you herewith, was given to Charlie by the Manager of the Archives Dept. of the "Telegram". We thought it might interest you and Charlie said I might give it to you - Note that I send it in its pristine simplicity - nails also included just as it was ripped from a box containing old papers -

I am writing you today to thank you for the wonderful roses you sent me on the 8th. I was heart-broken not to be able to go to your meeting - nevertheless I heard you over my radio and "as the apparatus can-lie" I know you did a wonderful job - again.

Lots of love

Cora

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Personal

Ottawa,
August 12, 1939

My dear Cora:

I was so sorry not to have had a chance either to call on you or speak with you over the 'phone when in Toronto at the time of the banquet. Your letter, received last night, assures me, however, that you have understood the situation.

I was particularly sorry that you were not well enough to be present at the banquet. I do hope you may speedily regain your health and strength. I am glad the roses were able to let you know that you were much in my thoughts.

How kind of you to send me the notice concerning the Mackenzie homestead. I am having it taken out by itself and framed. It will always be associated with the event of Tuesday night and your kind thought.

With best love,

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2/ soaking the paper off the old board, lest it might dis-in-tegrate altogether, so I sent it "as was" and you must have been surprised when you saw the funny old thing.

I have been thinking so much about you since I heard your speech on Tuesday night. I was very sorry I couldn't have been there to see you as you spoke, but they kindly gave my seat to George - my grandson. & no one in that vast audience to whom you spoke came away with a keener appre-ciation of all you had said than that boy.

I must tell you how George feels about you, then you will better understand how much he enjoyed

August 11th
file
L.H.

My dearest Willie,

For two days I have been trying to rise up and write to you, but the attack of Bronchitis which I have just come through has left me more de-feated than I have been for a long time. I want to thank you again for the gorgeous roses you sent me on Tuesday. They have been such a pleasure to me and are still going strong. It was so good of you to think of me.

Yesterday I sent you off a thing which Charlie gave me some time ago. He said I might give it to you and I should have sent it to you long ago.

I couldn't take the risk of

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3/ being at that dinner -
He went all alone, grateful to (4) to some friends down at the Hotel
have a seat in the room from That you were feeling sorry
which you spoke - then Jennie you had let them down.
saw him and sent for him This distressed George very
to come + sit in my seat- much, as it also did me.
at their table - In speaking of Tolm you made a marvel-
you one day George said - lous speech - and revealed
"There is no man whom I yourself as you have never
have ever met for whom I done before. The peace
have such an admiration as & serenity of your character -
I have for Mr. King, and - and the high ideals that
next to Dad I like him better have been your incentive
than any other man I have ever in all these years !!
known - Jean told me it was in No one who heard your
teresting to watch Georges face at speech but must have
the meeting - he was in such a felt a surge of pride and
state of rapt attention - gratitude that the affairs
George works at the Manu- of our Country are in the
-facturers Life Ins. Co. and keeping of a man who
at luncheon the next day cherishes such ideals + hopes and aspirations -
some man told him that Why here is George - a
after your speech was over boy of nineteen years of
on Tuesday Night - you said age with all his ideals

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5/ fresh + pure - He hears your speech and his heart leaps up within him to meet + greet the man who has fought the battle of life and guided the destinies of his Country for 20 years and comes through with those ideals as fresh + young as his own.
A man whose faith + hope and Charity are burning brightly + who is so generous as to want to more than share the applause and the tribute of the ovation with those who have worked side by side with him in those years - "Failed them" "Let them down" said poor George "What do they want - they say they want Peace, with

6 here is the greatest living exponent we have of the principles of peace - pointing the way clearly to the attainment of that peace!! and they want to know the date of the General Election"!

Oh Willie don't deceive your self - certain people who may have axes to grind - certain components of the Party machine - looking for excitement may have failed to grasp what you were giving them - But to the thinking people - the serious minded people - the people with souls - to these you have revealed yourself as you have never done before and they see you as the only man who can lead

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a party in Canada today -
You must bear in mind that
was not a political meeting,
Neither was it a political
Banquet. You were invited,
as it were, into the home
of your friend - to meet
all your friends & admirers
and you met them, with
dignity & grace & serenity
and you have no right to
say that you let them down,
Had you descended to
personalities - and antagonisms
had you had the bad
taste to talk shop on such
an occasion - you might
have taken yourself to task.
All that is the matter is
that the Sphinx won't talk.
and then can't make him.

& it makes me think of the
Sphinx at Giza - Poor thing
all chipped & battered
because down through the
ages he has looked out on
the Valley of the Nile with
the same imperturbable &
inscrutable countenance
and his very placidity
has tempted people to throw
stones at him & bury
him in the desert sand.

I have some news for you
about Jim - He has left
New York - and gone to
Florida - and is going to
be married there in a
day or so - I don't know the
girl - except through a
close correspondence with
her for more than a year

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9/ But Wanda has met her
+ George knows her quite
well - also Peggy Thistle
knows her and they all
think she is charming -
Pam glad to know that
Jim is going to have
some one to take care of
him and I hope they will
be very happy -
She was deserted five years
ago by a good for nothing
drunkard - and she has
been in Florida getting a
divorce - She has a little
boy four years of age
whom her Mother is
looking after for the
present.
She + Jim are very keen
that I should go to Florida
+ spend the winter with

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14/ them - But we shall see about that later on -
Do you remember my telling you the last time you were here in this flat about some books on metaphysics which I got a lot of good from? I have sent to New York for one of them which I think you would like. When I get it I will send it along to you. Now I must stop. I am very tired. Fondest love Dear - and please be kinder to yourself and dont go blaming him any more -

Ever your loving
Cora

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August 15, 1939

Your letter, just received, has been more than a comfort to me. I confess I felt very depressed after my speech at the banquet.

I have been so greatly fatigued that I have become morbidly sensitive of many things, particularly anything that touches my inner life. I keep away as much as possible from the public. I am afraid that, in the last few weeks, I have said more concerning personal matters than I should.

I was so tired on the night of the banquet that I found it very difficult to collect and express my thoughts. I said, as I have mentioned, many things which I think it would have been as well not to have said, and omitted altogether saying some of the things which I would very much liked to have said, and intended to say.

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However, your letter, and some expressions I have had from other kind frèends have done much to relieve my mind of its most distressing thoughts. Notwithstanding, I shall, throughout the remainder of my life, feel that I let a really great occasion go by, without the rest and preparation I should have had, with results unfortunate alike to my friends and to myself.

I was delighted to see little George present at the gathering. The expression of his face has continued to be much in my mind ever since. If spared, I shall hoped to see something of him as the years go by.

I am terribly sorry that you have had so much in the way of suffering to endure. You have been wonderfully patient through it all, and I am sure your patience will not be without its due reward.

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Saturday Night.

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My dear Willie,

This is not a letter, it is not to be answered. Neither is it to be just another thing on your mind. I have read and re-read your marvellous speech, as given in the "Star" of Friday night, and I am more firmly convinced than ever that you are a very wonderful person and that Canada is extremely fortunate in her Prime Minister. I wish every person in Canada might be required to read your speech, and read it carefully and understandingly. But I am afraid that the majority of people today have not cultivated nor developed their understanding. They read, to be sure - but what and how do they read? They read headlines, and skim and judge - then criticize.

Couldn't you have your speech set up in pamphlet form and

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If let people have it free? So few people have access to what goes on at Ottawa and how many newspapers in Canada will have that speech verbatim - The paper here had - the "Star" had it, and I can find it in my heart to forgive Holy Joe a lot of things for this - The Telegram's Mr. Fisher on the 17th page of their paper makes his own selections from your speech - and his own comments - while they give front page space to the senile pipings of a derelict like Tommy Church.
I am sending a number of copies of your speech - not copies of the Star mind you for don't want them to lose themselves on the Social pages nor exhaust their mentality on the funnies - So I am just cutting out your speech, marking it to reach certain peoples idiosyncracies

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3/ and braises and sending it in a letter -

I had such a nice visit from Jennie today - and I was amazed to find her so improved - I do really think she has begun to take care of herself and rest a bit. I was full of interest in your speech - and found they had not seen it up there - so she promised to go home & read it aloud to them -

She is coming down after Easter to make me a real visit !!

The Globe today makes me sick even if it had no 7th page I find it nauseating. I also find it a sad commentary upon the National Spirit of this country that so many people from Coast to Coast could find nothing better to do than to join that League in its efforts to embarrass the Government -

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4/ George McCullagh is no doubt ignorant but he was pretty clever, when his League grew to such proportions that he couldn't handle it, he put it in a bag & handed it to Herbert Bruce and we now see Herbie holding the bag - Poor Dr. Bruce he can't get used to being just one of the people now, and is consumed with a mad desire to keep in the spotlight, and go places & do things. Now the League Baby is on his door step and he doesn't know quite what to do with it - Perhaps by the time he has crossed the continent with the infant he will see the futility of his dream of being Prime Minister and will dump the thing & go and take his imperialistic views with him to Albania - By the way was it you who gave him the letter of

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5 recommendation which got him that job?
Now when I tell you what I am thinking now, you will probably think I am crazy - or in my dotage - Well I don't mind your thinking along those lines - but- Just Keep it under your hat.

I have had a feeling, almost an obsession, for some time that Hitler is no longer in the driver's seat in the Reich. I can't keep thinking that Goering and his crowd are at the throttle of the machine and that all the broken pledges and apparent reversion of feeling are their work & not the work of Hitler - Ever since Munich, during the accession of Bohemia Moravia and Memel no one has heard Hitlers voice - and none of the pictures that have come through have been pictures of Hitler at all - and in one his back was turned to the camera which would have been quite unlike

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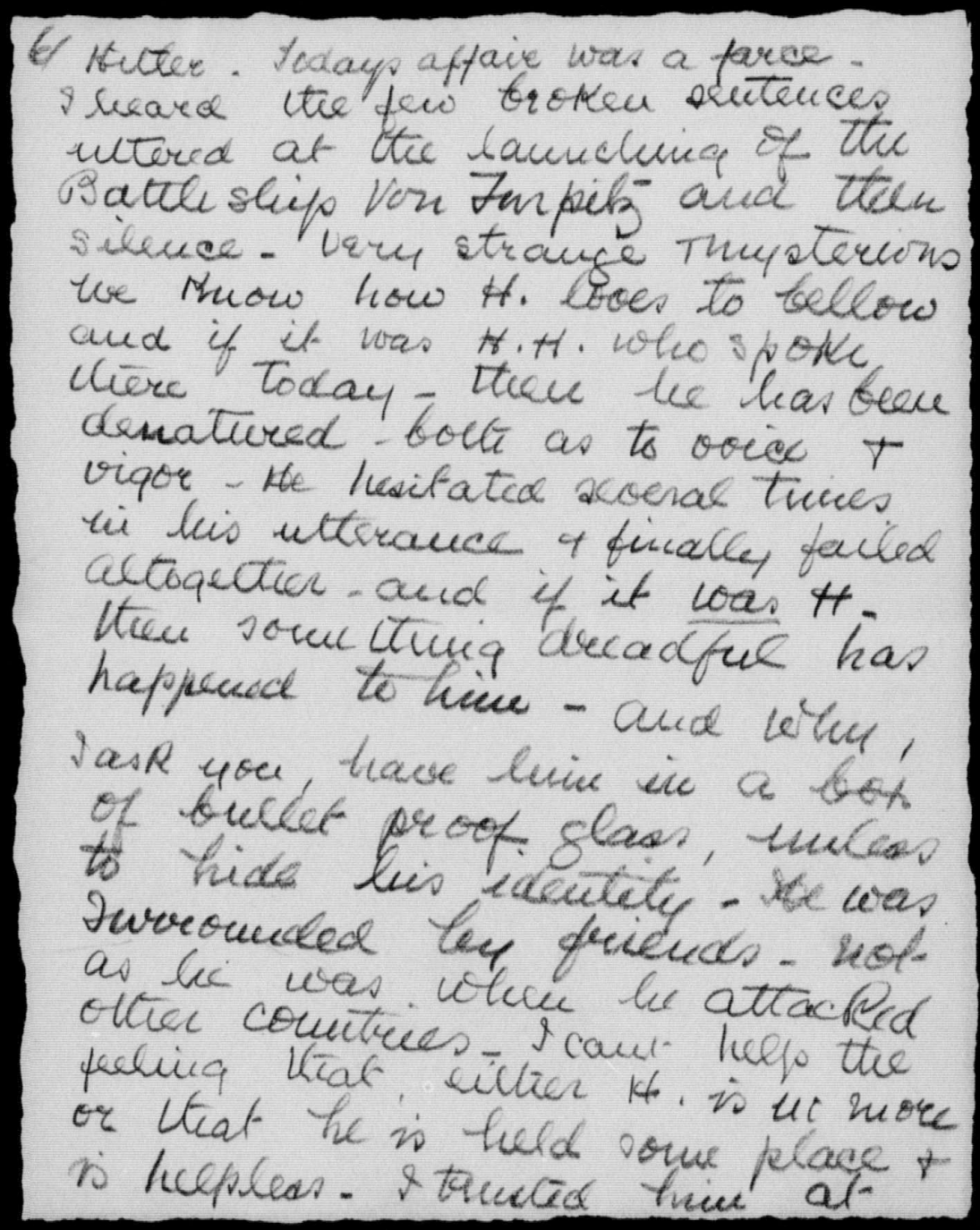

6/ Hitler. Todays affair was a farce - I heard the few broken sentences uttered at the launching of the Battleship Von Turpitz and then silence - very strange mysterious we know how H. loves to bellow and if it was H.H. who spoke there today - then he has been denatured - both as to voice + vigor - He hesitated several times in his utterance + finally failed altogether - and if it was H. - then something dreadful has happened to him - and why, I ask you, have him in a box of bullet proof glass, unless to hide his identity - He was surrounded by friends - not as he was when he attacked other countries - I cant help the feeling that either H. is no more or that he is held some place + is helpless - I trusted him at

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Munich - didnt you? and all I can think is that Goering et'al grew too strong for him & that it is they who are now carrying on.
Now I think I have bored you sufficiently for this time - Please give my love to Joan - and with much love for yourself Ever your loving
Cora

P.S. If I'm crazy, its just an hallucination Dear, and I assure you I am still harmless!!!

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August 22, 1939

My dear Cora:

I have just received the copy of "The Ideal Made Real" which you have sent me with the lovely little note which accompanied it.

I can see from the table of contents how much I am going to enjoy its pages, each of which, I am sure, will bring its special appeal.

With warmest thanks and every loving good wish,

Believe me,

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December 31, 1939

My dear Cora:

I have been deeply touched by the beauty of the card you sent to me at Christmas and by its words of blessing, and those of the little poem on peace. Do please accept my warmest thanks for this precious gift.

I had little or no opportunity to send out greetings at this Christmas season. I am seeking to make amends by sending to a few friends, whom I think might be especially interested, a copy of a Royal Tour calendar, which carries with it some of the happiest associations of this old year.

Please let the copy I am sending to you today, under separate cover, bring with it my love and best of wishes for every day in the New Year.

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January Twelfth
1940

Dearest Willie, I feel just like settling down to write you a budget but I won't, for I know how tired you must be of all kinds of missives!
I do want to thank you for your kind note and the very lovely calendar for 1940, which reached me safely.
I shall enjoy it day by day and think of you as each day passes - Jenny and Jean had tea with me on their way home from a long day's shopping in town. Jean is radiantly happy and thrilled with everything, yet I think I could detect a certain sadness at the thought of leaving her Mother to whom she has been so devoted.
Jennie looked very weary! Those infinitely sad days

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2/ of last month have told upon her sadly - but you know how resilient she is and I am sure she will rise up and meet the situations of the months to come, as only she can do.

John and Mary are carrying on like good soldiers and through what seemed to them at first to be absolutely impossible and inscrutable they now begin to glimpse the Divine Purpose.

Mary is trying to get a position of some kind so as to be able to help John to meet his bills, as well as to get away from the long days in the little home which has been so recently desolated.

You would have been very proud of the way John mastered up in those trying days. I never admired anyone more and I now find so much in Mary that I never knew was there

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3/ and have grown very fond of her. I am often selfish enough to be glad when their misery drives them to come over here to me, which it frequently does.
I have discovered another compensating factor of advanced age — from where I see things, by reason of my 76 years, the perspective is different — and I am sometimes able to afford a little comfort to these poor young things in their Twenties who are presently feeling so bereft.
Now - as usual when I am addressing you, this "line or two" has grown to look awfully like a letter - so I had better stop.
With renewed thanks dear Willie, and with very good wishe for your health Strength & happiness in the New Year. Ever your loving Cora

P.S. I loved your radio talk Please do it again soon - for I have no idea how much good it does.

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Sunday
March 10/40.

My dear Willie

I am sending you herewith the Transcript of a short talk which Charlie gave on the radio a few nights ago. Charlie gave it to me to send to Jim, but I am sure you would like to read it so I am sending it first to you. Then if you will put it into the enclosed envelope and send it on to Jim I shall be glad.

We are all terribly interested in the campaign and welcome the ever increasing signs of victory here. Even in Tory Toronto I could be arrested for what I think of the two medical men who are campaigning so heatedly against you as well as Mr. George "Ananias" Drew, so I'd better not let my pen get away with me.

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2/ We are all looking forward to the hearing you have on the 14th and are being given reserved seats in a loge for the evening. I hope Jennie and Harvey will be down for the event.

Much love dear.

from your loving

Cora

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March 11, 1940

Thank you so much for letting me see Charles' broadcast, which I have read with very great interest, and have sent on to Jim.

I am much looking forward to the possibility of catching a glimpse of you on Thursday evening. I have still to prepare for my Montreal and Toronto meetings.

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
La Plaza Apartments,
98 Charles St.,E.,
Toronto, Ontario.

MK/EH/FM

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Tuesday
September 24/40

My dear Willie

In going over some old papers today I came across a few things which I think will interest you so I am sending them to you tonight. I am painting my flat for the winter and am going up to stay at Charlies, with Wanda and the boys. I have been shut in here with a nurse for the past four months - and I shall be so glad to get away from it for a while. As events have unfolded I have often been tempted to write to you - but I hesitated to take up even a moment of your time. Now, however, that I am writing, I want to tell you that I am very proud of you - and very grateful for your astounding sanity in the face of this mad world we are living in.

I know you will like the little French book. Its great age may be its sole reason.

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2/ mundation - I haven't read it!
but to read its date makes even
me seem young & immature -
And do you know anything
about the Missing Man.?
I came across a package of
three or four of these pictures
among Grandfather Lindseys
things
The little Japanese extra
from Tokio brought me very
vivid recollections of 1915 -
and the Orient.
I know the little engravings
of Bylown will interest you
and and the whole little motley
collection goes to you with
very much love from
Cora

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October 2, 1940

My dear Cora:

It was very like you to send me the interesting collection of books and documents which came in the parcel received from you a day or two ago. Let me thank you warmly for all that it contains, and for your own charming letter which accompanied it. I am, as you know, a lover of old things, particularly where they have an abiding historic interest.

The little volume "La Politique des Jésuites", London 1688; the letter from "A Country-Whig to Richard Steele on His Defence of his Guardian", London 1713; and the "Remarks upon Two Pamphlets concerning Human Liberty and Necessity", by Phillips Gretton, London 1730, have each a special interest as well as historic value.

The little prints of the Ottawa, the Rideau, and the Hudson are particularlym pleasing, and in the association of the first two with the Ottawa of today of very special interest.

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I am particularly pleased to have the letters from James Lindsey written to George some years ago. They, too, have statements of special historic value.

I wish I knew who the "missing man" was. I do not wonder that others have not been able to say. He certainly is anything but a beauty.

I am glad that you will be spending the winter with Charlie, Wanda, and the boys. I am sure it is not good for any of us to live too much alone. I hope you will have a very happy winter together - that is to say, happy in so far as times like the present will permit of real enjoyment.

I am also glad to know that you feel I have been on the right lines in the course thus far taken. In many ways, I am in better health than I have been in years, but I find that I tire more quickly than I used to. That, perhaps is natural, with the extra load of anxiety which these times necessarily bring.

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Night Letter

Ottawa, December 24, 1940

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
15 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Affectionate Christmas greetings, love and best wishes, dear Cora, to Charlie, Wanda, the boys and yourself.

Willie.

Charge:
W. L. Mackenzie King
Prime Minister's Office.

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January 21, 1941

My dear Cora:

I thank you warmly for your kind letter received last night and its enclosure.

It was most kind of you to send me "The Varsity" editorial.

I was much interested in what you told me of young George's interest in the Sirois Report and his indignation at Hepburn's behaviour or, perhaps I should say, misbehaviour. The outcome will be all to the good in the long run.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. G.G.S. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto,
Ontario.

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file Monday
June 2nd

My dearest Willie

We listened to you with great interest last night. You never made a better speech and you sounded so vigorous. Poor Mr. Churchill sounded very tired and lacked his customary pep and vigor. But no one could wonder at it. What distracting days he must be having.

Mr. de Pointe was very good wasn't he? What it is to have the ability to use two languages as he is doing!

You were so kind when you spoke to me about Charlie a week or two ago - and I am sure you will be interested in hearing how the affair has terminated.

He was ill, in the Mackellar Hospital at Fort-

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2/ William for about a week, but it turned out to be nothing serious & he was ordered from there to Stanley Barracks in Toronto - On his arrival, he was put under arrest, and told that he and Major Torrance (who had been sent to his own district at Winnipeg) would be tried by Court Martial at Angler on the 9th of June - One week from today - The officer in charge here was extremely kind & sym-pathetic to Charlie and on account of his illness has al-lowed him to live at home and to go out to the golf ground. But he cant go into any public place, and must report at Stanley Barracks at certain hours.
Charlie's friends have rallied round him marvellously and an old friend Everett Bristol

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3/ is getting back into the Army
for the express purpose of
taking on Charlies defence
at Angler next Monday -
Charlie said to tell you that
he was most appreciative for
your sympathy + to tell
you that all his requests
had met with most sym-
-pathetic treatment from Ottawa -
We hope all will be well
but one can never tell and
it is a most anxious + most
trying time for us all -
John was taken home from the
Hospital on Saturday and
seems to be making an
excellent recovery from the
last operation - Poor young
things! They have certainly
had a bad time -

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4/ Many thanks dear for your kindly interest in our unfortunate mix up. and with lots of love - I am
Yours affectionately
Cora

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3/ were put on the fence and so the administration white washed to that extent. I think Willie will understand, and if he will speak to the Minister (Ralston) indicating that they dont need my scalp to make them clean, it will be a lot better for me."

- I really think the odds are distinctly in favor of clearance, but there always that chance, and Willie can fix it if he will."

With humble apologies for troubling you at this time dear, and with fondest love from us all

Ever yours affectionately

Cora

18 McKenzie Ave
May 6th
Toronto

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file 13 Mc-Kenzie Ave
Toronto
Jan 18th

My dearest Willie. I am enclosing you herewith a copy of Varsity of 17th of Jan. You may not have seen it The editorial, which I have marked, was written, I think, by a young chap, Larry Smith - a Kap. who lives at the Kappa Alpha House No. 160 St George St. and it gives a very clear idea of the way some of our younger men feel about what took place at Ottawa last Tuesday. Young George has been studying the Report for weeks and it was he who gave me the copy of Varsity. He is very hot about the whole affair - and may say the same for myself. It has just struck me that you might perhaps make use of what this boy Smith, has written. But it a pity that some of our grown up editors haven't the courage to express the contempt they, too, must feel for

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2/ the "Saboteurs"
Two of the three men who scuttled the Conference ran perfectly true to form, and only did what we should have expected of them – but it is hard to realize that Duff Pattullo could leave behaved as he did –
No one forced him to attend the conference – he has had plenty of time to think it through, and to have advised you of his intentions.
That he should have travelled across the Continent, in person, to put himself on record in the discourteous way he did is not what one might have expected of a man of gentle birth & breeding.
I hope he is comfortable in his new affiliations.
He will henceforward be known by the company he keeps.
I am intensely grateful that they did not trap you into any discussion of War Policy or work. Evidently some of

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3/ them wanted to accomplish that.
I have just been speaking
with John and Mary at the
Hospital. John has held his
own very well in the past
two days and his voice
sounded much stronger than
I would have thought possible
after all he has gone through
poor little chaps!
Ida and Mary send their
love when I told them I was
writing to you.
Lots of love dear - and
more power to you! I am
so glad you have arrived
to that point where you
can take these things in
your stride and not let
them ruffle you.
I get so hot about it. I'd like
to buy a thousand copies
of Variety to send to some
people I know.
Ever yours affectionately
Cora

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and by [illegible] 11-3-41

My dearest Willie

Much as I hate to add one more item to your crowded agenda, I am coming to you for help in a matter which has been troubling me a lot. I know you will understand & will do what you can for me. You will realize that I have been very much worried about the break up at the Prison Camp, & how the outcome of the investigation may affect Charlie. I have just had a letter from Charlie, telling me that the investigation is over, and that the Commission has adjourned to consider their findings. He found them most considerate and is hoping for a favorable outcome. He feels that his conscience is quite clear in the matter but

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2/ there is always that regrettable angle, which was injected into the thing by the Evening Telegram with regard to Charlies relationship to you, and the suggestion that he only got the appointment because of his political affiliations and his Cousinship to the Prime Minister.
I can see that Charlie is worried about that for he says "I am not sure that some of the higher ups at Ottawa wont want to do something to me just to satisfy that criticism of the Conservative Papers. I am therefore asking you to write to Willie telling him how I feel in the matter. The evidence will certainly clear me, but it has to be reviewed at Ottawa, and I want to be sure that there will be no throwing of reputations to the lookves." "Since public attention has been focussed on our relation-ship there may be those who would feel the situation more thoroughly purged if my hide

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13 McKenzie Avenue
Toronto
August 21st
1941

My dearest Willie. This is just a line to tell you how glad I was to hear from Jennie of your safe arrival in London, and of how much you had enjoyed the trip. It was so kind of you to call me on Monday Night to say goodbye as it gave me a chance to wish you God-speed and to pray for your safety. I am enclosing you a few cuttings from the Globe & Mail. I am sure the graceful volte-face of Mr. McIntosh will amuse you - Isn't the picture of you in the plane a good one? I hope you will have reason to smile like that to the end of your Journey, Dear -

Much love from us all

Cora

Friday A.M.
Aug 22.

Mrs. G.G.S. Lindsey

P.S. I had to open my letter to enclose picture of you in this A.M.'s G&M - Isn't it sweet!!!

You look like young Harry & about as old!!!

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13 McKensie Avenue
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February 20th.

My Dear Willie,

I realize that this is no time to add the weight of a single word to your burdens, so let me be brief.

First, I want to send you my long belated thanks for your book, which you so kindly sent me for Christmas, and the title of which you have so abundantly justified in these hectic times.

I delayed thanking you until I had read it through, at least once, and I may tell you that I keep it beside me so that if my political faith should waver in the least I have a good tonic close at hand.

Before I get down to my real reason for writing to you today, I just want to congratulate you on the result of the four Divisions in the House yesterday.

And could it possibly be symptomatic of a change of heart on the part of the Globe and Mail which induced it toinclude on it's Editorial Page today,(even if on the jumping off column)the letter of one R.J.Smith of Halifax, headed "Criticism of Government Considered Destructive."? This letter seems to embody very largely the views of most of the sane inhabitants of this psychotic city. and to disagree with much that the editorial page has been inflicting upon the defenseless population.

I disagree, however , with Mr Smiths closing paragraph, with regard to the defeat of Mr Meighen being a [redacted] SAD loss to the House of Commons. The only SAD aspect of the thing is that Mr Meighen, like the dog in the fable, has dropped the substance for the shadow."

Mitch and Roebuck certainly did a good job between them, and have left the Noble 200 in a sort of stupor!

Now I want to ask you a favor.I have no photograph of you up here with me, excepting a very large one, and I want a small one to put in a little

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leather case for George to carry with him when he goes to Camp in about a fortnight.

The boy has a very deep-rooted admiration for you, and yesterday he asked me shyly for some small picture of you which he might carr in his Kit when he goes away. I would also like a few copies of that little papmhlet "This man King "
I had one which I gave to George and he says it is wo worn to a shred, from being passed about in a sort of missionary service amongst the students at the Universi He says he would like a new one because it gives such a complete answer to so many of the criticisms he meets.

I see plainly now why I have been allowed to live this long, just so that I can complete the Political education of these two Grandsons and send them down theroad, two staunch Liberals, who may someda be a credit to the Party and their Country.
It has not been an easy job, because of certain cross currents, but it would have done your heart good to have been at some of the secret sessions up here in Grannie's back room during the recent By-election campaign.

We wanted to ring you up on the night of the elections just to congratulate you, but we were afraid you might have decided to call it a day, and have gone to bed.

George is now writing his finals. When these are over he goes to Stanley Barracks to get all the necessary antitoxins and Serums, then he goes to Camp in Brockville, Sub-Lieut.in the Artillery Dont try to answer this Dear, but if you could just writ a word on the back of the photograph for George and send it with the little pamphlet to him here, I know how pleased and proud he would be.

Lots of love Dear, and God speed you on your way.

Yours affectionately
Cora

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:CORA.

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Ottawa, December 17, 1941

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

Warmest thanks, dear Cora, for your ever loving birthday greetings conveyed in your wire just received. I send every loving wish to you all for Christmas Season and the New Year.

Willie.

Chg: Prime Minister's Office

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March 16, 1942

My dear Cora:

I have found copies of the little pamphlet to which you referred in your letter - the existence of which, however, I had completely forgotten - and am enclosing them herewith. I also am enclosing a photograph which I shall be grateful if you will send on to George together with the pamphlets. I am terribly sorry not to have replied at once to your letter. Quite frankly, I have been so driven of late that I have no chance whatever for personal correspondence.

I am greatly interested in what you told me of George and, indeed, not a little touched by the knowledge of his regard and affection for myself. When you write him to Brockville, please say that I would welcome a visit from him at any time that he may be in the vicinity of Ottawa, and not to hesitate to bring one of his comrades with him. It may well be that I shall be so busy as to have to leave them to look after themselves

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but, at least, I will be able to share a meal with them, and they will perhaps be able to look after themselves at Laurier House during part of the day or over the night.

Here again, it is impossible for anyone without an inside knowledge of the day to day course of my life to realize how completely every hour, and, for that matter, every part of an hour is given over to matters related to the war and the country, and getting sufficient rest meanwhile not to become over-fatigued.

I am much hoping that Easter may afford me a day for Toronto and Barrie, in which event I shall hope to see you at that time.

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto,
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Thursday
March 19th 42

My dearest Willie

What a dear dependable sone you are! And how grateful I am to you for all the trouble you have taken! Your parcel came yesterday & I sent it on at once to George. I also sent on my letter from you as I knew you had no time to write to him too. I was longing to open the parcel & look at the photographs but I felt sure that George would rather open the parcel himself so I just sealed it up & sent it on & I wrote him a line enclosing your letter to me. So he would get your invitation to him to go to see you, to Ottawa & take a friend with him, his room mate at Brockville is a boy who went through the

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university with him - He is the son of a Dr MacDonald of Port Dalhousie - such a nice boy & a Kap - I feel sure that George will nominate Bill McDonald to go to Ottawa with him & how proud & how pleased they will both be.
It is extremely kind of you to invite them & I assure you that I appreciate it too.
George will of course write you himself - meantime I just wanted you to know the parcel had come & to thank you again for the trouble you went to about it - knowing how much you have to do I hated to ask you to do it.
Much love Dear & with renewed thanks Ever yours affectionately
Cora

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Ottawa, April 30, 1942

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie A venue,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Cora: Please accept the expression of my very sincere sympathy in the passing of Mrs. McDougald. Every affectionate good wish as ever to you.

Willie.

(Charge:
Prime Minister's Office,
W. L. Mackenzie King)

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Sunday
May 3rd
1942

My dearest Willie

Thank you very much for your kind letter of sympathy. You never forget, do you Dear? It has been a sad week for me, but I wouldn't have her back, poor little soul, for there was evidently something worse in store for her - and Heaven knows she had suffered enough already. She was a very brave little person and endured in her family life, enough to have killed almost any other woman. As one after another, these dear ones pass on, I question more & more where & why - and wish it were not such a mystery Dont you?

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2/ on some other plane, in some other dimension it will be made plain to us - no doubt, but- sometimes I find it a long time to wait!
Recently I came across two small pamphlets, Penguin Series written by a man called Hadham an Englishman.
They are entitled
"Good God" -
"God in a world at war".
I was much intrigued by them.
I gave mine away so I can't send them to you. Any way I dont suppose you have much time for that sort of reading.
I was thrilled at the response to the Plebescite. and you never rose to such a sublime height as you did in your last

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3/ speech. I cant begin to tell you all that I heard in praise of it. nor can I express the gratitude we all feel that your hand is on the helm.

Fondest love Dear, and again many thanks for your message.

Ever your loving

Cora

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Toronto 6
Sept 7th 1942

My dearest Willie,

I have been going through a box of old papers and letters, and have found some rather intriguing scraps, so I am going to send them to you. These things have not seen the light of day for much more than 20 years and if I pack them away again now they may not turn up again, certainly not in my lifetime.

John told me you had said, when you were in Barrie, that when you turned over the ship of State to some one else, (which I hope may not be for many a long day) that it was your hope, to be able to devote yourself to writing, so I cant think of any one better fitted to be the custodian of these "scraps" than yourself. If they are really worth any thing, I know they will be safe with you I am sure you will not find either the time or the inclination to go into them just now, but they might never pass my way again and one cannot tell into whose hands they might fall. Any that do not seem to be worth while - I beg you will just destroy them

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1 There is the first copy of "Mackenzies Weekly Message" January 27th 1853 - I know you will like to have that! —

2 A very disreputable looking one dollar bill (no 26244) of the very disreputable Bank of ~~Ur~~ Upper Canada - Montreal Jan 21st 1821 - Your grandfather has expressed his opinion in no uncertain words about the Institution and its managers, you will find it attached to the bill —

3 A letter from a cousin of Mackenzie one George Robertson - who lived at Alyth. dated April 1st 1859.

4 A note to Lorenzo Hoyt from Martin Van Buren. June 1827

5 A note from the office of Lord Raglan June 1853

6 several letters to the Late Charles Lindsey & more to McKenzie notably one from Darcy McGee ✓

7 An extraordinary document by one Thomas O'Connor - 1843. dealing with the Irish question which was then as difficult as it is today - The mans animosity towards Britain

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in General and the Protestant Church in particular rather interested me. Poor old chap, he grows terribly excited and sails closer to the wind than ever his beloved Roman Catholicism could sanction. Here is a pathetic little note enclosing a small amount of money to your Grand father.
If I come across any thing more that might interest you I will send them on to you.

You have, no doubt, heard how much pleasure the new mattress brought with it. Hazel was in Barrie last week and she was loud in her praise of your generosity and the timeliness of your gifts and how much pleasure your visit had given Jennie.

You will be glad to hear that my Jim has enlisted in the American Navy, for 4 years, as a Boatswains 2nd mate. They refused him some time ago chiefly because of his eye sight, he evidently did something about correcting the trouble + came up from Key West to Miami where he was accepted. He thinks it will be for

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duty in adjacent waters.
Of course he is a bit over the age but he feels he may be of some service because he knows those waters & has had some experience and took a course in seamanship. He expects to be called at any time now - He is at No 15 South East 6th Street Miami We have all sent him wires of congratulations. I am glad & proud that he wanted to go I told him so & that I felt he had done the right thing, for after all, he has lived in the U.S.A for 20 years and owes his allegiance there.
We all enjoyed your speech so much. Why dont you give us another one soon. I dont think you have any realization of how much good they do nor how well they are received. I dont think that any one has made a speech that went home & counted like that last speech of yours. Please give my love to Joan and my congratulations upon her find boy. I was so much interested in hearing him speak, as well as in reading about what he had done.

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I hope you are now enjoying your place in the Country you have certainly Earned some holidays out there - Much love Dear ! & God Bless you and Keep you safe & well ! We need you so -

Cora

P.S. I hope you are getting enough tea ! I am now a Postum addict- It is really very good indeed !

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Day letter

Ottawa, September 10, 1942

Mrs. G.G.S. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Deeply grateful, dear Cora, for very precious volumes received from you. Will write later. Am broadcasting at 9 tonight. Affectionate good wishes.

Mackenzie King.

Charge: Prime Minister's Office.

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September 11, 1942

My dear Cora

I cannot begin to tell you how deeply I value your kindness in sending me the collection of letters which I acknowledged by telegram yesterday. The package arrived on Wednesday evening but I did not open it until Thursday morning, the third anniversary of Canada's entry into the war - September the 10th. It was almost as if the gift had been Heaven sent for there were parts of some of the communications that made it seem as if my grand-father were speaking directly to me, and as if the letters were meant to bring home the responsibilities that were mine to carry on his work in the larger arena of today. It is surprising in how many ways there are parallels between his life and my own, only mine has been infinitely easier and really pleasurable in comparison. The one thing we seem to have had in common was the unrelenting enmity of the Tories of the day.

I shall treasure these letters always, and my pride in their possession will be many times enhanced by their coming as a gift from you. I had not seen your letter when I sent the telegram but it came allong later in the day, and I derived a great happiness from the reading of it.

It is quite true that I look forward, above all else, to having a little time to devote

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to literary pursuits. I have had, in mind, for many years, writing Mackenzie's life. The life written by George for the Makers of Canada series is excellent for that series. What I have in mind, however, is something more interpretative of Mackenzie's soul, if I may use that word as I know you will understand it.

The more I learn of his life, of its trials, its sufferings and its great integrity, the more I believe it has a message for our country, and indeed for the world, than has, thus far, been given. Whether I can do what I have in mind or not, I do not know, but it is a task I should like to attempt. If I ever do, I have no doubt that I shall be able to have access to all the Mackenzie papers that are available at the University or elsewhere.

I would also like, if the opportunity should present itself, to write my own memoirs. I have a great fund of valuable material -- many letters that are most valuable, and much inside knowledge and information in respect not only to political affairs in Canada, but to events such as those connected with the present war, the abdication of King Edward, the proceedings of Imperial Conferences, talks with Hitler and others, my associations with Harvard, with the Rockefeller Foundation, with Mr. Rockefeller, the two Roosevelts, men like Sir Wilfrid, Lord Grey, Willingdon and others would make, I think, an interesting volume, to say nothing of what I would like to attribute of any success I may have had to my father and mother and the influence of our home.

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So, you see, what you have sent to me is very precious, and I am more grateful to you for these volumes and for a similar gift some years ago, than I can begin to tell you.

The next time I am in Toronto, I shall hope to have a chance for a longer talk. When I see Joan, I will read her your letter. She will be greatly pleased at its reference to Jack.

I hope, sometime you will be able to pay me another visit. If the war had not been exacting every hour of my time, I would have arranged something this summer for you and Jennie. Perhaps before we are all too far along the way of life, there may be an armistice which will afford us the opportunity.

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
13 MacKenzie Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Toronto
13 McKenzie Ave.
Dec 16th

My dearest Willie

Tomorrow will be your birthday and I cannot let the day go by without a single good wish out of the many I have for you.

Thank God! you have been spared to us! Thank God you are safe and well! and I hope you have an awareness of at least some of our love and affection for you and our gratitude for all you have done + are doing for us all.

This is just a scrawl because I have been quite ill with Flu + Bronchitis. However I am better + am beginning to get a little of the Old Xmas Spirit.

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2/ Isn't it good news about Dear old Harry? after all he has gone through - Good news too about John and his new job. This will now wipe out all his sense of inferiority at not-being able to do any thing in the war. I have amazing good news from Jim - He is so happy & is loving his life at Sea - He is on a wonderful big new schooner on the Caribbean coast - Guard work. Hopes to get to his Base - Port Everglades on X-mas Day & will ring me up. The papal Globe home from Ottawa for Xmas - He was taken by the Government Research Bureau & has been there for some weeks now - has a room in the house of a Col. Lawson at 168 4th Ave Ottawa -

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3/ Charlie is up at Chippewa - you will know what he is doing there.
I have a few more old + crushed bits of letters out of the pool for you Dear, but I cant send them today - I only meant to send you a line from us all for your birthday -
May you have many more of them - much love

Cora

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My dearest Willie,

Isn't it bad enough to have the cares of this country on your shoulders, (not to mention the Globe & Mail and Hon. G. Drew) without my adding to your worries by so many letters? But if you only knew how heroic I have been all these last weeks, how hard it has been, not to rush for my pen after each news broadcast you would appreciate my consideration I am sure.

I loved the way you dealt with every thing - and your speech was a master piece - There are so many things I want to speak about but not this time. Just two things now one - about Sir Williams story

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regarding George McCullagh.
The story was not told to me
it was told to Jennie in her
own drawing room, over a cup
of tea once when he was on his
way home from his little
fishing lodge - Jennie will tell
you all about it! - I heard
it like this, after the close
of a senate meeting 3 in 10.
thinking he was alone in the
room, heard a footstep &
discovered that George McC.
was still in the room.
Calling him over to the
table where he was seated
he asked him why he
persisted in the persecution
of Mackenzie King, and
what he expected to gain
from it - and the answer
was that he meant to
destroy Mr. King & would
persist in his present course
till he accomplished that
end. I hear that he is now
growing very bold in his
statements and I am sure

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that he could be trapped into making some statements which might be invaluable as campaign literature.
Wouldn't A.E.K & Ethel help out? I know they loathe the man McC. & despise his wretched paper - It would be a great thing to get him to admit the conversation, referred to, with Sir W - another thing. I wanted to thank you for you kindness & hospitality to Casimir. He was thrilled about it all thought you were most kind and that Laurier House was the most interesting place he had ever seen.
He is now out in Vancouver on his way to we dont know where - nor for what. however he is quite happy & likes it all. so thats all that we need to worry about.

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Geore is back from England and is in Ottawa for the present.

He very much wants to see you - to have a little talk with you alone - Not about his own affairs or interests. but he thinks you might like to hear some of his reactions during his 16 months in England where he was in it - yet not in it if you know what I mean. His telephone numbers are.

Capt. G.R.L. C.A.O.G.L. Earlier Sch. Bdg.
Working hours Phone 9-6651-

Lodgings Mr. Weir
35 Patterson ~~Rd~~ Ave
Phone 4-3758-

No more now Dear -
Only my love and may

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God bless you + Keep you
safe for us all -
Ever your loving
Cora

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Night letter

Ottawa, December 24, 194[illegible]

Mrs. G.C.S. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Cora: You are much in my thoughts this Christma[illegible]
Eve. I send affectionate good wishes to you and to all at
McKenzie Crescent.

Willie

Charge: Prime Minister's Office.

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Toronto
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Dearest Willie I am ashamed to have been so long in thanking you for your cheery telegram for Christmas. But I do so now & believe me, though belated, my thanks and reciprocation are none the less sincere. I also want to thank you for your kind attention to George in having him for dinner, as well as for ringing me up and taking a rise out of me. I thoroughly enjoyed it & never thought you were such a practical joker. George enjoyed his evening with you so much and was so interested in all the things you showed him. What impressed him most, I think, was your absolute naturalness & simplicity. Your kindly interest in every one &

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2/ your serenity of mind.
He has been home quite recently
with some secret papers - He
spent two days working at
P.E.I. then went back
again as stealthily as he came
with his secret papers - He may
be moved to Toronto for a
time, but he enjoys the work
down there now and has
got over the first loneliness.
I have asked Nelson to look
him up when he can get the
time. I know George would
appreciate it.
Wasn't it splendid that Nelson
got the recognition he did?
I got such a nice note from him
yesterday.
John is enjoying his new
work tremendously. He wishes
that he spent the week end
on Long Island with
Helen McMurrich, where
she has a post with a

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3/ very rich old American Lady.
I had a most charming letter
from Mrs. Thompson, the
mother of the little girl
whom young Harry is going
to marry - She sent me such
a cordial invitation to the
wedding - and I am really
sorry I cannot "make the
grade". But I really feel that
my travelling days are done.
It is too bad that Harrys
family will not be able to
be present in numbers at his
wedding, but I quite under-
stand why Jennie feels she
couldn't leave Harry even
for so short a trip. Young
Harry was evidently very
thrilled & cheered up by a
message you sent him
recently - You never forget to

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4/ do the nice kind things for people, do you?
I am sending you a little box with a jumble of papers & letters. Perhaps some of them may interest you!
I don't know what the long screed is all about. It is evidently part of some M.S.S in Charles Lindsey's handwriting. It might be some of the last writing he did, if so it will be about the Banking Act!
The contents of the box are yours Dear, to do what you wish with them. It may be that sometime you might be interested in them, but that time is not now. However I am glad to get them into your keeping.
The same day I heard President

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53 Roosevelt speak & also heard the Hon Geo Drew. It was certainly a transition from the sublime to the ridiculous.

Hon. Geo. consumed 61 minutes telling the Empire club all the facts about the British Empire. It was a scholarly thesis that any schoolboy of 12 might have produced with pride. Its purpose was to warn the world that the man who spoke of a "Commonwealth of Nations" had no ground on which to stand.

However, be it said to his credit (Hon. Geo) he never alluded to the Death & Burial of the Old Conservative Party at Winnipeg nor did he send a single jibe towards that "moribund" goat at Ottawa nor the "moronic" individual who presides over it.

Wasn't Roosevelt sublime?

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6/ I just love the way he just-
takes one into his confidence
& sort of muses out-loud.

If you ever get this for, in
this silly screed - take lots
& lots of love Dear Willie
and every good wish for
your happiness and well-
-being in the New Year.

Yours affectionately
Cora

P.S. The reason I didn't write
sooner, I may say, is
because we have all had
flu. Carrie is still in bed
but hopes to be back at
R.E.-L. in a few days.

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January 14, 1943

My dear Cora:

I was delighted to receive, last night, your kindest of letters. Let me thank you for all that you have written.

Let me thank you, too, most warmly for the box of letters which you have sent on to me. I am sure they will prove to be - as did the last collection - a veritable treasure trove. It means much to me to have these communications.

I often regret that I did not begin my early interest in public affairs by making a study of my grand-father's life and times in relation particularly not only to the events of 1837-38, but to what was likely to happen a century later.

I still have not given up the hope of being able to attempt some interpretation of Mackenzie's life along these lines, but whether that chance

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will ever come my way or not, it is hard at present to say.

I wish I had more time for writing; some time also to see something of the younger people who are around me here, and growing up in their own homes and in other parts of Canada. One of the greatest privations of my public life has been that of being so completely cut off from all of my own and the new generations. Fortunately, the background of one's life has left much to be most grateful for.

Mrs. G.G.S. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie St.,
Toronto, Ont.

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

MEMORANDUM

FOR THE PRIME MINISTER:

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey, of Toronto, was trying to reach you by telephone at about 8.30 o'clock this evening.

The Toronto Operator said Mrs. Lindsay would like you to call her, if it is not too late when you return to Laurier House. (Toronto Operator 505).

FM.

Feb. 6, 1943

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To
Harpers Magazine
Frederick L. Allen
Editor

13 Mc Kenzie Ave
Rosedale
Toronto
Feb 15th 1943

Dear Mr. Allen

I have been asked by a number of Liberal Women here to write to you regarding the article in Harpers Magazine of January, written by a man called E. A. Brown. The article is about our Prime Minister, the Honorable W. L. Mackenzie King.

Because I was one of the founders of the first Organization of Liberal Women here in 1917 and one of its earliest Presidents these Women have asked me to write and tell you how keenly they all feel about the Caricature of Mr. King which Mr Brown has presented in your Magazine and in order to spare you a flood of protesting letters I consented to write to you, myself.

This article came as a great surprise to us in Canada. I understand that Mr.

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2/ Brown made no mention of his intention of writing this article, and moreover, that there was no communication from your Board asking if this Mr. Brown would be acceptable to Prime Minister King, as a Biographer.

You will realize, I am sure, that much of the interest and value of the article would be naturally derived from the fact that the writer was supposed to have been one of Mr. Kings secretaries and would therefore have personal knowledge of the things about which he wrote. Such, however, is emphatically not the case Mr. Brown was never one of Mr. Kings secretaries, nor did he have any personal relationships nor immediate contacts with him. He was engaged to assist in the drafting of correspondence with certain Public Boards and bodies, statements to the Press etc'.

Now what Mr. Brown has done

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3/ is to take some of the much advertised propaganda of Mr. Kings Political Opponents and give it the his article as the view of the public - Imagine, if you can a writer going to "Wall Street" say, and collecting at its face value, all that was being said against Mr. Roosevelt, then making a contribution of it to one of the leading British or Canadian Magazines as a Review of the President of the United States from the inside written by one of his secretaries.
I am sending you herewith, a copy of an article written by Mr. John Dafoe of Winnipeg who is looked upon as the most experienced journalist we have in Canada. He has written the Life of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Life of Sir Robert Borden, the Life of Sir Clifford Sifton etc, and is an intimate friend of all the leading men in Canada - Until I read Mr. Dafoes article I was at a loss

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to find any reason for Mr. Browns curious handling of the article about our Prime Minister. which I couldn't help feeling was very much in the nature of a betrayal, then it became abundantly clear to me that it was just another Political attack.

I am sending you a small pamphlet which was put out during an Election campaign in order to answer the propaganda and silence the common enemy which I fear Mr. Brown now represents. During the campaign I speak of we were constantly asked "Who is this man King? They say he is not fit to lead us, "too ignorant, too sympathetic to "Quebec. too kind to the Roman "Catholic Church. A man of no "strength of character etc. etc.

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5/ So finally we gave them the little pamphlet which I am sending you. I wonder if you will do me the favor to read these two enclosures?
Speaking of elections I am reminded of the tremendous support the country has given Mr. King - In 1935 he was returned with 172 seats in the House of Commons out of a total of 245 seats, and, in the 1940 election when he went back to the people to get a fresh mandate for his war work the people who mistrust "this poor old worn out man" gave him an added 6 seats, making 178 in all All of these he has maintained up to the present time - This, after Mr. King having been in power for more than 20 years -

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6/ In face of this it seems almost too petty to give even a passing thought to what Mr. Brooks says in his criticism of Mr. King. He draws a picture of a tired worn out old man living in the past & not even interested in the present. A remote solitary, friendless, individual. He criticizes even his personal appearance, his gait, his home and his wearing apparel & with utter disregard for the time honored if unwritten law that "Comparisons are odious" he subjects Mr. King to comparison with the two most colorful and attractive personalities in public life in the world today. Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt then, after remarking that Mr. King is not Photogenic he assures us that it is not because of this

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7/ ~~[illegible]~~ that his face does not appear on war posters but that "What his country men believe his character to be does not satisfy their notion of a National Leader!"
In order to prove ~~[illegible]~~ to his readers how unpopular Mr. King is he feels obliged to introduce a very humor-less and rather vulgar story about an old inebriate on a Toronto tram. In another place he would suggest that people did not trust Mr. King nor think him quite straight-forward "an astute old fellow "who will never take a straight "course where he can find a "crooked one, or say a simple "word when he can think up an "ambiguity" Surely, surely, these are not the prerogatives of a Biographer, even if Mr. Brown

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8/ made the mistake of imagining he was a biographer. Here is a man who has given the best part of his life to his country, given generously and unstintingly - He has preserved peace & amity between two peaces, the French and the English when, at times the antagonism was very strong, when there was no other living man in Canada who could have done it. When war was declared on Germany Mr King at once sprang into action. Surrounding himself with the best brains of the country he worked unremittingly to place Canada where she stands today beside the other Allied nations.

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9/ The best people in Canada the majority of people in this Country today are proud of Mr. King and grateful for what he has done and is doing, early + late, day after day. This attack upon him has hurt us bitterly and I am sure that you and your advisory Board will feel like making us the "Amende Honorable". It seems to me that a fine way in which to do it, without making any reference whatever to the unfortunate blunder of Mr. Browne would be to take the little pamphlet I am sending you herewith, and get

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10/ some more sympathetic person to add to it some of the out-standing achievements of Canada since the war began, not forgetting to give a little credit to the "man ~~behind~~ behind the gun".

It may mean so much to Canadas war effort to correct the impression left by Mr. Browns article, for your magazine is very widely read in Canada.

And now I throw myself at your feet in apology for having taken up so much of your valuable time.

I am sure you will be generous: And I

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10/ some more sympathetic person to add to it some of the out-standing achievements of Canada since the war began, not forgetting to give a little credit to the "man ~~behind~~ behind the gun".

It may mean so much to Canadas war effort to correct the impressions left by Mr. Browns article, for your magazine is very widely read in Canada.

And now I throw myself at your feet in apology for having taken up so much of your valuable time.

I am sure you will be generous: And I

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Yours very sincerely
Cora Lindsey

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I wouldn't be at all afraid of your
being biographed by him!!
but I didn't want to suggest
him to Mr. Allen. The time is
not ripe yet for a biography
of you - you have to add a
lot more achievements still
& then some - I must tell you a joke
about Casimir. He was very hot
about Professor Browns article
and made me read him bits
of my letter - After a lull in our
conversation yesterday he said
"I know whats the matter with
"Mr. King Jeannie, he would be
"a dence of a fine fellow Jeannie
"if he would just sit down &
"drink Whiskey and swap
"stories with them, thats all these
"old Tories want." Cassie cut his
eye teeth about many things during
his residence at Camp Borden.
He wrote me from there once
"This is a perfect sink hole
"of iniquity Jeannie - every one
"who isnt drunk is on his

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Personal

February 20, 1943

My dear Cora:

It was not until this morning that I had a chance to open the envelope which brought your kindest of letters and its most welcome of enclosures.

Nothing could be better than the letter you have sent to Mr. Allen. I shall be greatly surprised if it does not bring a reply which will more than compensate for the distress which you have been occasioned by Brown's caricature. I am sure the wiser course was to write to the editor of the magazine rather than to Brown himself. The article was much more a revelation of his character than any index of mine.

It sometimes amuses me to see how very little what other people say affects me. I have become so used to abuse and calumny over the many years [illegible] I have been in public life that I have become well nigh immune to whatever may be said in the way of criticism. That, howeve does not cause me to be the less

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grateful at heart for championships of myself like your own. Indeed I can think of no expression of love and loyalty which could be a truer one than that which you have given in the article you have sent to Harper's.

I am retaining, for the present, the copy of the letter you have written. If you have not yourself retained a copy, I shall have the one you have sent me typed and return the original to you. Meanwhile do please accept my heartfelt thanks for all you have done to uphold the family name and tradition.

Give my love to Casimir, and with fondest love to yourself,

Ever affectionately yours

Willie

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which I asked for and a message to you.
I am sending his letter on to Charlie as I have made a copy of his message for you. I need not tell you how very grateful I should be if you could put in a word for him.

Every time I read Mr. Bronowi article I get more & more incensed. and I have just had a sort of inspiration to send a letter of protest to the Editor of Harpers Magazine.



16-8-1943
13 McKenzie Ave.
Rosedale
Toronto.

Dearest Willie

How do you like my new notepaper?

I sent the maid to get me a smoothe pad, and this is what she produced. with such evident pride that I hadn't the heart to send it back.
I'm afraid my friends will just have to put up with it. This is no time to waste perfectly good notepaper, nor is it timely to spare

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the emblem so dear to us all. I've been hoping to get the Winnipeg Free Press so that I can get to work on Mr. E.K. Brower. But it did not come in my morning mail.

I got a letter however from Jim with a message for you. Some time ago Jim said he would be most grateful to you if you could mention in one of your visits to Washington, that you had a humble cousin in the American Navy. So I told him to give me his Naval identification and I would ask you about it. I don't know if he is in coastal defense or not. I rather think it is in some water farther afield in looking for "those things" as he once put it to me. The boats are wooden, all "sail"; no auxiliary power whatever & they are being built as fast as possible for this particular work. Today he sends me a letter with the information

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nor does he throughout his 16 full ~~pages~~ columns find time nor space to allude to any of Mr. King achievements which have placed Canada at the top of the page today I might refer to dozens of them such as the memorable and Historic meeting of Mr. King & Mr. Roosevelt at the time of the Hyde Park agreement, Lend Lease, Price Ceiling Oh I could go on indefinitely if it would be wise to draw the attention of these Editors to their mistake. Then, another thing! Could I send them a copy

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Surely they must have some board of superoisors who pass judgment on each article before it goes through. I can only think they must have been asleep at the switch when this one went through.

It is monstrous to think that a magazine of the scope & importance of Harpers could have been aware of the picture they drew of the Prime Minister of Canada

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and sent out to its many millions of readers.
We, the thousands of people in Canada who have placed this man at our head, love him and revere him and are so grateful to him for all he has done for Canada & the Allies that we resent most bitterly.
What has been written by this man Brown, who, in the residue of a few months very indifferent service at Ottawa and two (or at most three) personal conversations with the Prime Minister undertakes to write a sketch of Mr. King - in which he relegates him to the remote past - and compares him invidiously to the leaders of other allied countries - Ridicules his speech + gait and manner of dress - and goes back to his boyhood to prove that he is a sentimentalist & dreamer.

Personal appearance + home

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The fact however stands out most luridly -
This man is a Canadian - was educated here + from his own showing, in this cutting, didnt do too badly in his native land.
Yet he goes over the border & sells us out so to speak - not one word of commendation about Canada nor what she has done, and if he didnt do it for the "30 pieces" What did he do it for? was he ever a secretary, if so, one of how many? how I must stop I, am taking valuable time.
Much love
Cora



of "Who is this man King". and mildly suggest that if they do not know Mr. K they might be glad of this. Another thing where could I get the figures showing the majority you have had in the last two General Elections - I mean the total Liberal Majority.
I wonder if you saw the account of himself and his own personal experiences While Mr. Brown has furnished the magazine -

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one might almost gather from that, that you and he had had a sort of David & Jonathan intimacy before he could dare to embark upon the skeleton of "his old Boss".
When my mind seeks for the reasons Mr. Brown had I can't help thinking it bears a strong family resemblance to an old and well remembered incident when "30 pieces of silver" figured quite prominently in one mans reasoning.
I hate to bother you again [illegible] I do want to thank you for paying for our conversation on Saturday night.
Oh. Just one more thing John & Mary feel very hot about this thing. and Mary warned me that Mr. Brown is a very unpleasant man to have any dealings with.
She was in his class in English at Varsity & she said he had such an ugly vindictive nature & such a command of vitriolic abuse that one might be very sorry for one crossing swords or pen with him.

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Personal

February 10, 1943

My dear Cora:

I must apologize for not having forwarded immediately a copy of the Winnipeg Free Press containing Dafoe's article on Brown's contribution to Harper's magazine. I am enclosing two copies of the Winnipeg Free Press article with this letter.

I think your idea of writing the editor of Harper's is a real inspiration. If you would allow me to do so, I would suggest that you write a letter to the editor along the lines you have indicated in your letter to me, and enclose with your letter a copy of Dafoe's article, mentioning in so doing that it is known that this article has been written by Mr. John W. Dafoe who is generally recognized as the most experienced journalist in Canada having, among other books, written "The Life of Sir Wilfrid Laurier" and "The Life of Sir Clifford Sifton, articles on Sir Robert Borden, etc. - an intimate friend of all the leading public men of Canada. Also I would enclose one of the leaflets entitled "Who Is This Man King?" I am enclosing a couple of copies herewith.

It would be well also to mention that in the election before the last, I was given the largest support by the people of Canada of any Prime Minister of Canada, and in the last election, after 1940 - in a period of war - a still larger majority which I have maintained through the three years that have since elapsed.

You might also add that Brown was never one of my secretaries. He was engaged to assist in the drafting of communications to public bodies, statements for the press, etc. but had no personal relationwhip whatever or immediate contacts with myself.

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In writing Harper's, it might do no harm to emphasize the fact that such value as ~~his~~ Brown's article would have in the eyes of the public would be derived from the fact that ~~he~~ Brown was supposed to have been a secretary, and therefore to have personal knowledge of some of the things of which he wrote. I do not think I would bother about writing Brown himself. He must have a distorted nature, or he never would have made the caricature which he did, and which he, himself, thought was a kindly contribution.

It would do no harm to mention that what Brown has done is to take the much advertised propaganda of political opponents and treat it as though it were the view of the public, just as if a writer from Canada were to go to Wall Street and take at its face value all that was said about Roosevelt, and then make a contribution to some Canadian or British magazine purporting to set forth an inside view of the man, ~~because he has, for a time, been the President's secretary~~, and gain an acceptance of the article on the score that he had been one of the President's secretaries.

Please let Jim know that I am glad to have the little memorandum that he has sent. I doubt if there is much that I can do about it but if a chance offers, any word of mine will be only too gladly given.

In writing Harper's, it might be well to express some surprise that no communication of any kind had come to me from Harper's in advance asking if Mr. Brown would be acceptable to me as a biographer, and enquiring as to his particular position in relation to myself, especially ~~when~~ as Mr. Brown himself ~~gave~~ let given no hint whatever to me of his intention on his part to make the contribution he did.

I am sure if you write a friendly line and say that you are doing so on behalf of the Liberal Women of one of the leading organizations in Toronto, your letter might do some good.

I return the cutting enclosed with your letter.

This all sounds very matter of fact and business like except that it has been written so hurriedly. I really seldom give a thought to any of these personal matters. I have an old fashioned belief that if one is satisfied oneself that one is doing all one can & the best one can the rest does not very much matter.

Londest love,
dear Cora,
yours affectionately
Willie

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March 3rd - 43

My dearest Willie I am enclosing a note for Joan Patteson which I wish you would send on to her as I haven't any idea where she lives now. She was so kind to George and I wanted to thank her for it and tell her how much we appreciated her hospitality to him. It has meant so much to George to have been asked to your house and twice to Joans, and he was so pleased about it.

Thank you so much, for your nice letter Dear. I was so afraid I might have said too much, or too little, in writing to Mrs. Allen, but since you are satisfied with it, I am quite happy.

If I had only waited two or three days more before writing, I might have felt that I need not have "gone to Bat" quite so vigorously as I did, however I couldn't possibly have foreseen the turn of events nor, in my very wildest moments, could I have dreamed that you would piss up so magnificently as you did in the Cardin Matter, thus giving the lie direct to every thing our friend

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Mr. Browne said about you.
I never felt so proud of you and you have every right to feel justly proud of yourself for the way you handled the whole matter. Well Mr. Cardin asked for it and he got it! I'm afraid his political Barometer must have been gravely out of order!
Or is it simply that the French are unpredictable?

When I heard on the radio that you were speaking, and that you were in magnificent form ole. how I did wish I were up in that gallery - when the announcer mentioned that Mr. King was wielding his whip I had a mental picture of three rings which might have made Barnum & Bailey & Ringling Brothers turn over in anguish - and how the occupants of the three rings played into your hands - every thing they hoped to use for a want of confidence motion just turned around & rolled the other way - and I loved the way the "Pro's & Con's" came to your rescue. It was a wonderful day & I do wish I'd been there -

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I'm so glad you said what you thought of that man Shields. I understand he is challenging you to open combat. Wouldn't it be fine to leave the helm to enter the forum with him at the Maple Leaf Gardens at this critical moment in Canadian affairs?

I wonder if I could get a copy of Hansard containing the Cardin Episode. By the time one has read the morning paper here ones equilibrium is so upset that it is difficult to get a clear picture of just what took place - and then later in the day the two night-papers do not help much.

One thing I feel sure of however, is, that you refuted, in no uncertain way, every thing Mr. Bracken sought to fasten on you - and by now I should think he must be heartily sorry for what he wrote.

Do you think Mr. Dafoe will have dealt with this last episode in

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the House or will he have possibly felt that he had done enough for the present.

In the remote possibility of Harpers looking for some one to appeal to in the matter of Browns article do you think it likely they might write to Mr Dafoe?

Now Dear I must stop. I am tired. I have been out of circulation for some days - Flu but I am really all right again now -

I just meant to send you half a dozen lines to congratulate you on another victory & see how my pen runs away with me.

I gather that the opposition (if there is any left) must by now be convinced that it will take more than a General Election to get rid of you - It will have to be a Geological Cataclysm or the hand of God.

Lots of love Cora —

P.S. Dont bother returning copy of my letter to Mr. Allen & ...

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Friday
March 12th 43

Dearest Willie

The enclosed has just come! It speaks for itself I think!
In addition to being very anti Roosevelt I would think that some where, in that outfit (Harper Brothers) our friend Mr. Brown has a friend at Court.
By the way - please note the way I am rebuked throughout the note for my very intentional mistake in calling the person in question plain "Mr. Brown" or "that man Brown".
I'd love to find out more about him & where he hales from.
Don't you think there is a want of courtesy on the part

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3/ of Mr. Allen I wrote to him, as editor in chief, and it was at least a polite & courteous letter, however much he may have disagreed with what I said, and I think a more enlightened and gentlemanly man could have signed his name on the part of the other editors - It makes one wonder who it was, who signed for "the editors" I'm afraid, after all, they do have Tories over there as well as here -
Observe that they make no reference to the man posing as one of your secretaries nor do they give any explanation about why he left his perfectly good

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3/ post in an American University to come and poach on other peoples preserves and move Heaven & Earth to force a Contact with you.
Well, the incident is closed now I suppose, but I'm glad I wrote the letter. I only regret that I didn't put some more fire in it. In future I shall always think of "The Professor" and always allude to him as a Judas Iscariot Brown.
Many thanks for the copies of your speech. You have no idea what a relief it is to read what you really did say - minus all the interpolations & suggestions of those half baked reporters. Lots of love - Cora

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March 22, 1943

My dear Cora:

I am exceedingly sorry to have been so long in thanking you for your letter and for permitting me to see its enclosure, which I am returning herewith. I have been busy beyond words with no time for any purely personal matters.

I agree with all you say about the reply from Harper's. It is quite apparent that that magazine has lost the character which once belonged to periodicals of the kind.

I feel sorry that I even countenanced your writing to the magazine. I think, however, that was preferable to writing to Brown. From such comments as I have had on the article, there seems to be general agreement that Brown was "disgruntled" at something and that he is a difficult person. I imagine the article has already been pretty generally forgotten.

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Speaking of engagements, I have been disappointed that on one or two occasions when young George has called at Laurier House, I have either been out or about to leave for the House of Commons. The truth is, I have had no chance whatever to see anything of the young people who are here. I do not think Nelson and his wife have been at Laurier House in the past year. I try to see Arthur to give him a word of friendly counsel now and then, but that has been at odd moment only.

It is a great disappointment to me to have no time for these personal matters, but living alone and giving my time so exclusively to public affairs, it has become impossible for me to attempt anything outside of the latter. I know you will understand.

Let me again thank you most warmly for your most chivalrous defence of my character.

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July 2nd

My dearest Willie

In the words of the B.B.C. Broadcaster "This is a delayed broadcast" _ At least it was originally intended to be told you over the long distance telephone the night after your meeting at Massey Hall -
I couldn't get through to you and since then I haven't been well.
I just wanted to thank you for your marvellous speech that night. It made us all feel so grateful that we have you - wasn't Mr. Davies splendid too?
I just love him for all the nice things he said about you - When he came to that part of his speech I rose up & shouted "Page Mr. E.K. Brown Page Mr. E.K. Brown" much to the amusement of all the others who were listening to the broadcast with me -
Wasn't it Disraeli who said "Everything comes to the man who waits" or words to that effect - and it would almost seem now as if your time of waiting was already over -

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7 Heaven knows it has taken some people a long time to recognize what is due to you - I hope you are about to get a bit of a holiday - If you could just dispose of Herbert Bruce + George Drew - with perhaps a Frenchman or two it might be safe for you to venture away -
By the way I loved the forthright way in which you brought Mr. LaCombe to time - our Boys are all away - and this house is like a Morgue - Not that I was ever in a Morgue - still I have a lively imagination -
Casimir is getting his Basic training up at a camp at Orillia + is looking it all. George is still in Ottawa at the same place -
Perhaps when things slacken up a bit for you you will let George go to see you once, he is coming home in a few weeks now I think -
My Jim has just been discharged from the Am. Navy because they find him physically unfit - He is heart broken about it but this is the third time he has been in hospital and - personally I am rather relieved about it - He is too old for the work + far too delicate. I am glad he made the try + stuck it out all this time - but I shall feel

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3 much happier when his release comes through and he can go back to his life in Florida -

Now I must stop - please excuse bad pencil + pad - I am still in bed. I have had a terrible attack of asthma - Much love dear - Do take care of yourself. I hope you are really as fit + well as you look in your pictures -

With your affectionate Cousin Cora

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Personal July 29, 1943

My dear Cora:

I was so pleased to receive your loving letter of July the 2nd.

It was kind of you to write as you did of the broadcast made at the Canadian-Soviet Friendship Rally at the Maple Leaf Gardens. I am glad you were listening in. Had I had a moment free, I would have rung you up in the course of the day. The broadcast, in fact, was not completed until the afternoon. I have been terribly busy ever since, with Parliament sitting morning, afternoon and night, and on Saturdays as well. There are now more important happenings than ever, and unfortunately I have not more than a moment to write.

I have not had a moment in which to get in touch with Jim. However, I want you to know that I shall keep him in mind, and if a chance offers at all, will arrange to have him come and spend an hour or two with me. This, however, may have to be a week or two hence, as

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there are some very pressing matters to deal with at the moment.

Nothing has distressed me quite so much as the fact that I have not been able to see anything of anyone outside the Cabinet circle and Parliament for I do not know how long. I fear it is literally true that I have been so completely out of touch with family matters that I could not tell you the names of Jennie's children's children, or Max's. However, all of this will, I hope, change for the better ere too long.

I learned in a recent letter from Jennie that you have celebrated your eighty-first birthday anniversary. That is a wonderful record! I hope it is not too late for me to send you my heartiest congratulations, and with them the most loving and best of wishes.

I was sorry to learn of your suffering from asthma. I do hope that you have recovered somewhat since your letter was written, and that you are feeling better.

What an interesting moment this is! I imagine we shall all be even more interested in the events of the coming weeks.

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My dear Cora:

I was sorry not to be able to meet your wishes in the matter of undertaking to speak to the Minister of National Defence about the troops at Thorold, and to send you word of the Minister's reaction thereto.

There is no matter connected with the war concerning which the Department of National Defence is more jealous of its prerogatives than that which relates to the disposition of the forces. You may be perfectly sure, as I am, from certain knowledge, that there is no place in Canada the protection of which has received more careful consideration than the power works in the vicinity of Niagara. It is unthinkable that everything pertaining to that particular area has not been considered with the utmost care.

Since the beginning of the war I have not interfered in any way with any of the Ministers of the Defence Departments, nor indeed with any of the Chiefs of Staff or those who work under their direction. A moment's reflection will let you see just why I have had to be scrupulously careful in this particular. Sooner or later somewhere, in connection with the armed forces, difficulties are certain to arise which involve, in the last resort, action on the part of the Prime Minister. This may extend to a difference between Members of a staff and the Minister, and even to differences between Ministers themselves. Indeed, there have been few wars in which the Prime Minister has not been obliged to make changes in the personnel of the Ministry itself. The army in particular is honey-combed with men who would wish nothing more than an opportunity, on grounds however slender or unfair, to have it appear that I had attempted to influence the judgment of those whose responsibility it is to direct and make disposition of the

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forces. I could give no greater weapon to my personal and political enemies than to allow any action of mine to be subject to an interpretation that at my instance certain action had or had not been taken, when it was a matter in which I should not myself have interfered.

I know that in phoning me you were doing so with the best of intentions and a desire to be helpful to others. I am sure, on reflection, you will see that I would be true neither to myself nor to you had I not let you know, without reservation, just how far I could or could not go, in a matter of the kind.

I was very glad to hear you say you were feeling so much better and to learn that you had been able again to get out and about a little. It was so kind of you, too, to speak so appreciatively of my work at Quebec and of recent broadcasts. You are so strong a champion of me and everything I do that it breaks my heart not to be able to meet any wish of yours, but I know you would not have phoned had you not felt that I would completely understand any request you might make, and would tell you exactly what could or could not be done.

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My dearest Billie

I am so sorry that you were distressed at having to "say me nay" the other night. I more than half expected it when I asked you and I am terribly sorry to have worried you about it! Heaven knows you have enough to worry about, without my being the one to add to them. I quite see how wise you are never to interfere or make suggestions. I can see what it might lead to if you did so. I just felt so sorry for those men who had worked so hard and given their best to build up that Battalion, and I hope you will forgive me for bothering you. Please dont give another thought to our telephone conversation. I like to feel that I can go to you with my troubles + worries

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P/ and if you are going to take it so seriously when you can't do things for me then I won't be able to go to you any more. One thing flashed into my mind when we were talking on the telephone that night. How astoundly wise you were not to interfere & not to make any enquiries. If that could be put over to every body then there would never be any more unfair criticism or blame, such as there was over the Hong Kong affair or, if there should be blame it would not be levelled at the wrong person.

Charlie was home for a night and a day last week. He is very sad about the change and has made up his mind, I think, to get out of the Army Life per good. Though it seems to hurt him. He said he loved living at Niagara, and would try to get something

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3/ to do over there & stay there,
he said he liked the climate
there & the people & I was so
amused when he said: "I can't
think of any thing I'd like better
than to have some job over
there & live there by myself
near the old Mackenzie House"
Wanda is away in Cartierville
with her sister for a month.
& I am quite alone here with
a maid, but I am enjoying it
tremendously.
I am wondering what will come
of the Liberal Convention -
but it splendid about P.E. Island.
I hope it is in the nature of
handwriting on the wall" for
all the other provinces -
I wonder if I told you that my
Jim had been discharged
from the American Navy -
being physically unfit -
He went back to Miami & has
bought a small boat & has

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4/ gone down on the Florida Keys to engage in fishing for the American Govt. He gets all the gasoline he needs for his auxiliary engine + the Govt. purchases all his fish - He seems to feel very happy about it as he says fishing in a large way, is one of the Essential "Musts" now.

Now please, please forgive me for worrying you - and never have any hesitation in saying NO to me again -

Much love Dear

from yours affectionately

Cora

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My dearest Willie

I am sure you have been inundated with letters and I havent wanted to inflict another one on you, but you are so much in my thoughts Dear, that I feel I must send you a line.

I have been thinking so much about Lyon and I cant help feeling that your grief at his loss should be very much tempered with pride. Pride in what he was doing and pride in the way he went out.

"To every man upon this Earth
Death comette soon or late, &
How can man die better"

How could any man die better than Lyon did? while ministering to his injured ship mates.

Just to have earned what the sole survivor of the ship said about his heroism, and

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2/ the kind of man he was is surely in itself a passport to Heaven - I have been thinking that Lyon had much of his Fathers courage - I always felt that Mac was a Hero - How unafraid he was when he went to fight in South Africa - how fearlessly he went to care for the Smallpox victims up North - and then with what heroism he fought his own long battle for Health. I feel sure that Lyon had the same brand of courage and we must all feel very very proud of him. and how deeply grateful you must be that you were able to help them both as you did -

I feel terribly sorry for his young wife. but she is so gifted & so young she will be able to fill her life in time.

My heart aches for poor May I am so glad she had that good

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3/ visit with Lyon before he went to sea -
I had a long talk with Bob Wootten's wife and she told me how the blow had affected Mary and about her sister Gladys being with her in Denver.
She thought it might be better not to write to Mary just now, as she said she was in no fit state to read write such letters just now - I shall write to Gladys later on -
I had a talk with Dr. Rean Marjorie's father and he promised to come & take me up to see Marjorie and the children when they get settled at his house.
I am feeling very sad these days about my friend Wynnie Ballantyne - and I am sure Joan Patteson will feel badly about it too. Just out of a blue sky Wynnie was stricken

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H with a Coronary Thrombosis & she lies in the Hospital deeper-ately ill. Her daughter Mrs. Hartley Zimmerman is here from Ottawa and Burleigh Ballantyne came by plane from Washington They have the best medical advice and there is nothing to do about it but wait & see! Even at best it is bound to be a long and uncertain journey back to health. Here I may tell you that you have no warmer admirer nor more ardent supporter in this country than Mary Bryans has been. She and her sister Mrs. Bowie of Brockville were to have spent the months of November in Florida with George Pattullo & his wife -

I had a nice chat with John Lay about the happy gathering at Boulderfel. I was amused at the tale of the dual baptisms - Gordon Dunlap &

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5/ his young son "John".
Jennie had seven house guests and about fourteen outsiders for the Christening party.
Harry stood it all remarkably well and they were all very happy-
No more now Dear - but fondest love and all my sympathies in your loss.

Cora

Now please do me the favor not to answer this - I always feel so guilty when you take time off to write to me almost as if I had been robbing the government!!!

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October 15, 1943

My dear Cora:

I have just read your kindest of letters. This is not a reply but just a line of acknowledgment. I have not attempted to answer any of the letters received save in a note from one of my secretaries, Mr. Henry. Yours, however, I must acknowledge myself.

Like you, I feel deeply for Margery and for May, and also for Arthur. For Lyon, it was but the passing into "the light of fuller day". I believe this so completely particularly with regard to those who have won high achievement here that, save for the sorrow which separation brings, death has, for me, no terrors and certainly no sting.

Lyon had just treated some eight or ten of the sailors who had been badly wounded, and handed themoto them to the stoker Fisher who is the sole survivor, and who received the injured from the St. Croix into a motor boat which was alongside. Lyon said to him "I must go and get

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some more bandages". He then left for what is called sick bay on a ship. What happened thereafter, no one knows. It is possible the ship was struck at that moment by a second torpedo, or there may have been an internal explosion. At any rate, Lyon went down on the St. Croix.

His sacrifice on the "Holy Cross" while engaged on a mission of mercy is a rather splendid way to pass from the Here and Now into the Eternal and the Hereafter? It leaves no room for sorrow for those who have faith.

Again, dear Cora, my warmest thanks for your letter, and love to yourself and all of the family.

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CORA.

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Thursday
December 19th

My dearest Willie

This is just a line to thank you for your lovely spontaneous telegram to me on your birthday - and to tell you that none of us expect answers to our letters to you - You forget how important you are, and how much depends upon your keeping well and fit - and on an "even keel" as Mariner Jim would put it -

When any success comes from your work you must rest and refresh yourself for the season which lies before you.

Every one in this country is looking to you, and you must be at your best, and I hope you won't take any of your precious time writing stacks of personal letters. You will likely make some sort of pronouncement containing a Christmas message to the people, so

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2/ why not make it convey your gratitude for all the expressions of good will which have come to you at the time of your election as well as on your birthday - I am sure you could make five minutes on the Radio, in your graceful charming way, do all that these letters would do, and think what it would mean in way of relief to you!
You know you are now the Idol of the people and you may as well wear the laurels.
You would be amazed to hear some of the old time Tories extolling you.
Recently I had the Honorable Mr. Justice Hogg for dinner and his praise of you was, to say the least, unstinted. He particularly mentioned two wonderful letters which you had written to him - Another Tory - Sen. Mulhollands son, told me how you had written him a beautiful letter on the occasion of his Father's

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3/death, when our friend R.B.B. ~~tette~~ let the occasion pass un-
-noticed.
We all love your gracious, kindly notes Dear, but times are too serious and you have too many important things dependent upon you now to take any chances on your health & strength, so once more let me beg of you to pass up the letters.
I am going to spend a week with Charlie and the boys, while Wanda goes to an Oxford group meeting in Virginia. Jim will not come home for Christmas as he was so recently with me for a whole month.
Do you remember Sargil Killer of Berlin, who married John Bertram, the collector of Customs at this Port?
She passed away last night in her sleep, and it has been a terrible shock to Mr. Bertram and the entire family.
It fell to my lot to go in next-

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+/door and break the sad news
to Mr. Bertram's mother. But-one
has to go on many sad errands
in the course of a life as long
as mine -
another family in deep trouble
now is Dr. Hunter's. The Dr. is
very ill, in the Psychiatric
Hospital. and there is no hope
of his recovery - no money for
Hazel to live on save what-
Poor little Peggy can earn
on a small job at the Base.
Hospital
But I didn't mean to send you
a Jeremiad by way of a
Christmas letter Dear - This
goes with a heart full of
love and good wishes, pride
in your ability, and deeper-
gratitude that you are where
you are today

Yours affectionately

Cora

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December 19, 1943

My dear Cora:

I was delighted to receive your loving telegram of birthday greetings and good wishes on my sixty-ninth birthday anniversary. Do please accept my warmest thanks for all that it expresses of your never-failing thought and affection.

I was glad to know that George had arrived safely in London. The experience there will be a very wonderful one for him. I continue to wish that I might have attached him to my own staff. I do not recall having been more impressed with any-one of his age than I have been with George. I should find a great joy in having him at my side. You and his Father and Mother must be very proud of him, as I am sure you are also of Casimir.

I am not sending out any Christmas cards this year, but under separate cover I am sending you a souvenir picture which may be of interest to the family, as regarding the central feature of events

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of the year so far as Canada is concerned. It goes to you all with my fondest love and best of wishes.

I hope you will have a very happy Christmas Day and that the New Year will see the family reunited under skies that are free of further storm.

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43 McKenzie Ave
Toronto
Dec 30th /43

My dearest Willie

Thank you, so much for your kind letter with all the good wishes & loving messages for me and mine, also for the splendid picture of the Quebec Conference. This is an historic document and I am going to have it framed & having identified the entire personnel (with John Says help) I shall have the names on the back of the picture. All it will lack is your signature. Could I have that Dear if I mailed it back to you? I should appreciate it so much.

Thank you very much for what you say about George in your letter. We had a cable from him last Sunday but we have no address yet so we haven't been able to send him even a Christmas message. I can't tell you how much I miss him.

I hear that you are soon going to London. Would you let George go to see you there, even for five minutes. I know what a joy it would be to him. Your Secretary could get his office address & telephone number for you.

I have been ill all through the Christmas time, a nasty attack of bronchitis, but I hope to be up & about in a day or two now.

Casimir is home on New Years leave now and is very busy painting a picture of his pet Sank which he hopes to enter at the exhibition to be held in Ottawa in February. He tells me he was so pleased at your kind mention of him in your letter to me that he sent you one of his home made Christmas cards. A Lancer out of the olden time examining the latest Sank.

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2/ Casimir is now a Lance Corporal, and an instructor.
Charlie was home for Xmas he is very happy over at Allenburg Camps near Thorold - and it must agree with him, he looks so well.
I enclose you a letter I got from Harry. It did me so much good to see the restoration in his health.
John tells me that his Mother stood the Christmas excitement extremely well + that they had such a happy time all together.
I hope you keep well + fit Dear for whatever may lie before you - What would we do without you!
If you go abroad I hope you will have a nice trip + with very good wish for you for the New Year and
with much love from us all
Ever your loving Cora

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January 1, 1944

My dear Cora:

Your kind letter was one of the first to greet me on this New Year's morning. I thank you warmly for its loving messages and good wishes.

May I renew to all at 43 McKenzie Avenue my best of wishes for 1944. I do hope your bronchitis is better.

It will probably be ~~never~~ Spring before I go to England. I shall certainly hope to see George while there. Tell Casimir I was delighted with his card. I have sent him just a line.

I am glad to know that Charlie is so happy at Thorold.

Please do not think of going to the trouble of sending the picture of the Quebec Conference for signature.

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Some time, when I am in Toronto, I can sign it for you. However, if you wish to have the signature at once, I shall be happy to see that there is no delay in returning the picture duly signed.

Harry's recovery has, indeed, been miraculous. To all of us who are growing older it is an inspiration. Many thanks for allowing me to see his letter, which I am returning herewith.

With love to Wanda, yourself, and all of the family circle,

Believe me always, dear Cora,

Yours very affectaiontely,

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43 Mc. Kenzie Ave
Toronto
May 22nd

My dearest Willie just a line to send you my most grateful and loving Welcome Home!

You will never know the pride we have felt at the wonderful reception you had in England + the appreciation they have shewn of all that you have done for them + for Canada.

As far as I am able to judge, the pride in you and your achievements has not been confined to those of us who know you + love you for yourself - but has been a universal pride and admiration for the man who has brought us through these troubled years. After your marvellous speech to the Lords and the Commons, Charlie told me that in this old Tory Toronto, the

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Conservatives like the Liberals were vociferous in their praise of you, and he said "If Willie were to go to the country now, he would pile up such a majority for himself as has never been heard of here."

Your traits, which we, here, admire so much, shone equally bright in that marvellous entourage - and we were thrilled at your quiet dignity & poise, and your gentle but stern determination to unfold your vision to them

No man has ever put his country on the map of the world in brighter colors than you have done, and you have given a full measure of credit to all those who helped you -

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many thanks. Dear, for all you did for Jim. Your Ambassador at Washington was extremely kind to Jim, and not he, alone, but also his entire family entertained him,
I have not yet heard if any thing has eventuated for Jim, but it appears that the people to whom he made application in Washington have since communicated with him in Newyork so he was hoping that something might yet come of it.
Another thing we have all to be grateful for is that God was merciful in restoring Harry & leaving him a little longer with us. I know how hard it must have been for you to leave Jennie when Harry was so low.
I meant to send you a telegram just to welcome you

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Home, but these pages will explain why it turned into a note instead.

With much love from us all + warmest congratulations on your success

Ever your loving

Cora

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May 24, 1944

Mydear Cora:

No welcome home could be more welcome than that which your letter, just received, has brought to me. I thank you with all my heart for what it brings to me of your never-failing love and support in the responsibilities which have increased of late to such proportions.

I have only time for this line but it brings to you and to all of the family, as always, my best of wishes and love.

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43 McKenzie Ave
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June 27th

My dearest Willie

Thank you very much for the copy of your address to the Lords & Commons when you were in England recently. I had the pleasure of hearing it twice on the Radio but, none the less, I enjoyed very much reading it. We have all read it and now it is sent to Cassum for a week, at Camp Borden as he was most anxious to read it. I enclose herewith a leaf from a recent letter of Georges showing how much he appreciated and enjoyed it.

Jim wrote me that he had heard it on the radio in New York and said he thought people there had heard it with the deepest interest. No doubt you have heard from Jim - he is ex-tremely grateful for what you did in putting him on the right-

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road. He seems intensely interested in the lectures he is getting in Washington and when the process of grooming is over he looks forward to being given a post some where as Vice-Consul.

I too, thank you very much for what you did for him. One of his lecturers is a man who was a student at Peking 1915-16. and has just been very recently exchanged from Japan. He knew a number of our friends in Peking and came back from the Orient on the same ship with a very great friend of ours. The widow of Commander Hutchins - She was Eileen Anglin & was evidently a prisoner out-there. I got in touch with her brother Arthur Anglin K.C. and learned that Eileen is living in Washington with a Mrs. Allen. I sent Jim and his wife to call on them. The Hutchins were so kind to Jim out there & we all spent some weeks together

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at a Japanese Watering Place
Hoshigaura . or Star Beach .
in Manchuria , near Dairen .
I shall be interested in hearing
the stories of these refugees -
I hope you are keeping well
Dear not working too hard
nor allowing yourself to be
disturbed over any of the
unpleasant things that crop
up even in the pallis of
the Lords anointed .

Fondest love
Cora

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C O P Y

London
11 May 44

Dear Granny:

I have just heard a recording of Mackenzie King's address to the British Parliament. I wonder if you will get it in Canada. I thought he seemed in good form. The part that seemed most significant was his insistence that any Empire policies must be inclusive rather than exclusive - the whole idea being co-operation and free trade with the rest of the world. Unless we adopt this policy I think we will be done for economically after the war. I was afraid the Empire conference might be the start of a closed bloc arrangement - Empire standing together, etc. - but apparently this is not the case if W.L.M.K. has his way.

Lord Haw Haw is having a great time trying to edge a little sandpaper, etc. etc.

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June 30, 1944

Dear Cora:

Thank you so much for letting me see the enclosed. I am glad indeed to know that all appears to be going so well with Jim.

I have only time for this line, but it carries with it, as always, my fondest love to you.

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

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43 McKenzie Ave
August 3rd
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My dearest Willie

I hate to be coming to you again on any persons behalf but the letter which I am enclosing in this, comes from Fred Hogg & speaks for itself better than I could tell the tale. He has been desperately ill, with coronary trouble, and has made a marvellous recovery & been back at work now for some months & has been steadily improving in health. He naturally fears the circuit work & I feel sure his doctors, who have pulled him through his terrible illness, would advise him to resign if he had to go on circuit again. Just read his letter & then tear it up & when I see him I will tell him that I have put you in possession of all the facts.

I want to thank you again for what you did for Jim. He and his wife

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recently spent two days here
with me and Jim is so
grateful for your kindness
and says that but for
the way of approach which
you provided, he might
never have got anywhere.
He & his wife are sailing
for Australia about the
middle of this month &
they are so happy about
it all.
I saw Sir William one day
recently & I wish you could
have seen the light &
joy in his eyes when we
spoke about you. I am
sure that no one belonging
to him has been as much
of a comfort to him as you
have been and I feel sure
you will get a blessing
for all your kindness to him.
I am bursting with pride
over the fortunes of my
family.
Charlie's Lieut.-Colonel-cy.!!

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George being made a Captain
in England - and Jim
being made a Vice Consul !!
Jim & his wife want me to
go out to them in Australia
but I'm afraid my days
of travel are over -
I am very busy now dis-
-mantling my flat and
putting the furniture in
storage - It is rather mel-
-ancholy work but if I
am no longer "here about"
when it comes out of
storage, I have had my
share of joy & pleasure
out of it all & must have
no regrets today -
I watch your movements with
great interest and
am sometimes amazed at
the shocks & surprises which
you give your critics.
Whatever happens they
never catch you napping
There is that to be said.

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the strongest Conservative I know, an old Churchman of England Padre, told me yesterday that you would come back stronger than ever before + that when one in this country should be profoundly grateful that we have you.

Much love dear and don't bother answering this + just tear up Freds letter to me.

Yours affectionately

Cora

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Messines, Que.
July 28th/44

Mr. Justice Davis, one of the
judges of the Supreme Court of
Canada at Ottawa died a couple
of months ago and there is
some talk that his place
may be filled by Mr. Justice
Gillanders of the Court of Appeal
of Ontario - If this appointment
is made it would cause
a vacancy on the Court
of Appeal in Toronto.

Due to the unfortunate
illness which I had recently
I will not be able to
travel about the Province
holding Court in the different
County towns as the Judges
on the Trial Division have to do

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:ATTA BOY STOP SIZZLING CONGRATULATIONS FONDEST LOVE FROM US ALL=

CORA.

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Ottawa, December 9, 1944

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
13 MacKenzie Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Delighted (dear Cora) to receive your wire of yesterday. I

Warmly reciprocate all its love and good wishes.

Mackenzie King

Charge:
Prime Minister's Office

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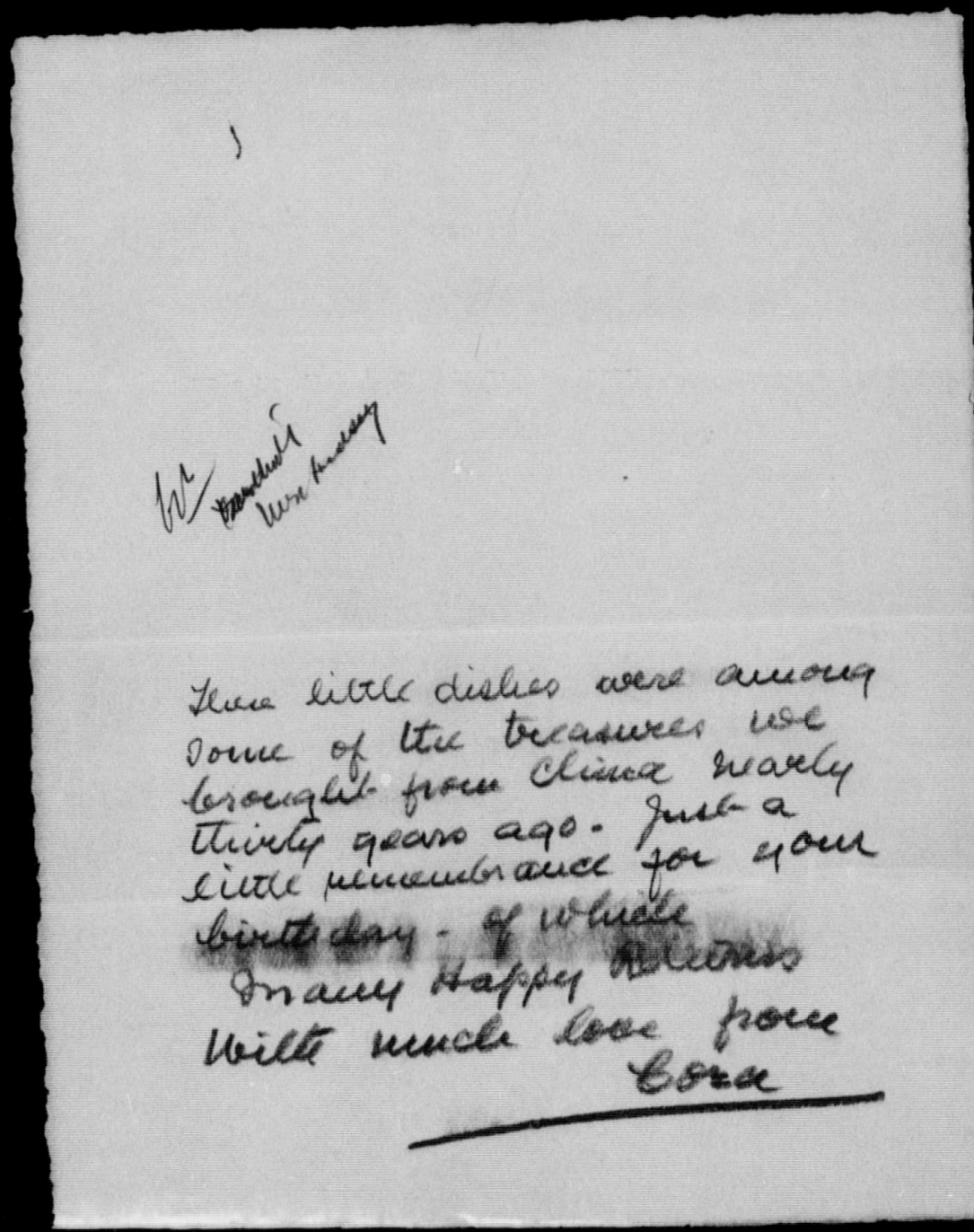

Wm / Marshall
Mrs Lindsey

These little dishes were among some of the treasures we brought from China nearly thirty years ago. Just a little remembrance for your birthday - of which
Many Happy Returns
With much love from
Cora

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so much, has been moved
out to Tsing Tau on the
Shantung Peninsula - and
Jim has been so hoping
that he might be moved
out there too. It is one
of the best posts in China
a delightful & healthy
Climate. Jim was at
the China Inland Mission
school at Chee - Too -
just a few miles from
there, when we were
out in China & he would
love to be there again.
I am still hoping it may
happen because Mr Spiker
spoke of Jim being so
useful at the busy
port of Melbourne because
of his interest in Shipping
& knowledge of the work
& I hear that Tsing Tau
is just such another post.

Toronto.
Dec 15th
43 McKenzie Ave

My dear Willie

How punctual
this old world is, after all!
and with what unerring
regularity these birthdays
get around! But I am so
glad to hear, on all sides,
that the years are leaving
no mark on you. To me.
you are almost the one
same & serene person in this
jittery old world and I dont
wonder that so many Canadians
feel grateful and rejoice in
the fact that we have
some one to lead us, who
really knows the way.

I listened with much
interest to your all too
short broadcast the other
night and we all agreed

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that you voice and manner were that of a man of fifty years of age. And, as you invariably do, you left us with a sensation comfort & contentment.
I hope you are comfortably settled with regard to servants. Conditions here seem to be growing worse & worse in that way, however we now rejoice in the possession of a very good one - almost totally deaf but a most excellent cook & a nice kindly disposition, so that all goes well in our kitchen at present.
We were some weeks with no help whatever and I personally me myself did all the work for Charlie & myself for two weeks while Wanda went for a holiday. I found that old anno domini interfered some what with my pace but I got there just the same. I have been very much shut-in this Autumn and see very few people now a days. I miss George most terribly - we were such good pals. But he is settled in now at Cambridge and seems to like it very much indeed notwithstanding the fact that he is "seldom warm" and "always hungry" as he expresses it. He has rooms at Emmanuel College & works mostly at the Cavendish Laboratory not far away.
I had been so hoping that Jim and his wife might be home for Christmas but I am afraid it is but a forlorn hope. Jim is now on the strength of the State Dept at Washington and is likely to be moved from

5/ Clarence Spiker was just a very young man in the American Legation at Peking when George & I were there so many years ago. Charlie is doing very well now & seems to be liking his work in the V.D.A. He is very much interested & in sympathy with the returned men which is always a help. I haven't heard from Jenny for some time but they appear to be getting on very well up at Bouldersfel notwithstanding the lack of help with the house work. I miss John & Mary very much and it is a long trip out to their place at Islington. I think John is liking his new job with the Massey Harris people whatever it is. I under-

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6/- stand he is now on the executive staff -
Today I have been busy doing up a little Birthday present which I think you may like. It is a little tea tray of Cloisonné china - and one little cup. Which is the only one I can find - there were two of them originally and they were used for Rice Whisky - or Sake - The Chinese Cloisonne is interesting inasmuch as the Chinese stole the secret of its manufacture from the Egyptians as long ago as when the Pyramids were being built - As a matter of fact it is not china at all. A design is made by welding a thin hammered out copper wire on to a plate of metal & then filling in the design with different colors of enamel - matching the picture. It is then fired in the same way as China is done & afterwards lazed. The pieces I am sending you were considered very very old when I got them over 30 years ago from Lady Jordan in Peking.
They go with best love & very good wish for your coming birthday - and here's hoping you may be spared to steer our ship of state for many years to come -
over your lovin
Cora

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Personal

Ottawa,
December 27, 1944

Ever since its publication, I have meant to send to you a copy of the little "Portrait Sketch" enclosed herewith. If you have not already seen this little book, I know you will enjoy particularly findingin its pages some pictures that are very familiar to you.

I hope, too, that you will find the contents more to your liking than those in the article written by E.K. Brown which you did not like at all. I understand by the way that he, Brown, is contributing another article to the University Monthly. I believe it makes the amende honorable in fullest measure.

I hope you had a happy Christmas Day and that it was enjoyed in company with George,

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Wanda and Casimir. I have had you all much in my thoughts at this Christmas Season, as well as Jim in Australia and George in London. How the times have changed with familite scattered in the wyy they are!

Please let this brief note bring to you and to all who are near and dear to you my fondest love and best of wishes for the New Year.

Mrs. C.C.S. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie St.,
Toronto, Ont.

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Night Letter

Ottawa, December 24, 1944

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Love and all good wishes, dear Cora, to Geor e and Wanda, to [redacted] George ov[redacted] and to Casimir [redacted] and, above all, to yourself for the Christmas Season and for much happiness in the New Year.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

Ch : Prime Minister's Office

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43 McKenzie Ave
Toronto
Jan 9th

My dear Willie. I really didn't mean to write to you again so soon, for my heart aches for you when I think of the myriads of letters you must get. Almost every time I listen to a local radio programme some one has just written, or is about to write to that man King about something he has done or hasn't done. poor fellow! Some times I feel so sorry for him!

We have a joke in this house about writing a letter to Mr. King, like the dear public of Toronto does whenever things go wrong. "it's all his fault - any way so let us write + complain."

However, this time I have two good reasons for writing one is to thank you for the lovely little table cover you

Exasperating in her criticisms and your better-est-half can always say "I told you so" when things go wrong. Think of how much strength and force these devoted children and worshipping wife might have robbed the country of, in the past twenty years. Think of these things + then try to measure what you have given, not alone to your own country but to the entire world. It would be absolutely immeasurable. Why the more I think of it, the more earnestly I feel that the office of Prime Minister should bear one restriction. "only Bachelors will be considered eligible"

Now, for my second reason for writing to you today. I want to tell you again how much I appreciate

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2/ Send- me, and the other perfectly valid reason, is that I just- had to thank you for your delightful letter to me. It was so human and so interesting & amusing, and seemed to bring you so close. I read it to the children, and we all enjoyed it and had a good laugh or two, over your suggestions for handling your domestic dilemmas.
How a man who has such a serious load to carry, as you have had, can have managed to retain his sense of humor, is hard to understand. But there it is, just as quick and just as delicious as ever it was — and I congratulate you heartily for I know it must help you over lots of hard spots!

3/ I have often thought of your serenity of mind & peace of soul in these last years, when the whole world has been staggering under its weight of misery, and I have sometimes felt that you were wise, in the long run, to have lived your own life, by yourself and I feel sure that even in the darkest & most difficult times you have always had something very real and helpful to sustain you.
It would seem doubtful to me, that even you, could have maintained your wonderful poise if you had been obliged to mix, day after day, & at every turn, the exigencies of family life.
The most devoted son or daughter can unconsciously wound one, the most adoring wife can be ex-

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5/ the adorable & historic little Table cover from Paris. from the Prime Minister who led the Canadian delegation to the Peace Conference. It is folded away in my top drawer + is only to parade as a Table cover on special occasions -

I have been much interested these past few days in some of Tennysons poetry. Someone gave ~~Casimir~~ Cassimir a very lovely volume of Tennyson which he left with me to look over + I have been reading Locksley Hall & Locksley Hall after the lapse of half a century. In the first. Locksley Hall 120th stanza to the 129th he foretells some of the wonders of the world, the Commerce in the air, " " " fighting " Till the war drum throbbed no longer and the battle flags were furled

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6/ "In the Parliament of man,
"The federation of the world"

then later in the Locksley Hall after the lapse of 60 years, verse 89-60

"Russia bursts our Indian
"barrier, shall we fight
her? shall we yield?
"Pause! before you sound
"the trumpet hear the voices
"from the field

Those three hundred
"millions under one Imperial
"sceptre now
"Shall we hold them?
"Shall we loose them?
"Take the suffrage of the plow

Tennyson was born during the first decade of the last century and died during the last decade. quite half a century ago I shd think. yet he sees what was to come with

7/ a clarity that seems almost alarming. Dont you think? Those words "Shall we hold them? Shall we loose them" seem more than prophetic to me.
Now just before I close I am glad to say that I have found two of the little sake crops like the one I put in the last parcel - If any more turn up I shall send them on. What moderate drinkers the Orientals must have been in those days
Now goodbye! I am tired & I hope I havent tired you too.

Lots of love

Cora

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Toronto
Jan 18th 1945

My dearest Willie

I am sorry to have been so long in writing to thank you for your two good letters and the Portrait Sketch by Ludwig. I am glad to have the little book, I got a copy of it when it first came out but I gave it to some one who very much wanted it.

I have delayed writing in the hope of getting the University Monthly containing Mr. Brown's article about you. I have telephoned to all the publication offices connected with the University but no one seems to know about it.

If I were able to go out I am sure I should soon find it but I am not able to go out of my room, since Christmas Day I have not been down stairs and it is three months since I have been out of the house. I had a fall early in October & hurt the front of one leg, from the knee to the ankle and it has been the most troublesome thing I have ever experienced. I am sure I shall be able to give our good old friends Job some pointers on patience before I am through with it. However, I haven't missed much, being house bound, these past few weeks have I? I am sure lots of people would welcome the chance of having nothing to do but sit in a comfortable room & read as I am doing.

It is rather lonely at times now that Neither George nor Casimir are at home. Wanda is out whole days at a time and Charlie is away quite a lot too. I often feel envious of Jenny having Jean and that adorable little Johnny with her. It seems like some of that during days

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of compensations for Harry & Jenny just now - I am so glad you liked the little Chinese side dishes which I sent you. I felt sure their origin and their antiquity would appeal to you anyway. I am so thrilled too, to know that you liked the Bibys Annual. Nobody here cared about them at all & I thought they were rather wonderful. I am sending you herewith, two books which I have enjoyed very much. I can't find out any thing about their Author John Hadland outside of the fact that he is an English man & know nothing about him. I wonder if you do? I have had these books for two or three years & every now & then I take them out and read them again. I have more of them so they are yours to do as you please with. I hope his free & easy familiarity with the deity and his almost profane criticism of him won't shock the Presbyterian in your soul. It gave me a jolt when first I read them & the title "Good God" bears a strong family resemblance to a swear word doesn't it?

I have delightful letters from Jim and his wife from Melbourne. They love the new life. Jim likes his work very much & the Consul General (Mr. Spicer) and the Consul are extremely kind to him. Everyone in the Legation & Consulate met them with open arms & have entertained them most lavishly. Houses are extremely hard to get in Melbourne so they have a small suite in an uptown

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noted. for the present. (3) I dont recollect if I told you that Mr. Spiker had been in the American Consulate in Peking in 1915-16. When we were there, he knew the Jordans. Dr. Morrison + all of our friends out there. So he may perhaps take more interest in Jim on that account. Jim was a lad of 16 yrs at that time + he was much about the American Legation in Peking, with Aileen Anglin + her husband afterwards Admiral Hutchins + a young American Captain Carol Carpenter.

Mr. Spiker sent me a cablegram to announce Jim's arrival in Melbourne. Which I thought was extremely kind. They were 47 days en route from New York + went through Panama. In Jim's letter two days ago he hopes that you were sustained in the House of Commons on the confidence vote. Send his love and said he'd be writing you soon. And now today I have a letter saying he has received his letters come in the Legation Pouch to Washington + are mailed to me from there. Jim's only objection about anything is that he finds the climate too cool. But he goes on to say "What else could you expect of an old Florida Knacker who has basked for years in a temperature of 80 to 90 degrees". I imagine their life in Melbourne in the Embassies + Consulates must be very much like our life was in Peking. Something doing every moment. Elaine said that after 11 consecutive nights

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of entertainments they were jolly glad to have a free night when they could just tumble into bed + sleep.
Cannin is now in the Intelligence Corps + loving it. He is in Ottawa at present + hopes to be sent away before long. He will be home tomorrow for 3 days.
I heard that Joan Pattisons Boy had gone back to live in London. Will Joan feel badly about that? Give her my love please. I hope Godfrey is keeping better.
Mrs. Ballantyne was sending me a newspaper containing a write up of you, but it hasn't come today however I shall send it on to you later as she asked me to do.

With much love
Yours affectionately
Cora

P.S. In reading over what I have written I see that one of the things I wanted most to tell you was that your letters which came to me by special delivery on Newyears Day just made the day happy and worth while for me. I was alone the whole day, and while I manage to keep on pretty good terms with myself I some times get pretty tired of her (Cora Lindsey) and your kind letters just made the bright spot of my Newyears Day. C

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
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Personal

Ottawa,
December 27, 1944

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I hope you had a happy Christmas Day and that it was enjoyed in company with Charlie, Wanda and Casimir. I have had you all much in my thoughts at this Christmas Season, as well as Jim in Australia and George in London. How the times have changed with families scattered in the way they are!

Please let this brief note bring to you and to all who are near and dear to you my fondest love and best of wishes for the New Year.

Yours affectionately,

(Signed) WILLIE

Mrs. G.G.S. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Street,
Toronto, Ont.

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

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The Prime Minister:

I telephoned to Mr. Pickersgill, this afternoon, regarding the publication of Professor Brown's latest article regarding the Prime Minister.

Mr. Pickersgill said that after asking Mr. Brown to write the article, the editor of the University Quarterly, when he read it, refused to publish it. He said they would never publish anything critical of the Prime Minister in the Quarterly and therefore did not want to open themselves to accusation of simply opening their columns to laudatory articles.

(Mr. Pickersgill said he wrote back to Mr. Brown and suggested one or two publications which would be glad to publish his article and point out what the circumstances were, but has not heard from Mr. Brown since.)

J.E.H.

January 22, 1945

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Personal

Ottawa,
January 22, 1945

My dear Cora:

I was delighted to receive your long and, as always, most interesting letter. Let me thank you, too, for sending me the Hadham booklets. Some years ago, I saw notices of both in connection with the Penguin series. ~~but~~ In glancing at their pages, I can see that the convictions expressed accord with my own though, with you, I do not altogether care for the titles of either, designed, of course, to arrest attention.

What I passed on to you about the probable publication of an article by Brown in the University Quarterly was a word I had received from one of his friends here who had seen the article itself. Nothing, however, was specified as to the time of itspublication. It may be that it was not sent on or not accepted, or may be appearing later or appearing somewhere else. In any event, if and when it is published, and I see a copy of the print, I shall be glad to send it on to you. I have since dictating the above learned that the article was thought so "laudatiry" by the University Monthly that the editor though he had askef for it wouldn't publish it.

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I was very pleased to learn of how well pleased Jim is with his new post though sorry to hear of his having an attack of the measles. Give him my love when you write to him.

have Your letter was the first word I/had of Casimir being in Ottawa. Perhaps he will give my office a ring some day and let my secretary know where he is to be found. I shall watch for an early chance to see him while he is here.

I hope it may not be long before you are able to be out and about again. It looks as though we may have an early spring. It should bring with it new vitality.

With fondest love,

Yours affectionately,

Mrs. G.G.S. Lindsey,
43 McKenzie Ave.,
Toronto,
Ontario.

P.S. Please excuse haste of this note, but there is no "let up" in the pressure on me here. An election ere long may clear the atmosphere and give me release one way or the other.

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(By Imperial Cable)

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What is the essence of the business?

We have in Canada a number of people who do not want to fight. Some of them are in the zombie army. Some of them are in cushy jobs. Thousands of them are in uniform, planted finmly behind desks in Ottawa, in Montreal, in London, and they have no more liking for the smell of powder than the last spindle-gutted draftee or evader. But we are not alone in nurturing carrion. Britain has them in teeming tens of thousands. The United States abounds in soft-job hunters and exemption seekers. Every country does. Other countries, however, choose to sing low about that element of the citizenry which has no stomach for a fight, whereas Canadians, possessed of the damndest sense of inferiority of any of the democratic nations, seem to derive some strange, masochistic pleasure from washing their dirty linen at the village pump, surrounded by photographers. Everybody, excepting ourselves, regards Canada's war record as a proud one, prouder because every atom of it has been given freely by men who wanted to make it. What ails us? Have we no decent pride in our achievement?

One ingredient has been completely overlooked in our tasting of the witch's brew set before us by the Die Hard press and its tame political cynics. Whether you like it or not this country has just about shot its bolt. The fact

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that we cannot sustain our current military effort sticks out like a sore thumb. If every zombie in the country who is willing to fight (and mark the zombie who won't fight, or who isn't ready and willing to die for this cause, had better be kept at home, no matter what pleasure his departure may give the Holy Rollers) is propelled from here to the front line post haste, his arrival will not settle the reinforcement problem for more than a matter of weeks, or of days if we are heavily engaged.

The crux of the whole question is that we cannot continue, under any terms, to reinforce our two army camps in the field and we might as well face it. We had no business tackling this task on top of our naval, air, industrial commitments and that we did so does not redound to the credit of those responsible. To say that we are in this mess because of the overwhelming ambition of a handful of high staff officers and a few men in public life is the essential truth. There is a limit to what can be extracted from a population of 11,000,000 people and that limit was long since reached. We have got to pull in our horns, via our Army, because we cannot reinforce it, neither with volunteers nor conscripts, in its present establishmet.

Ponder for a moment the question of the so-called First Canadian Army in Holland. It contains one Canadian Corps. The remainder is made up of British, Czech, Belgian, Polish and all manner of troops collected from everywhere in the United Nations. But the ancillary units of that Army, reaching from the various Corps Headquarters back to General Crerar's caravan, are Canadian Army Troops. In other words, we have tied up along the rear area lines of communication, in non-combatant capacities, thousands of Canadian soldiers who might otherwise be used as willing reinfoncements and we have done so to satisfy the lust for promotion of highly placed military men. The First Canadian Army is Canadian only in one corps strength and as a name. You can blame the mess on Canadian brass hats, some of whom have deliberately fostered the present imbroglio, the reference being not to our fighting generals in the field, but to the armchain warriors of Cockspur Street and Ottawa.

Because of our over-extension and our operations on two fronts, the Canadian Army establishment in Britain has become as top-heavy as Humpty-Dumpty and gives housing space to thousands of effectives who have never heard a shot fired in anger or ducked anything but the occasional buzz-bomb. Headquarters in Ottawa and the districts in Canada abound in men who have not served one moment outside this country, many of whom have no intention of proceeding overseas so long as they can continue to evade combatant service.

Such people rank one rung below the zombies. They masquerade as volunteers, but there their service to the nation ends. Things like this are not pleasant to say, but inasmuch as the open season to wash linen is upon us, the last dirty shirt might as well be tossed into the boiler. If the generals at CMHQ-London and NDHQ-Ottawa are so anxious to see those who have not fired a shot do so without delay, let them clear out the sterling characters in their own bureaux and replace them with men of long service overseas and ladies of the CWAC. It might even be an idea to ship some of the generals from Ottawa and London over to Holland on some basis more all-embracing than the Cook's Tours which enable them to munt sham ribbons embossed with the maple leaf.

The writer stands solidly with the men in the field, whose life he has lived these past five months. He believes with them in full national service for Total War, for which a handful of Canadians have struggled without avail from the outset. The possibility of Total War has never existed in this country and it could only have existed had we been bombed into the jaws of hell by the enemy. Then perhaps even Duplessis and his conscriptionist supporters would have been prepared to fight for the homeland. Then perhaps even the entrenched wealth of the nation would have been prepared to sacrifice its power for an hour. Then perhaps even the so-called Loyal Opposition would have cast aside its cloak of pseudo-patriotism to fight for Canada. But such things do not happen here. Here we can only think in terms of the lives of our young men and there our concept of Total War ends. Not one of the rest of us has made any sacrifice of any kind. If we excel in any warlike role it is in calling upon somebody else to make the supreme sacrifice.

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The behaviour of press and parliament at this time is sickening to any man who loves this homeland. But for the opportunity to live again with beloved people in a well-loved house, there is no joy in return—and those who are coming home are saying so wherever they congregate, for here there is nothing but political manoeuvring and unceasing struggle forpower, even though it can only be secured by playing on the jangled, worn emotions of parents, wives and sweethearts. The air men breathe in Holland is considerably sweeter.

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My dearest Willie.

I am writing to ask for some more of the Leslie Roberts sheets and in so doing I am sharply reminded that I haven't even written to thank you for the last lot, nor for your kind letter, returning me the sheets of George's letter to me. Let me now thank you for your good letter & for your kindly comment about George - and I want to thank you for the Leslie Roberts pamphlets and to tell you that they have all been grabbed off & put to do missionary work, and I hope you won't think me greedy in asking for a second lot. I am just reminded, too, that I have never yet congratulated you on the bequest you got from Sir William. Apart entirely from its pecuniary interest I am sure you must appreciate its other side. The dear old chap loved you very dearly, I know, from his eagerness to talk about you when I saw him and I am

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sure, that measured in terms of love, his bequest to you was very generous - I was speaking to Ethel N. yesterday and she spoke of her fathers affection for you - and of your devotion to him. I am finding this a very very long day, and while I am very hopeful of the out-come of the election no doubt Grey, I can't help feeling a bit nervous about it. They have been so outrageously unfair about the whole thing - and in their treatment of Gen. MacNaughton they have out Herodad "Herod" - haven't they? But it has given both you and Gen. MacNaughton a unique opportunity of showing them how men of refinement and breeding react to such attacks - I think Mr. Bracken would be well advised now to go back to his Prairie Home and his Poplars -

Casimir was home for this last week end and when I asked him how things were looking (politically) in Ottawa he said "Oh we've all got our money on the General".

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George is coming home. I had a letter from him on Saturday saying not to write & not to send any more parcels -
He says his office in London had been trying to hold him there but failed & he has no idea where he may go from here. He wont know how to get in touch with Casimir if he lands first in Ottawa. In case he might telephone your secretary would you mind letting the secretary know that Casie is living at 210 Somerset St. West. I dont know if there is a telephone. It is all such a hush-hush job I am afraid to make too many enquiries. Suffice it to say however that he is loving his work.

I hope I shall be able to send you a wire by way of congratulation this evening when the returns come in.

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but if it should go against you
you will have the satisfaction
of knowing that you fought a
clean honorable fight which
is more than the others can
claim. And I am quite sure
that your ingenuity resourcefulness will show you some way
in which to gain your point.

Much love dear.

Yours affectionately

Cora

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Feb 8th -45

My dearest Willie

I hope you aren't feeling too badly about the result on Monday night. I didnt realize how disappointed I was until I saw the Globe & Mail on Tuesday A.M. I dont know why I ever look at the poisonous sheet!!!

after several long and serious interviews with myself, however, I began to feel that it may not be such an unpayable loss after all. The campaign in N.G. has brought General McNaughton into the limelight in the most striking and favorable way & has given the people of Canada an insight into his character which perhaps nothing else could have done. No one could fail to have the highest admiration for the earnest, honest, faithful way he conducted his campaign. His gentleness and forbearance in dealing with the "Individual" who had tampered with the truth and when the returns were

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finally out how he dismissed it all as a mere skirmish, made no recriminations and made the most fervent + touching avowal of admiration for you and his determination to stand at your side whatever came or went. He has brought something into our local politics which will never be forgotten and which must eventually make some people blush for shame.
I have no way of knowing just how Monday's results may embarrass you and your government, nor how far reaching their results may be, but I feel, most strongly, that this quiet + irregular little campaign has put you two men in a better light and higher column than ever could have happened in any other way. It was all so human people can not misunderstand it nor can they fail in their admiration of you both
I could write volumes of abuse of the Globe + Mail and I could be arrested for what I think of George McCullach. How I wish we had it from Sir William his pen the reasons he gave Sir W. when

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as Red why he persecuted you in his newspaper - You remember when he & Sir W. were left alone after a meeting of the Senate. If one only had that in writing what a wonderful offset it would be to some of Sir W.'s flashes of malice! Could Sir W. possibly have written about it to someone? The suggestion in the Telegram that Mr Hamilton was nothing more than "His Masters Voice" made me wish I could draw a Cartoon of Charlie MacCarthy Bracken sitting on Bergens knee & being catechised & prompted. But who would be Bergen?? Who could I use? It is so abundantly obvious that Bracken is always prompted! His air address was the most pitiful thing I ever heard, and in his speeches during the campaign in N.S. the voice of the fifth Italian Conspirator was also evident & Bracken didn't have his lines properly fixed in that thing he uses for a mind.

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not so however, the two officers Hees (Maj) and Sale (Capt) Both had been well coached + were apparently letter perfect, even to their gestures and tremolos in their voices - if officers are not supposed to have any politics, our wonders why these two were produced, + by whom + who made it worth while?

No more now Dear. I just had to get the foregoing out of my system.

Much love and I know you wont worry -

Affectionately

Cora

P.S.

I hope the C.C.F. may be engulfed in the obscurity the found themselves in, on Tuesday A.M.

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February 11, 1945

Mrs. G. C. S. Lindsey,
43 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

I thank you most warmly for the two letters recently received from you. I loaned the last one to General McNaughton, to show to his wife. You are two of the finest people I know.

The result of the by-election in Grey North was indeed a surprise, but from what I have since learned of the methods employed by the Tories in the last two or three days, the surprise has wholly disappeared. I experienced similar treatment, under the Seagram influence, in North Waterloo; and under the ~~Hepburn~~ Kennedy influence, in North York.

Everything considered, MnNaughton's showing was exceptionally good. None of us, of course, at the outset, thought that any opposition would be offered, seeing that the purpose of the by-election was simply to permit another session of the House before dissolving Parliament. Had opposition been anticipated, we would have selected some constituency other than one in which Orange Lodges play so large a part.

I believe we will yet be able to make Grey North the corner stone of ultimate victory in a general election. The Tories are exhausting all their energies on emotional appeals at this stage of the war. Should the war end before the day of voting, they will find they have nothing left with which to make an appeal for the future, while we will be in a position to make clear our own stand.

The Leslie Roberts' article will go forward tomorrow. I think the National Liberal Federation will be much flattered when they know that they have in yourself one who is doing exceptional missionary work.

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Sir William did indeed give generous expression to our life-long friendship. I know that, more than all else, it was due to the fact that I shared with him more closely than perhaps anyone else some of the more sacred things of life - the things at heart which he valued most. Also, I think, from the outset, he knew that I was disinterested in my public work. I know, too, that he always felt a certain pride in being largely responsible for my entering the Public Service of Canada. My life might have been given over to the academic career I had planned had not Sir William remembered and acted upon the suggestion I made to him concerning the wisdom of establishing a department of government having to do with labour problems.

Like you, I wish I had in Sir William's own handwriting what he told me of certain conversations with McCulagh, of The Globe. Unfortunately, I have not, though I have somewhere a record of what he told me. I wonder if you would mind writing out for me what you recollect of what he told you. I would not, of course, wish to use your name in any way at any time, but it might at some time be helpful to have my own statement verified by a record such as you would be able to give. If it is not troubling you too much, I would welcome what you can tell me of the conversation which Sir William had with you as to what McCullagh told him of his intended use of the Globe and Mail to help to destroy me.

I am glad to hear that George is returning to Canada. I shall certainly try to see both the boys, should he cometto Ottawa upon arrival. Meanwhile, I will try to find time to get in touch with Casimir. You have no idea how difficult it is for me to see much of anyone, except my immediate colleagues. Arthur King and his wife live across the road from me only a block away. I have seen them but once since the beginning of the year, and that was only a week or ten days ago, when I took over a mat which I promised to give them as a Christmas gift. I am really apprisoner to my present task. I have little time for correspondence, ~~without~~ seeing anything of relatives or friends.

(to say nothing)

I shall indeed be glad when a measure of greater freedom comes for the enjoyment of the personal side of one's life.

With fondest love, dear Cora

Yours affectionately, Willie

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April 17th

My dearest Willie

These past few days have been very sad ones for you, I know, and you have been very much in my thoughts. I know what the loss of the President must have meant to you, especially at a time like this, and I have felt very sorry for you. Even to those of us who did not know him there has been a keen sense of personal loss - and I have never known the passing of one person to so bereave the very atmosphere in which we live. It will be hard for you to carry on I am sure, but you must do it for it means now that there will be more for you to do.

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I've been wondering if you saw Dr. Watson Kirkonnells "Preface to San Francisco" in the Evg. Telegram of Sat. 14th.
One cant help wondering what he hopes to accomplish by it at a time like this.
It would be interesting if one could let loose a few churchillianisms on the gentleman?
And does this poor suffering world have to go on suffering the Evg. Telegram and its ilk?
Dont answer these screeds of mine Dear! They are only to let you know that I have you in mind.
Cassie is now on his way out to Melbourne where I am hoping he may meet Jim & his wife.
Lots of love & best wishes from us all.

Cora

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En route to San Francisco,
April 21, 1945

My dear Cora:

I duly received your letter of the 17th instant; also one, a few days later, telling of George's arrival in Ottawa, and giving me his address. Unfortunately, during the last few weeks, I have had no chance whatever to give thought to anything but the proceedings of the last session of Parliament, and matters which have had since to be settled before leaving for California. You, I know, will fully understand. When you write George, do tell him how sorry I am not to have seen him before getting away.

The President's passing does mean a great loss to all of us. Personally I am pleased that he has been saved anything in the nature of paralysis and a lingering death. His life and work were complete so far as the earthly journey is concerned. Today, his spirit will exert a greater influence than it has at any time.

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I am much looking forward to the United Nations Conference proceedings at San Francisco. I wish I could say the same of the general elections. However, the time of both will pass rapidly and whatever the outcome of the elections so far as I, myself, am concerned, I shall be wholly content. I am inclined to ~~think~~ that our party will win but I am not at all sure of my own constituency Prince Albert.

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And now comes another birthday Dear Willie! And I wonder if you feel glad, or sad about it.
Some times, on my long journey to my 83rd. birthday I have felt a bit sorry & sad, but always there succeeded the feeling of gladness to be alive and a distinct thankfulness to be "able". So I feel sure that you are open to congratulations, not only from the myriads of loving souls who know & love you for yourself, but also from those thousands from whom you will never hear personally- from the people of this country who are thankful to God for having put you where you are and deeply grateful to you for what you have done for us all! This begins to sound like a public speach, dear

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Willie, but I assure you that it is all very heart-felt and earnest. I haven't written to you for a long time because I know how very punctilious you are about answering letters and I have hesitated to add a feather weight to the burdens you are always carrying. All the same I have been watching as the days have gone by and have felt-in -merely proud of you as a Prime Minister, and a man who has the destiny of this country at-heart. I have been looking for some old newspapers which I put away to send to you & have just found them. They are very grimy and I am almost-ashamed to send them to you. You are too busy now to look at them but when you have some leisure, in the days to come they may interest you if only because of their antiquity. The copy of a

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letter of your Grandfathers which George Biggar sent to George rather interested me

My boys - Charles - George and Casimir are now all out of Khaki Thank Heaven! George is at Kingston taking a post-graduate course for his M.A. After which he hopes to go to Cambridge for his P.H.D. Casimir is at Toronto in one of the Science courses and is enjoying it very much. Charlie became a civilian just a week ago on the day he had completed his fifth year of Army life. He looks so well and is extremely fit and is now being groomed for a Civil Service Job in the department which embraces the re-establishment of the returned men -

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I get such nice cheerful letters from Melbourne from Jim - He speaks of you in every letter and is so grateful for your kindly interest in him - I could wish for better news from Barrie, but in the circumstances one can not hope for much improvement I am afraid. Jennie is a brick and I am sure she never spares herself. I wish I were ten years younger so that I could go and lend a hand when she gets tired out but I'm afraid my day is long gone for that sort of thing. I enjoyed seeing John & his family when they were here. I am very fond of Mary. She is clever and interesting. No more now. Dear but all our good wishes for you health and well being

from yours affectionately
Cora

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Dec 29th

Many thanks! Dear Willie, for your charming Christmas message, it was so good of you to send it & it did us all a lot of good.
I cant begin to tell you how much I enjoyed your little visit the other night, I haven't felt so happy for a long time, and after you left, I began to feel ashamed of feeling so happy when poor Jenny was so miserable. I had a letter from her yesterday however, and I was amazed at her poise and calmness. Those of us, like myself, who have gone through a like experience, can best understand what her feelings must have been. I wrote a little message for Harry on a card to go with my flowers, but it did not arrive in time and I felt such a sense of disappointment that he didn't get the message.

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was not- until I caught myself back into this every day world that I realized that Harry probably knew all about it anyway.

I want to thank you most profoundly for what you did yesterday for Fred Hogg. He rang me up last evening to tell me about it and before he told me I realized from his tone of voice that something wonderful had happened to lift him out of the slough of despond I had found him in the day or two before. I think it just about saved his life, poor fellow, he has had a terrible year - his wifes tragic death, the death also of his nearest friend Ainsley Greene and the loss of Hugh Rose the illness of his little grandson - just one thing after another combined to get him down, then along you come, and again restore his interest in life and his hope + cheerfulness. It was just perfectly wonderful Dear !!

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There was quite a nice little write up about him in the morning paper - I didn't remember that he had written a book on the subject of Divorce. Is wonder he has become a sort of authority on the subject in this Canadian Reno.
The number of divorces here now has multiplied alarmingly. Can it be, after all, that marriage is too permanent I wonder?
This thing called love, with its little blind God, plays sad tricks on its captives, and the most important thing called "Permanency" is left out of its contracts.
Jim rang me up from Melbourne just to wish us all a good Christmas. He asked after you & sent his love. It was wonderful to hear his voice again & have him say that he had never felt better in his life.
This morning I had a long letter

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from him the first one he has sent by air mail + not in the Legation Pouch. The freedom and naturalness of it were so apparent. The letters in the Legation bags are kept open & are all read, which does not exactly conduce to spontaneity. I was ~~ever~~ presented by the Washington people with the freedom(?) of the pouch but when I read the list of subjects I must not write about I came to the conclusion that it was not for "the likes of me" who speaks first + thinks afterwards. I feel quite sure that if I had been availing myself of the privileges of the pouch poor Jim would have lost his job long long ago - I have been using the small gray sheets furnished by the Post for air mail - they cost 25 cents and go in one week. Jim's letter today amused us all It had three + sixpence in every

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denomination stuck all over it and I am sure that "cover" as they call it, will delight the heart of some philatelist. The letter took 16 days to come.

It appears that they are making changes in their consular staff out there and Jim's immediate boss Consul General Clarence Spiker has been sent to China. The Govt. at Washington sent out a questionnaire so as to find out which of the men would elect to remain out there. Jim asked me to ask you if it would be possible for your man at Washington to put in a good word for him. He has always felt that it was through you that he got his job out there in the first place.

I am sorry I forgot to ask you about General McNaughton's

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his wife when I saw you. I often think of him & I do hope fate has something good in store for him.

I am enjoying this holiday with George and Cassie. George & I are great pals and I do enjoy him so much, nevertheless I am glad he elected to take his course at Queens - He say Toronto is disgracefully over crowded this year. There are 57 taking the same post-graduate course as he is taking in a class of (3) at Kingston. He likes Professor Gray so much & says he is getting more than his share of him. It is nice that both the boys are so happy in their work. I wish you a very happy & prosperous New Year Dear and Charlie Wanda & the boys join me in kind wishes. For your loving Cora.

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Ottawa, December 25, 1945

Mrs. G.G.S. Lindsey,
43 McKenzie Street,
Toronto, Ont.

. Affectionate Christmas greetings and all good wishes, dear Cora, to yourself, Charlie and Wanda, George and Casimir; also to Jim. You are all much in my thoughts today. Signed Willie.

Mackenzie King

Charge: Prime Minister's Office

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December 29, 1945

My dear Cora:

You will be surprised to hear that it was only last night that I had, for the first time, an opportunity of opening a number of packages, which came to me at the time of my birthday, and at the Christmas Season. Among the number was the one you sent to me some weeks ago and to which you referred the night that I had dinner with Charlie and Wanda and yourself. When you spoke of it, as you may recall, I thought I had seen it, though I remembered afterwards that I had not opened its contents. What happened was that it made its due arrival on my birthday. I recognized the hand-writing, but I kept the package itself to open at a time when I would have a little more in the way of freedom.

As I have just said, it is only within the last day or two that I have had any chance to look at either birthday or Christmas gifts. Until Christmas itself was over, I was kept too busy seeking to overtake many matters which have been

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accumulating of late, and obligations incidental to Christmas itself.

Having at last read your letter you must have wondered indeed at my not having made special mention of it on the night of the 20th. Having read it, I certainly agree more than ever with my father's oft-expressed opinion: "Cora writes such wonderful letters; I always enjoy a letter from her".

How good of you to send me the century old (and more) newspapers enclosed with your letter; also the letter from Sir Wilfrid to George. To me these are all very precious documents, and while thus far I have had little more than a moment or two to glance through them, I can see that they are going to afford immense interest and pleasure, once I have the time to look through them with care. I am, too, especially, glad to have a copy of the Mackenzie letter which George Biggar sent to George. How Mackenzie ever managed to do the writing he did surpasses my comprehension.

I wish I could tell you how much I enjoyed the little evening with you all on the way back from Barrie. The day was one of the very few occasions in the last several years that I have had a chance to

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so much as see members of my own family and their families. To me the occasion was much more like a Christmas reunion than a funeral. It seems to me that my visits to Toronto, over a long period of years have all had to do mostly with attending funerals, or visiting the dentist. However, as you have been kind enough to say in your letter, I have had great opportunities for public service over a long period of time. That opportunity in itself was worth more to me than anything else. While the going has been hard in places, I am beginning to feel that I have won a secure place in the hearts of the people. I doubt if anything else could mean so much by way of reward.

I was to have been with the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders this afternoon at your birthplace. Unfortunately, the many delays in the arrival of the "Queen Elizabeth" and the uncertainties of the time of the return of the officers and men, have made this impossible. I am happy, however, that at the moment they should be receiving, in all likelihood, their welcome in the place of your birth, at the very moment at which I am writing to you.

Please let this letter bring to Wanda, Charlie, Jim, George Jr., and Admir and yourself, my love and best of wishes for the New Year.

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
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Toronto, Ont.

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Feb. 12th 1940

My dear Willie I am sorry to have been so long in writing to thank you for the copy of the "Citizen" with Senator Bishops little appreciation of yourself. I can't tell you how much pleasure it gave me - and I at once wrote and ordered two other articles from Sen. B - as well as a few extra copies of the one which you sent me - I wanted them to send to some of your very special admirers - I have had a very nasty attack of "Flu" and have been confined to my room almost all of January and while I have been down stairs I have not yet been out of doors - I have been very much interested in a book which I ordered to send to you for Christmas - But it only arrived a few days ago and I have been reading it - but have just mailed it off to you today -

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Even if the subject of this book does not interest you much I feel that the illustrations, by Wilbur Cooper, will entitle it to a place in your library - It is a translation of the Brahmin Bible, the Bhagavad - Gitâ - by Sir Edwin Arnold + parts of it are very lovely. I was particularly interested in it for the following reasons -

Some 60 (odd) years ago I was living in Newport in the family of a Dr. Ludovig Conrad one of the leading Medical men there. I was companion to Mrs. Conrad who was a very ardent Theosophist and I also became quite interested in it. Mrs. C. had, for more than a year as a house guest, a man called Babu Mohini Chatterjee - who had been brought to America from India to translate the Bhagavad - Gitâ into English for the Theosophical Association of Boston. We all saw a great deal of this man + were very deeply interested in his work. I tried for many years to get a copy of his book, but without

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success and just recently I heard of the book I have just sent to you. It is written by Sir Edwin Arnold and in reading it over I have been charmed with it- a woman called Annie Besant- wrote a supposed translation of the book also a Russian woman Mme Blavatzky made a translation one when she accepted to herself the supreme leadership of the Theosophists.

Some time !!! If you ever get a chance to take a good look you may like to dip into this book. Meantime remember, it goes to you with much love from me- I quite forgot to put a card in it when I sent it away to be mailed-

I have had such a charming letter from Jennie to day- I do

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think her pilgrimage to Mexico has done her a lot of good. She gave me a bit of good news about Harry which you may not have heard. He has written his Christmas exams & come off with four firsts which augurs well don't you think?
I am so pleased that John & Mary are coming back to Canada to live - I have missed them very much - I'm afraid, however that they are going to find it hard to get a house in or near Toronto. I am writing up all my friends in Parkdale to find out what the chances are there, I hope something favorable may turn up - now don't try to answer this or to write me now Dear, I know how busy you are & I shall take the will for the deed - Ever your loving
Cora

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My dear Cora,

I cannot begin to thank you for your loving letter and charming gift.

I, of course, like you, recall quite vividly the days when we heard a great deal about Annie Besant and Madame Blavatsky; also, though it is but a memory, I seem to recall having years ago read parts of Sir Edwin Arnold's translation of the "Songs Celestial." I have, however, seen nothing comparable, in the way of its reproduction, to the volume which you have sent to me, nor anything comparable to the illustrations which appear in the volume.

Most religious faiths are an expression of some great central truth. The Theosophists, in their believe in Divine Illumination, seem to me to have much in common with the prophets of the Old Testament. Their wisdom and foreknowledge were surely the result of Divine inspiration. The conflict between the material and the spiritual, between good and Evil, is the most real of the experiences of life, and seems to me to give the only intelligent interpretation to the history of nations

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as well as to the lives of individuals.

Any religion that emphasises the importance of the separation of matter and spirit, and helps to make clear that only by renunciation of worldly pleasures and pursuits can the true paths of peace and progress be found, is not far removed from Christian teaching.

I imagine there is no study more interesting, if one had the time to devote to it, than that of comparative religion.

You may be sure I shall begin at once on the reading of "Songs Celestial." Its pages and print are just what I shall enjoy most at the end of the day, and before going to sleep. I am more than pleased to have this particular book from you, and you will be much in my thoughts in the reading of it. Do please accept my warmest thanks for your gift.

The story from Ottawa which appears in today's papers will give you some idea of the kind of secrets I have had to keep over some months past -- not for quite as long as those pertaining to the atomic bomb, but possessing potentialities not unlike those of the bomb itself. If I recollect aright, the night that I had dinner with you and Charlie and Wanda, and young George, we were speaking about keeping secrets, and I mentioned that I had one or two which might surprise others when the right time came. This particular one will be found very far-reaching. From now on, and for some little time at least, I shall need all the

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"Celestial Songs" I can read or hear, if other voices are to be kept at bay.

Jennie does seem to have profited by her little trip to the South. She was pretty sick for a few days (a very natural reaction) but, I gather, is now in good shape. I am so glad she has had the little change.

I am indeed distressed to know that you have been so poorly. There is nothing more depressing than influenza. It is very hard to throw off the depression which it brings. I do hope, however, that in your case, ere this, all ill effects will have passed away, and that, with the approach of spring, you will regain fresh strength and vigour.

With fondest love,

Yours affectionately,

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
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My dear Willie I am thoroughly ashamed of not having written to you before this to thank you for your charming gift to me! The first copy of Hansard came to me last Monday since when I have been simply revelling in each succeeding copy as it arrived and as you see I haven't even been able to tear myself away from them long enough to say thank you!
I do so now, however, most heartily, & you must believe me when I say there is nothing you could have given me that would have pleased me more, & have enjoyed them perhaps a little more for the reason that I have

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been <u>laid up</u> for some time with a horrid attack of asthma. I have underlined the expression laid <u>up</u> for it has literally been a case of being <u>up</u> night & day, because of the difficulty in breathing when lying down. I am enlarging on this to let you know what a joy the gift has been to me & how <u>timely</u> in its arrival.

I don't suppose there has ever been a time in the entire history of Canada when it has been of such absorbing interest as it is just now, and it is so wonderful to get the pure & unadulterated truth of what was said. <u>Unedited</u> by the Globe & Mail & not tinctured by any

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personal animosity + free from all Tory bias.
It is more than 25 years since I have seen a copy of Hansard, and I had forgotten that there was any place save Holy Writ where the undiluted truth could be found.
What fun I have had with it already in comparing the Globe & Mails lurid stories with what really took place & I am simply lost in admiration of your sublime little digs & your dignified & quiet delivery of the same.
I would have given any thing to hear your speech on Monday Night.
If I had been there I feel sure there would have

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been one (one elderly) person
ejected from the gallery for
undignified behavior.
In addition to my asthma
trouble I have what the
boys call "a pain in the
neck". Induced by thinking
of the attitude of one
John Bracken on Monday
last. I felt sorry for your
having to listen to him all
that afternoon his unsuitable
~~[illegible]~~ diatribe was enough
to nauseate one but to have
to sit & even occasionally
look at that face must
have been a task of Heroism.
One thing however ought to
make us grateful, that
he took some years off to
groom himself and polish
up his Amour Propre
and now that his feet
are "warm" he means to make

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himself as troublesome as possible.
I think he must be a real
Tory, I remember once looking
up the word Tory in an
old dictionary & my
recollection is that the
word is derived from the
Irish & Gaelic & means
an Irish Robber.
So there you are! What
could you expect?
I feel sure the quiet scorn
& contempt which you
showed after he was through
speaking must have penetrated
even his epidermis!!
You have been very patient
& have waited a long time
but at last you are
coming into your own & I
wish you could hear some

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of the things people are
saying - All's hope is that
some where, close at hand
and Bella & Uncle John
are taking it all in.
work such as you have
done will live for many
a generation I am sure.

Lots of love Dear &
with renewed thanks
for your kind thoughts
of me -

Ever your loving

Cora

43 Inverkeith Ave
Toronto Friday March 26th

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Ottawa, April 20, 1946

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey
43 McKenzie Avenue
Toronto, Ont.

Affectionate Easter greetings dear Cora, to you and all from Jennie and myself.

Willie.

Chg: Prime Minister's Office

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December 28, 1946

As I mentioned to you over the phone on Christmas night, I did not open the gifts which came for my birthday or Christmas until Christmas morning. It was only then that I had the joy of viewing the beauty of the antique cloisonné tray of which you had told me in the letter I received from you on my seventy-second birthday anniversary. Your gift is indeed a lovely one in itself and doubly precious in its associations. Do please accept my warmest thanks for all that it expresses of love on your part and beauty in itself.

With this letter I am sending you a little gift of which I also made mention over the phone. It is a silly scarf, to be worn either around one's neck, or used as a mat or table cover; I do not know which, but I was told in Paris that "Madame was sure to like it". So I hope you will find some pleasure in its acceptance. Its real value consists in its being a souvenir of my visit to Paris as head of the Canadian Delegation to the Peace Conference. While there was very little of harmony in the early proceedings of the Conference, the best thing that has come out of international negotiations this year is the agreement that has since been reached between the German satellite powers and the allied nations, being followed as it now is with a conference which we all pray may bring about a peace treaty with Germany in the New Year.

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I was so pleased to have the little talk we had together over the phone and to hear from you that you were able to be out and about as of yore. You are perfectly wonderful. I hope you may be spared in health and strength with still many years to come.

I had a charming letter from Jim this morning. It brought Christmas Greetings from his wife and himself. I wish I had the time to keep in touch with all the younger generation. Unfortunately for many years past I have hardly had a glimpse of many of those who are nearest to me.

In your letter you ask about servants. I have been without a regular cook for a year or more and have had a bad time in that way. I am expecting, however, to have a first class cook early in the New Year. She was sixteen years cook at the Tamarack Club near Hamilton; for the last couple of months she has been in New York with her son. In trying to secure her I think I have done everything but propose to her. I am almost prepared to do that, should it prove to be necessary as a further inducement. However, I hope all may come about as expected early in the New Year.

Strange as it may seem, I have found it possible in the last twenty years to deal without too much concern with all the national problems we have had in that time. These domestic problems unfit me completely for any work. I have several times felt I might have to give up Laurier House altogether and go to live in a hotel. However, I hope that day is now by.

I am glad you have found some relief from what must have really over-taxed your energies and strength.

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I was glad to get your word of George. When you write, please give him my love and good wishes; the same also to Casimir, to Jim and to Wanda and Charlie. I am indeed glad that Jim has done so well. It will be splendid should he be transferred to China, with the associations it has for him.

Again let me thank you, dear Cora, for your lovely gift and all the thought that lies behind it. The fact that the little tray was given you by ~~Lord~~ Lady Jordan adds another association which means very much to me. As you know, I was a guest at the Legation with Sir John and Lady Jordan for about a month. That was in 1909.

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January 15, 1947

This is just a line to thank you for your charming letter and for the two little saki cloisonne cups, all of which I have been delighted to receive. The little cups were so beautifully wrapped up that I have been more than sorry to deprive them of so comfortable a lodgement.

The Christmas fun is now at an end and I am again hard at work preparing for another session of Parliament.

I think you are right in what you say about not having been married - certainly about not having a family to worry about. I am quite sure that if I had had domestic worries with which to contend, in addition to those which are inseparable from public life, I should have had to give up the latter long before this. I still hope that Providence may vouchsafe to me a

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little time for reading and writing in the quiet of what I suppose one must now term one's old age. To all such you are a wonderful example.

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43 McKenzie Cres
Toronto
April 28th

This is just a line dear
Willie to thank you for
your Kind Easter wishes
and to wish you Bon
voyage on the trip which
I understand lies mine -
dialely before you.
I hope you will get a little
relaxation + that it will
not be too strenuous for
you. We shall all be
watching, wishing you well
and looking for your
safe return to us - Remember
how much you mean to us
all and take good care of
yourself. All here join me
in love + good wishes to
you. Ever yours affectionately
Cora -

Sunday May [7] 1947

Mrs H. S. Lindsay

Dearest Willie

This is just by way of a word of welcome Home.
We just been speaking to Jenny and she tells me you are feeling much better but that you have had a touch of sciatica. I am sorry to hear that. wouldn't a visit to your dentist be indicated. I've always connected sciatica with permanent molars and bi cuspids and our natural desire to hang on to them as long as possible!
We were all tremendously relieved at the result of Jennie's visit to Dr. Dide Such alas! I'm afraid it's going to be hard to enforce his 12 hours of absolute rest on such an energetic person as she is. I was due to go with them today to Johns, for the

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2/ baptism at Hington of
Johns younger boy - But
I wasn't feeling up to the
exertion so decided against
going - much as I should have
loved seeing them all.
I find the long winters
imprisonment in the house
has robbed me of much
of my activity. But I have
no aches nor pains and
when I can get out every
day, as I hope to do. I shall
soon be as right as ever I was.
I was so glad to hear that
you did not applaud
Mr. Wallaces recent activities
in Europe. What would dear
Mr. Roosevelt think of it
I wonder! Lots of love dear!
and walk waringly & go
slow, till you get back your
strength - Devotedly Cora

P.S. - Awanson is not requested

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May 4, 1947

My dear Cora:

I thank you warmly for your "Welcome Home". I am indeed glad to be again in Canada and at Laurier House.

My visit to the South, while it afforded me some chance to rest and had some memorable and interesting features, was anything but pleasant. For the most part, the weather was wet and cold, the season being some three weeks behind. Since my return, as Jennie told you, I have suffered a good deal from sciatica in my left leg. I do not think it is my teeth, as they have all been carefully examined. It is just some after effect from the cold which still, to a degree, hangs on. I have been very weak, but I am regaining strength from day to day.

It was indeed a relief to have the report that Dr. Oille gave to Jennie. I do hope she will be able to

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follow her Doctor's advice. Like you, I am not without some misgiving as to how far that will be done. It is indeed difficult for one to have to admit one's own limitations to one's self. I am finding that increasingly true of myself.

The best word of your letter is that you yourself are not experiencing any aches or pains. I do hope that the warmer weather may afford us all opportunities for getting a little more out of doors, and that, as a consequence, we may all find our strength and vitality materially increased.

This is not much of a letter, but it brings, as always, my fondest love to you, and love to all of the family. I have to limit my correspondence as much as possible these days.

Yours affectionately,

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October 16, 1947

My dear Cora:

While I was 'phoning you the other evening, a letter from Jim was among the papers and letters that came into my hand on the following morning. As I know you will be interested in seeing what Jim has written, I am enclosing his letter herewith. As he speaks of writing me again from Burma, and does not give any final address, I am not replying to his letter for the present. Perhaps when you write him you will let him know that his letter was duly received, and that I will be acknowledging it when the further letter of which he makes mention comes to hand. To save you the trouble of finding an envelope in which to return Jim's letter, I am enclosing one, duly addressed.

I should be glad if you would hold for the present the gift which you told me Jim had made to me, and to which he makes reference in his letter. In a fortnight's time, I shall be leaving Ottawa for New York, to sail for

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Europe. When I return we will be in the Christmas Season. It would be better, therefore, that nothing should be done about the gift until I have a better chance than I have just now to confer with the Chinese Ambassador or some other Chinese friend concerning it. It is most kind of Jim to have wished to make this present to me, and I value deeply the affection of which it is so kind an expression.

You will be glad to know that Margaret Nevins, the maid who was with me at Laurier House some years ago, and who has been with Mrs. Patteson at different times, including the present summer, left this morning for Barrie to look after Jennie's needs and take charge of the house. She is an exceptionally fine servant, very shy and quiet, but thorough and honest and fine in every way. I do pray that she may be the means of helping to restore Jennie's health and of gaining for her some measure of real happiness and comfort in her home. I have been terribly anxious about her, so much so that I would, if I could, forego crossing over for the Royal wedding. For more reasons than one, I should like to avoid that journey at this season of the year. However, it is part of my duty, and I

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have no doubt in the end will be all for the best.

Jean told me over the 'phone yesterday that Jennie's pain was easing somewhat, that the chills were beginning to disappear, and that she, for the first time in the past fortnight, had begun to read the newspapers. Jean thought she would have to rest for some time. That is all right if she will only follow the Doctor's orders in that respect. I rather hope and believe she will.

I was glad indeed to hear you say that you were keeping so well. How wise you are not to overdo.

With love, dear Cora,

Yours affectionately,

Willie

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Toronto. Oct 23rd

My dearest Willie

I was all "set" the other day to write you a "bon voyage" letter when in came your wonderful budget with the enclosure from Jim.

Many thanks! for letting me read Jim's letter from Karachi. I have returned it securely in the tidy little envelope, already addressed. What a clever way to secure the return of a letter. So swift! so certain! No one else but you would have thought that up, I am sure. Thanks too! for the little Hansard with the speeches on the day of the unveiling of the portraits. I read them all but was most particularly interested in your speech of course.

I must congratulate you upon the way you managed the establishment of the maid at Boulderfel Jean tells me that her mother

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is thrilled to have her and Jean herself said "Oh Cousin Cora it is like Heaven to have her here".
I feel sure you have put the right person in the right place and you can now go away with an easy mind. Jean seems to feel that her Mother has reached that spot pysically & mentally where she will be glad to rest and she is so grateful to you for all the trouble you have taken on her behalf.
I have felt bitterly lonely since Jim went away, and almost resentful as the distance between us lengthens day by day, but that is extremely foolish of me I know for I am quite sensible of the fact that Jim is lucky to have this post at Rangoon and I do think the Americans are good Masters and treat their people extremely well.
Last night we had a visit from a friend of Georges, from

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Cambridge. A young Englishman who has just taken his P.H.D. at Cambridge and been posted to Victoria University as professor of Geology. He was quite re-assuring about the life at Cambridge. We had been feeling so anxious lest the scanty allowance of food there might, in some way upset the rythmic balance in Georges splendid constitution, but he reports George as being extremely fit & well.
We send him boxes quite regularly and many of our friends send him things.
While George has lodgings during the term at No. 42 Warkworth ~~Ave~~ Street not far from Emmanuel College, he has his meals at the College, and works in the Cavendish Laboratory.
I was so glad to hear in some news report, the other day,

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that you were going to spend some time in Italy after the Wedding festivities in England are over and I hope you will find a nice safe warm spot where you can enjoy a bit of rest and comfort. As I write I think of Taormina in Sicily. on the straits of Messina. TAORMINA. I spent some delightful weeks there I have never forgotten how much I enjoyed it. Mt Etna just a few miles away made the nights as interesting as the days.

I could tell you how much I love the picture of you in MacLeans magazine. What a clever creature that man Harsch must be.

John & Mary are in an ecstasy of happiness just now. Two or three days ago Mary got a letter from a legal firm, some where in the States, saying that she had been left a legacy of five or six thousand dollars by a brother of her Fathers

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5/ She & John are so grateful for this amount of money will clear up a debt owing the bank ever since John's illness & his operation & the death of their little boy Ian. so many years ago. and it will be wonderful for them to get this all cleared away. Then too they had just heard that two of the largest Life Insurance companies are now accepting and insuring people who have Diabetes of whom poor John is one. John will now go back on their list and one of the chief worries of his life will be at an end.

I will see that nothing is done about the Chinese Temple while you are away.

I hope you will have a fine trip dear, and come home strong & well rested. You have earned it & certainly deserve the best kind of holiday.

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6/ Lots of love dear, in which the others join me, and ever good wishes for your return to us in the best of health + spirits.

Yours affectionately

Cora

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My dearest Willie

This is just a line to wish you a Happy Birthday + let you know that we are all thinking of you and wishing you well. I followed you while you were away, with pride in all that you said + did and from time to time had news of you from Jennie, to whom + often speak on the telephone. Charlie saw her last week and was amazed to find her looking so well. The maid whom you sent her has turned out-

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to be a priceless person.
I don't know what
Jennie would have done
without her. It was so
good of you to provide
her for Jennie!
I have two or three small
bits of Chinese work for
your birthday, but
they will go to you
later, as I am laid up
with asthma & a bad
bit of flu & can't move
about to do them up to
send off. Anyway you
are in no position now
to open presents & read
congratulations, so I
will just send you
lots of love for now
Yours affectionately
Cora.

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December 21, 1947

My dear Cora:

I am enclosing a formal acknowledgment of your letter with its greetings and good wishes on my 73rd birthday anniversary. It was most kind of you to have had me in your thoughts; also to have had in mind sending me a special remembrance of the day. I do hope you will not think of sending along the tiniest of your Chinese possessions if it costs you anything in the way of effort. I have quite a collection of Chinese antiques, which I think I ought to call the "Cora Lindsey" collection. It was very sweet of you to have been adding to this collection year after year as you have.

I am sorry indeed that you have been troubled again with asthma. I realize the discomfort which, at your years, it must bring. I do hope it will not be long before the pain is relieved.

You will, I know, forgive me if I do not write a long letter. By rights,

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I should not be thinking of Christmas at all this year. I have never been more pressed in my life. Fortunately, however, I am feeling remarkably well and greatly benefitted by my recent trip abroad.

Under separate cover, I shall be sending you this week a signed photogravure of the portrait of myself by Salisbury, which was painted when I was in England two years ago, the origihal of which is now in the central hall of our Parliament Buildings. I have rather hesitated, because of its size, to send this copy to you. I have had, however, the feeling that one of the boys might some day wish to possess it. It might be all the more welcome for having been in your possession meanwhile. I am sure you will like the picture, and I shall be pleased if you will accept it with my best of wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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Dec 21st
1947

for xmas

My dearest Willie

I have just done up a few little things for you for Christmas (see how canny I am to combine the two anniversaries) and for your birthday which passed with such pleasant acclaim at Ottawa, a few days ago.
I wont label my box "Do not open till Christmas" knowing that, like myself, you will open it when & where you jolly well please!
It contains a few bits of Chinese work of which I have been especially fond and I feel sure that you will appreciate them as few people could.
You will recognize the two scrolls for the wall. I think

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2/ we called them Kakemonoes
or some thing that sounded
like that + signified a sort
of calendar. They are extremely
old - perhaps some Chinese friend
can tell you about them.
Then I am sending you two
pieces of embroidery which I
have always prized very
much. The round mat could
be mounted in a tray or
framed - and the other is
just useful for a little table
or bureau spread.
The little hand made metal
box is meant I expect for
opium or tobacco + will
I am sure be quite large
enough to hold your im-
-mediate requirements of
them both?
They go with love and
best wishes for you now
+ always -

Cora

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Ottawa,
December 26, 1947

Dear Cora:

Yours gifts certainly constituted a Christmas in themselves. How can I thank you for sending me so many beautiful souvenirs of the years you and George and other members of the family spent in the Orient! Between what I have received over the years from my diplomatic friends and yourself, if I am to do justice to their historical and artistic significance, I shall have, I think, to find some way of adding a Chinese room to my quarters here at Laurier House.

I know only too well how precious the Chinese scrolls are, and one can see at a glance how exquisite is the embroider in design, colour and workmanship. The same is true of the handworked brass gift which came with the others from you. The latter, I think, I shall put to immediate use on my dresser for studs and collar buttons. It is what I have been looking for and dreaming about for a long time past. It is indeed more than good of you to have parted with so many precious possessions and that, in particular, to myself. I do thank you most warmly for all that they are in themselves and what they express of your affection.

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I hope that you and all at 43 MaKenzie Avenue had a very happy Christmas Day. Though your grandsons are widely scattered, you will be conscious of the loving thoughts they are sending to you over vast areas of space. After all, the radio helps to make us conscious of how near we are in spirit as in all else to thosewwho are nearest and dearest to us.

I am sure your happinews like mine was much enhanced in knowing that Jennie has been making the recovery she has, ~~and that~~ With Margaret to look after her home, as well as her Christmas dinner, she had much to make her comfortable and happy. I wish it might have been possible to have found, some months earlier, someone like Margaret. However, better late than never. I can think of no one in the world quite so good, and only pray that she may be with Jennie over the remqinder of her years.

In thanking you again for your letter and lovely gifts, let me send you, dear Cora, every loving wish for the New Year for yourself, Charlie, Wanda and for Jim and George.

Yours affectionately,
Willie

Mrs. G.G.S. Lindsey,
43 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto,
Ontario.

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Jan 16 42

for author

My dearest Willie

I am
sorry to have been so long
in writing to thank you
for your lovely present to
me, but I have been
very poorly and quite
unfit to sit up and
write letters. Vanda
took the picture to be
framed and I am sure
it will give us all a
great deal of pleasure
when it hangs over
the mantel piece in
the library -
Cassimir is very en-
thusiastic about it
and has made me
promise that it is to
belong to him eventually.

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I/ You have been very much in my thoughts yesterday + today Dear, and I was so delighted an hour ago when I got word from Jean that she had been to see her mother at the hospital and had found everything going amazingly well. She said Jennie seemed so well + so happy + grateful that it was all over. She was thrilled with your lovely "hand written" letter to her + so grateful to you for all you have done for her.
It came upon you at a very bad time - in this busy week of your

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3/ hectically busy ~~[illegible]~~ life. but it must make you feel very happy to know what you have done for Jennie & how grateful they all are to you & how they love you for it.
She was immensely touched at getting the wire from Nelson & Helen, and I thought I could detect your "fine Italian hand" in the sending of that message!
Charlie was very much upset over Jennie's illness. I think he wrote to you after telephoning me twice from his office to know what he could

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4/ do to help in any way
he told me he had written
to you about it.
I am ashamed of this scrawl
but I could do any better
just now.
I have not been out of
my room for 6 weeks
but I hope to be. The
circulation again in
a short time now
when I shall feel like
turning hand springs
of joy! I am so tired
of my outlook on the
Rosedale Ravine & I'm
sick to death of weather.
I must stop now: Lots
of love
Cora

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P.S. Charlie asked me when I was writing to you to tell you the little Chinese Temple was all packed & ready to send to you when you said the word where it is to be sent.

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January 24, 1948

My dear Cora

I have only a moment to thank you for your letter of a few days ago.

If I had thought for one moment that any member of the family would have dreamed of framing the picture I sent you, I might have hesitated to send it at all. It was just intended as a sort of historical record of possible interest in years to come.

Please let Charlie know how much I appreciated his thought at the time of Jennie's recent operation. It was a close call. How thankful we all must be that ~~she~~ Jennie has come through so well. I do hope that you yourself are feeling stronger. I like to think of the Spring not being far away.

I hardly know what to say about the little Chinese temple. Until I get through the present session, and possibly until I am

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out of office, I doubt if I shall have the time to put it together, and to get one of my Chinese friends to explain its significance and intricacies.

However, if Jim would not think that I am unappreciative in storing it meanwhile, it could, of course, be sent to me at any time. Probably it had best be addressed to Laurier House.

with fondest love, dear Cora

Yrs. affectionately

Willie

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
45 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto

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43 McKenzie Ave
Toronto
March 9th
1948?

My dearest Willie

This is not a letter, not even a note, but a mere apology for never having written to tell you how much I have been enjoying your picture. You are suitably and nicely framed and live on the part of the Library wall allotted to us. Whence you smile amiably on me whenever I go in there. I really like the picture more & more all the time. and I am glad you were so generous as to send it to us.

I was worried about you last week, as I heard that you were not very well & had picked up another cold. I am glad to hear now that you are back in your place again in good form.

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2/ I am still confined to my room where I have been since early in December, however I could not go out during this weather + I am not missing very much. I get good news from Jim + from Georg from Cambridge - and all the others are well. I have just been talking to Johns wife, John has reached Bogota on his return trip + may be back in Canada in April.
I hope you dont let the efforts of Drew + his ilk annoy you they make me warlty, which is bad for my disposition, but I am sure they dont worry you at all.
Lots of love Dear in which the family join me
for yours affectionately
Cora

PS. This is not to be answered !!!

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July 5, 1948

Dear Cora:

You have been very much in my thoughts since the morning I had with you the happy little talk we had together. I had hoped to renew that visit when I came up to Toronto to open the Sunnybrook Hospital. Unfortunately, not having had time to prepare in advance the speech I was to make at the Civic Dinner in the evening, I had to devote the morning to its preparation, and the afternoon was taken up with the ceremonies at Sunnybrook Park, and other engagements incidental thereto.

Charlie, no doubt, will have explained the situation to you. I was sorry to learn, from a letter since received from him, that your progress toward recovery had not been what Charlie had hoped it might be, and that part of the time it had been found necessary to have a nurse in attendance.

You will know, dear Cora, without words, how deeply I feel for you in all this. I wish there were something I could do to help relieve your present pain and anxiety. Thoughts and prayers do help. Please know

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that both my thoughts and prayers are frequently of you.

It is now less than a week since Parliament prorogued. I have rounded out over twenty-one years in the office of Prime Minister, and nothing short of a war,- and I doubt if even that, ~~will~~ occasion my being again in Parliament as Leader of the Government.

I shall be giving up the Leadership of the Party at the August Convention. I may stay on for a few weeks or months as Prime Minister, but have had, so far as I can see, my last days in Parliament in that office. I am not sorry to be giving up. It has been a long stretch, and, I believe, an honourable record, neither of which can now be taken from me. I long for the larger freedom and rest that I pray may come with less exacting duties. I am looking forward, if spared by Providence, to doing a little reading and writing, and to seeing something of friends.

You will be glad to hear that Jennie hopes to be able to come to Kingsmere for a couple of weeks. I am looking forward to her being with me at the end of the present week. I do hope she may have sufficient strength to be able to take the journey

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without too much in the way of strain and to enjoy her days while here. Rosabel will be accompanying her. You will be much in my thoughts, and after Jennie's arrival, I am sure she will not be long in sending you a further word from us both.

With fondest love,
Believe me, dear Cora
Ever affectionately yours,
Willie

Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
43 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

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In later years, she had withdrawn from official duties, but maintained her deep and active interest in the personal problems and progress of a large circle of friends from all strata of society. She was a cousin of Mr. Justice F. D. Hogg of the Ontario supreme court. She was an Anglican.

Surviving are two sons, Lieut.-Col. Charles B. Lindsey, department of veteran's affairs, Toronto, and James B. Lindsey, vice-consul at the American embassy, Rangoon, Burma; and two grandchildren, George Lindsey and Casimir Lindsey, post-graduate students at Cambridge university and the University of British Columbia, respectively. Interment will be at the Necropolis.

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Dear Percy: I have just received word from Jennie of Nellie's death. Let me express to you my loving sympathy in your bereavement.

Willie

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The Manager,
Governors General Burying Ground Association,
Toronto.

Will you please accept this wire as authority from me to open grave for burial of Mrs. Leonard Leigh in William Lyon Mackenzie plot Necropolis. I shall be pleased to confirm this wire by telephone, Ottawa, Rideau 4246, and by letter as well. Please acknowledge receipt this wire.

W. L. Mackenzie King

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WILLIE

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Percy Lindsey, Esq.,
163 Balsam,
Toronto.

Affectionate Christmas greetings, my dear Percy, to Mrs. Lindsey and yourself. Every good wish for 1932.

ful44 Willie

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LAURIER HOUSE OTTAWA ONT

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PERCY.

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with nothing but our few household belongings. but I am strong and well and my faith is strong too, and I think I have lots of sand left, so with all these good things I feel sure I shall not find things too hard to bear. many thanks for your kindness

Yours most gratefully

Gellis Lindsey

163 Balsam Ave
Toronto
April 9-32

My dear Mr King

I am sorry to have been this long in acknowledging the receipt of your kind messages of sympathy and the beautiful flowers which you sent me after my dear Percy passed.

I am very very grateful to you for your letter, and it

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has helped me to feel that I must not grieve for Percy and that I must be grateful that he was so ready and willing to go.
He was not afraid of death. he told me. and he felt as you do, that it was only a passing on to something higher and better, for which he has striven for some years now to fit himself.
I shall miss him sadly, but the struggle for a bare existance is before me, as I am left

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Mrs. Percy Lindsey,
163 Balsam Ave.
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My kindest thoughts and best of wishes to you at this Christmas season.

ful44 W L Mackenzie King

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130. Hicks St.
Brooklyn N. Y.

February 26- 1925

Dear Willie.

I am not going to let this opportunity slip by, as I did the last, of writing you to thank you for your kindness to me when in Ottawa. Mother and I very much enjoyed being with you and felt it was very good of you to give us so much of your time. I must tell you how very much I appreciate the kindness you have shown to Mother since she went to Ottawa.

I was disappointed not to hear you speak in the House, but hope to have that pleasure when I again go to Ottawa.

With best wishes and renewed thanks. I am

Yours affectionately.

Jim Lindsey

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James Lindsey, Esq.,
c/o Messrs. Hirsch, Lilunthal & Co.,
165 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

I am addressing personal letter and enclosed official communication to your mother direct to the steamship 'Adriatic' sailing from New York at noon January seventh. Have included a personal letter to Lord Lloyd, High Commissioner for Egypt whom I have met at Imperial Conferences. Love and best wishes to all.

W. L. Mackenzie King

Chg: Prime Minister's Office

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La Playa Apartments
98. Charles St.
Toronto. July 11th. 1927

L.H.

Dear Willie.

Before leaving New York I was delighted to receive the letters which you were good enough to send me for General Hitchcock and I want to tell you how very grateful I am to you for the trouble you went to to do this. It was very thoughtful of you to send the letters to me. I took them at once to the General who was greatly pleased to get them. You have no doubt heard from him as he said he would immediately write to thank you.

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I am taking my full two weeks vacation now and am spending the time quietly here with Mother. Mother has a charming little apartment which is very nice and cool in the hot weather.

Mother has just received a program of the National Celebration at Ottawa on Dominion Day. It must have been very interesting but I can conceive that it must have been a very exacting few days for you.

Mother I see a good deal of Charlie and his family. Charlie's new business venture seems quite a success and agrees with him as he is actually beginning to grow fat.

I see from the papers that you will have a very busy summer and if you are taking a holiday this fall and should happen to be in New York I would be delighted to see you if you could find time to give me a call.

Mother joins in sending love and again thanking you. I am

Yours most gratefully

Jim

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New York

January 1th 1928

Dear Willie,

Mother reached today at noon in high spirits and she is looking forward to her trip with keen interest. Your letters arrived at the ship in good time and Mother is most grateful to you for them. She very much appreciate your kindness.

The last three days Mother and I spent with the Chris Reinays at their country place in Westchester County. We enjoyed this very much. Last night we all came in to the City and spent the night at this hotel so that it-

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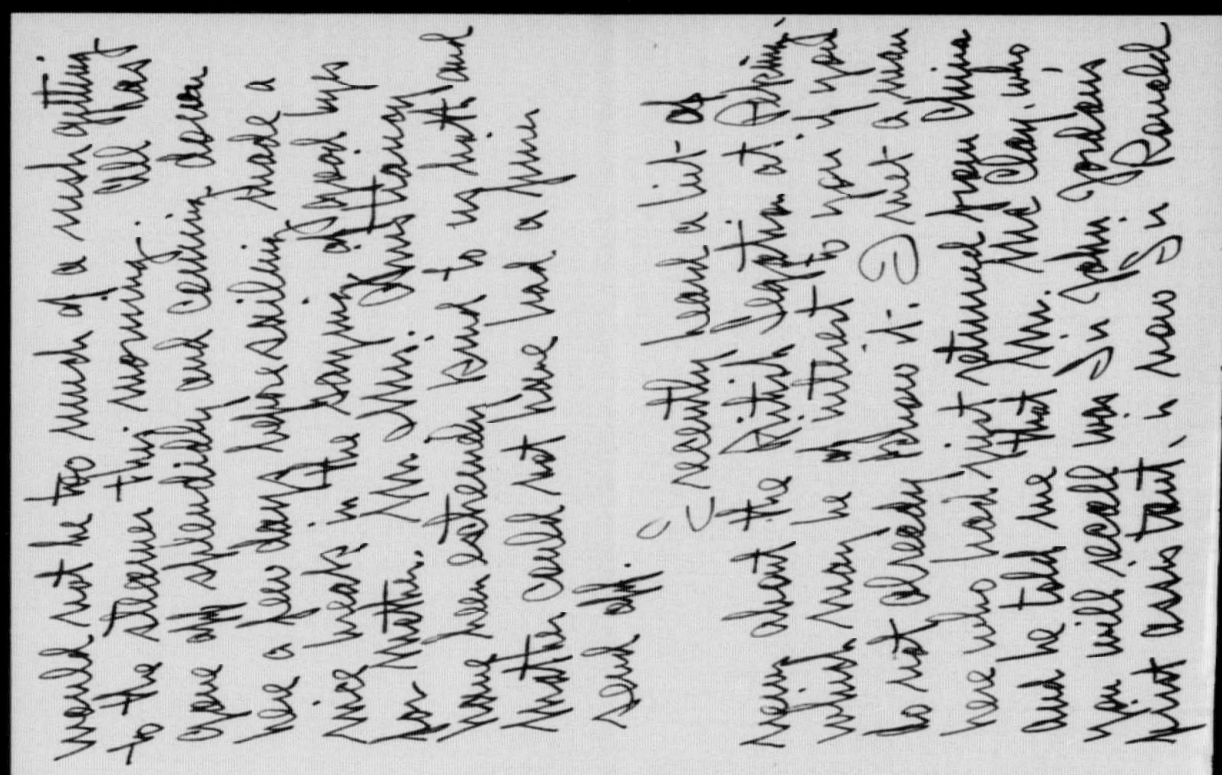

Mrs Clay, and in the British Minister there.

I enjoyed seeing you at Mathis' the other day and I hope it will not be so long before I see you again as it was the last time.

Affectionately.

Jim

Dec-5-1929.
New York City
N.Y.

Dear Willie:

I thank you so much for a wonderful visit in Ottawa - one I will never forget. You were most kind to us and I appreciate your giving us so much of your time.

Every thing was of great interest to me joyed meeting her so much. We hope that you will look us up in New York and that we will see some thing of you - do come and pay no attention to what your enemies say.

Sincerely yours

Betty Lindsey.

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Jim has told you of our return trip I believe. My entire stay in Canada was a very happy one - I was very glad to meet his family - they all gave me a very cordial welcome and I shall look forward to many more visits as happy.

Please remember us both to Mrs. Pattison - and I got a big thrill having the carillon played in our honor. You have many accomplishments to be proud of but the carillon is one that will always carry a lasting, beautiful memory.

It was very nice of you to give us your picture - I am very pleased to have it.

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29 East 38th Street
New York
December 4th. 1929.

Dear Willie.

We arrived back in New York Sunday at midnight after a great trip all the way through. When we left you in Ottawa we went straight to Montreal and continued on to Three Rivers where we spent the night. Our plan was to reach Quebec, but on account of the ice and snow on the roads we thought it wiser to turn back at Three Rivers and left there Saturday afternoon. The trip along the St Lawrence was wonderful. You have no doubt done it many times, but it was new to Betty & me. It was extremely cold, with lots of snow and a great deal of ice in the River. Saturday night we spent at the Ritz in Montreal and left for home Sunday at noon. All told on our trip we covered about two thousand miles in ten days & enjoyed every bit of it. We are both agreed that our greatest thrill was hearing the carillon

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play in Ottawa honor. Our visit with you was perfectly great and we both enjoyed it immensely and shall long remember your many kindnesses to us.

We have your picture in our apartment and it occupies the position of honor beside that of Ottawa Mother. We look forward to having you see it yourself if you have a chance to look us up at all when next you are down here. You know we both want to see you so if you can make it some time it will give us great pleasure to welcome you to our home.

Will you please remember us both to Mrs. Pattison, we enjoyed meeting her so much.

Thanks you very much for all your kindness.

Sincerely
Jim Lindsey

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, August 6, 1930

My dear Jack:

May I introduce Mr. James Lindsey, a son of my late cousin, Mr. G. G. S. Lindsey of Toronto.

Mr. Lindsey has recently sustained a great bereavement in the loss of his wife, to whom he was married less than a year ago. He is anxious to give up, for a time, the business in which he is engaged, and go to sea in a ship, doing any kind of work which may help to give him physical and mental relief. He is a young man of exceptional character and ability, and may be trusted to the uttermost with respect to any representations he may make, or aught that may be committed to his charge.

I am giving him this note of introduction to you, believing that you may be in a position to communicate to him some opportunity of the kind he is seeking. I

Peter Jack, Esq.,
President,
Halifax Board of Harbour Commissioners,
Halifax, N. S.

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shall greatly appreciate any courtesy or good offices you may find it possible in the circumstances to extend.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Similar letter sent the following:

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Harry I. Mathers, Esq.,
c/o H. I. Mathers & Sons,
Halifax, N. S.

J. G. Farquhar, Esq.,
c/o Farquhar & Company,
Shipping Agents,
Halifax, N. S.

Murray Hatfield, Esq.,
Canadian National Steamships,
Halifax, N. S.

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August 6, 1930

My dear Jim:

I enclose the letters of introduction promised last week. I am indeed sorry for the delay there has been in giving them to you. Your mother will, however, explain the circumstances as ~~put~~ mentioned to her over the phone.

I learned from your mother that you are to have a little burial service tomorrow, and that dear Betty's remains will be laid to rest in your family plot. I wish I could come up to be with you at the service, but as it has been arranged that I am to tender my resignation as Prime Minister tomorrow, it will not be possible for me to get away. I am sending a few flowers, which I shall be grateful if you will have placed somewhere on Betty's grave for me. They carry with them my deepest affection for you both, the tenderest of memories, and the fondest of love. Do

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believe, dear Jim, that in the providence of God, all will be for the best in the end; that there is nothing greater in the world than love, and that all things work together for good for those who love God and see his will in everything.

With best love to yourself and to your mother, believe me as always

Very affectionately yours,

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98 Charles Street East
Toronto.
August 8th 1930

Dear Willie.

Your good letter reached me yesterday and I was deeply touched by your kind understanding & sympathy. Your flowers arrived in the morning and in the afternoon we had just a short service at the grave. It was good of you to wish to be with us, just Mother, Charlie & myself. I put your flowers on top of the urn, they were lovely.

After we left the Necropolis, Charlie drove us to Mt. Pleasant to see your new monument to Mac. We thought it very dignified & handsome.

Tomorrow I am leaving for Halifax with your letters of introduction. I am sure I shall gain through them just what I am looking for. Any effort I might make at thanking you for them & for all your many kindnesses to Betty & myself I am sure would be futile, but I do want you to know that I am very very grateful.

Our visit with you in Ottawa last Winter will always remain one of my most precious memories.

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as both Betty & I were so proud & happy to be there with you. Many times Betty referred to that visit & to your many kindnesses to us & I know that that was one of her experiences with me which she cherished very dearly.

My plans are uncertain & beyond going to sea. I have no definite ideas for the immediate future. These last two weeks here with Mother have helped me much and I now feel that a change of scene & some work is what I wish for most.

As Mother told you, Betty put your picture away before doing what she did & it was not until the apartment was being dismantled that we came upon it securely hidden. I have given it to Mother to keep for me until I return to something more definite.

My firm in New York have been extremely considerate of me & have allowed me an extended leave of absence with the understanding that I shall keep in touch with them & see them when I return to New York. They must appreciate my feelings about leaving there for the meantime at least.

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to see so many things that can't be said.
Charlie Rollins is staying here this week and
you will understand why.
When I have determined what my next
move will be I should like to write to you again! In
the meantime, dear Willie, believe me to be, with best love.
Most gratefully & affectionately yours.
J. M.

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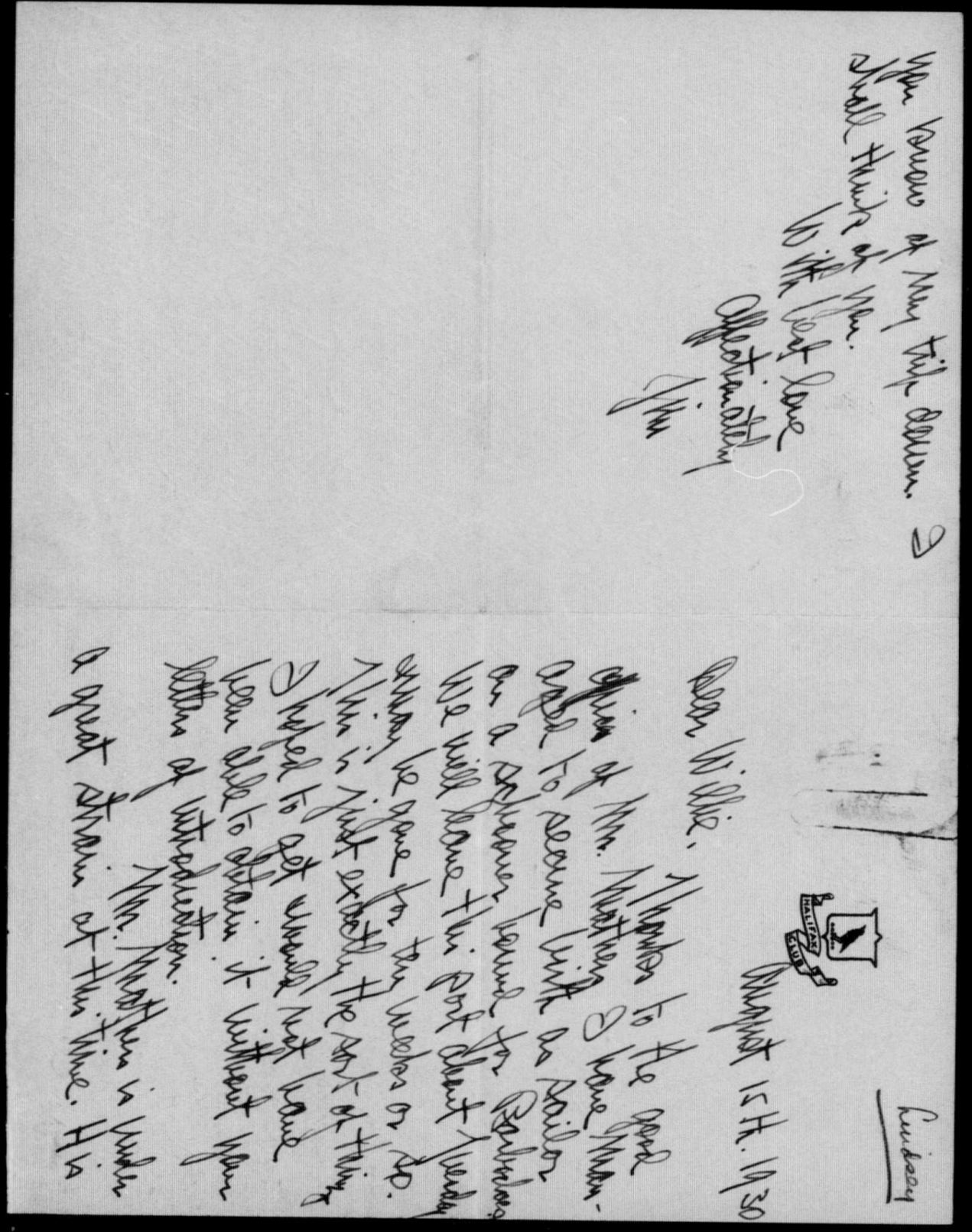

you know of my trip down. I
shall think of you.
With best love
Affectionately
Jim

Lindsey

HALIFAX CLUB

August 15th. 1930

Dear Willie.

Thanks to the good
offices of Mr. Mathers I have man-
aged to secure birth as sailor
on a schooner bound for Barbados.
We will leave this port about Tuesday
may be gone for ten weeks or so.
This is just exactly the sort of thing
I hoped to get would not have
been able to obtain it without your
letters of introduction.

Mr. Mathers is under
a great strain at this time. His

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BRIDGETOWN CLUB,
BARBADOS, W.I.

October 17th. 1930

Dear Willie.

The schooner Integral that brought me South, dropped her anchors here on Oct. 8th. to complete a passage of 48 days from Halifax a record one in length of time to people here. It was a great experience for me and one I would not have missed for much though at times it was pretty hard going.

Just after getting clear of the Nova Scotia coast we ran into a storm which lasted about one [illegible] fortnight of the forecastle. All were from our Maritime Provinces I liked them all very much they were all nice to me.

Since our arrival here arranged with the Capt. to stay on in the Islands for a bit they have secured a man in my place.

I have been most fortunate in making some friends here thanks to the kindness of Mr. R.S. Dickie of Steviacke, N.S. a Liberal & a great admirer of yours. His father, he told me, was one of your candidates in Nova Scotia the election before last.

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we started out to the East on a light South wind which did not vary for some days, carrying us out to 47° W. Long. It was to the S. East that we hoped to pick up the trade winds & make South. In that we were fooled for we lay becalmed for nearly two weeks. After that some head winds & then, to the great relief of us all, the Easterly trades. To finish off our poor luck we were forced to beat about for three days looking for Barbados, as our chronometer was rated incorrectly.

Our ships company was composed of Capt. Mate, cook three days. I had never seen such wind and seas as on the third day.

Luckily for the seven of us on board, the Integral, true to her name, stayed together pretty much & we also managed to come through with our deck load of pine. She was pretty hard put to it for a time, so the Captain has told me since. We lay to for three days and all of us were on deck for most of that time. After the wind died down it was several days before we could set any canvas because of the great seas that had worked up. When we got things straightened away & some gear mended

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BRIDGETOWN CLUB,
BARBADOS, W.I.

Just says I am waiting
for word from the North & if Flint
can stay for some time I should
like to have Mother join me. The
change would do her good, I think.

Don't suppose there is
much chance of you being down
this way, is there? I would like
to see you and I am sure you
would find a change and a rest
here.

I have read your
letter to me at Toronto more than

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December 11, 1930

I have just written your mother extending Christmas greetings to you both, but I must supplement that letter by just a further line to yourself.

First of all I want to thank you very warmly for the long and interesting letter which I received from you, telling me of your voyage from Halifax to the Barbadoes and of the incidents of that trip. I imagine that you had a close call and certainly your mother had more than one scare from the reports that appeared in the press.

I am indeed delighted that you are both together at this Christmas season. I am sure when travelling about you will have the best of times together and that with the New Year you will be able to take up your work with fresh interest and zeal and with fresh heart as well.

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In the course of my reading I have come across a book entitled "Peace in the Heart" by Archibald Rutledge. It is really a series of nature studies, but it conveys almost better than anything I have thus far read the spiritual meaning of all that lies behind the wonder and beauty of nature. I feel sure that you would enjoy reading this book and so I am sending you a copy for Christmas. Unfortunately, I have had to send away for a copy and it may not come to hand in time to ensure its reaching you on Christmas Day. However, when it comes you will know that it brings to you the message that I most wish to send at this Christmas season.

As I learn from Jennie that you and your mother may be travelling about at the Christmas season, I am not quite sure where any message of greeting would reach you on Christmas Day or the New Year, so in all probability I shall not cable any greetings. You will, however, both be very much in my thoughts and my very best of wishes will be going to you alike for Christmas Day, for the Christmas season, and for the New Year.

James Lindsey, Esq.,
Bridgetown Club,
Barbadoes,
B.W.I.

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achievers now and she is looking forward to a trip somewhere on a steamer. I think

We have been fairly fortunate in the matter of our hotel here. Which is the big problem in the two French Islands.

Yesterday we took a boat trip to St. Pierre and were fortunate in getting an unobstructed view of the crater of Mt. Pelee just as we got there the usual clouds obscuring the crater lifted and we could distinctly see the smoke coming from the crater. We did not go ashore as we intend going back next week to spend a few days. I would like to climb up as far as possible and even if one can't go to the crater one would get a wonderful view. The crater is over four thousand feet and does not appear to be a difficult climb until nearing the top.

At St. Vincent I took

Feb 10th. by the Lady Hawkins. Spent two days at anchor at Barbados where we got in touch with our friends and enjoyed the time very much. Then on to St. Lucia where we left the ship. At St. Lucia we found we would have to wait at least two weeks for a steamer to bring us here. There was however a small schooner about to make the crossing, of only forty miles. the same night. We decided to come that way and arrived here the following morning after sitting up on deck all night. Fortunately it was not rough & it rained very little so all told it was not an unpleasant experience. Weather is getting to be a regular nuisance. I can't keep me off

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silk skirt reaching to the ground and on the head a large multicolored silk scarf tied in very bizarre way. Those who can afford it wear any amount of gold jewellery on the neck and arms and large gold ear-rings.

The natives of this Island are far and away the most polite & happy looking that we have so far seen in the W. I. One sees none of the loafing about the streets that is so common in the other Islands.

Both Mother & I were very disappointed that you could not join us at St. Vincent. I think you would have liked it there & have been able to get a good rest & certainly your companionship would have been very pleasant for us.

We have not been able to

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returning to New York because of associations and memories which will be constantly before me, but these must be met sometime and I think I shall not remain away much longer.

Both Mother & I have had a great Winter together. She is looking better than I have seen her in years & has thoroughly enjoyed the change & travel.

Thanks once more for your kindness to me. Mother joins me in love and best wishes.

"More power to your elbow in the coming Session"

Affectionately

Jim

follow the political situation in Canada because of the scant news available. We were much interested in some newspaper clippings which Jennie sent us. One thing about this part of the world you feel frightfully remote & shut off from the world of affairs. For instance the newspapers such as they are seem to have amassed vast quantities of stale news which awaits its chronological turn for publication and is often a month old in reaching print.

We are both delighted at the progress Harry has made since his operation and recent letters from Jennie say that he is better than he has been for years.

Am plans from here on are indefinite, but I feel that I have been too long away from work and should be busy once more. I can't say I look forward to

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THE SHELTON - NEW YORK

December 30th. 31

Dear Willie,

I can't let this year slip by without a few lines to wish you every happiness for the year to come. I should have written you for Christmas, but I have been frightfully busy & have let many things slip. I am afraid.

About three weeks ago I felt I could not stand inactivity any longer so I came down here looking for something to do & have been fortunate in securing a position with a Stock Exchange firm. That business, as you know, is pretty flat, but by hard work I believe I can make a go of it. I have been spending my time renewing my old friendships & trying to round up a clientel. Conditions here, as you know, are terrible, but this state of affairs can't go on for ever.

I dined tonight with General Frank Hitchcock, who wished to be remembered to you. I twitted him a bit on the political situation here & he went so far as to say the Republican Party was considerably worried over the 1932 prospects.

In a letter from Mother today was enclosed your wire of good Christmas wishes to us both. Thank you very much for thinking of me.

I am staying at this hotel & should you be down this way I hope you will let me hear from you as I would like so much to see you.

With renewed best wishes for a happy New Year.

Affectionately

Jim

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January 2, 1932

My dear Jim:

I am sorry I did not know that you had left for New York before Christmas, or I should have had some word of greeting sent to you there on that day. However, I am delighted to know that you have resumed your old work under new associations, and I am sure that nothing will be quite so helpful and pleasurable as resumed activity. I think you are wise in going back to New York and continuing in the class of work with which you are so familiar.

The old year has been a trying one for the world at large, and I imagine 1932 will be a year of tribulation as well. However, it is out of these things that finer character is born, both for the nation and individuals, and I am sure that most of us have but to keep our resolve high and firm, and, when we feel discouraged, we have only too look around to see how infinitely more difficult is the lot of countless others.

I send to you my very best of wishes for all happiness and success in this New Year. If I should be so fortunate as to get down to New York at any time, I shall certainly give myself the pleasure of looking you up.

Yours affectionately,

James Lindsey, Esq.,
c/o The Shelton,
New York, N. Y.

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HOTEL CHATHAM
Vanderbilt Avenue 48th and 49th Street, New York City

December 21st. 32.

Dear Willie,

Have been meaning to get a letter off to you all week, but until today I have been a bit under the weather with flu. A lot of it around here just now.

I don't think I can get up to Toronto for Christmas this year. Will have to be content with telephoning on Christmas Day.

I suppose you will spend Christmas in Ottawa, or perhaps you will go to Barrie. In any event I shall be thinking of you & wishing you a very happy Christmas & all good things for the New Year.

Affectionately
Jim

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To be delivered Christmas Morning Ottawa, Dec. 23, 1932

James Lindsey, Esq.,
The Shelton,
New York City.

Affectionate Christmas greetings to you dear Jim and best of wishes for the New Year.

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charge balance Mackenzie King).

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The story certainly we are all hoping in the fullest degree that we may come through. right side up.

Murray McCrimmon, of Toronto a very good friend of mine, was scheduled to meet you at a Political gathering at Port Hope last week. I had asked Murray to give you my best.

My last letter from Mother reports all well in Toronto. I believe Mother has seen a good deal of Jennie Harry this Summer She wrote me of our delightful visit she had with them at Barrie.

With best wishes in every way

Affectionately

Jim Lindsey

The Beverly

ONE TWENTY-FIVE EAST FIFTIETH STREET

NEW YORK

September 19th. 33

Dear Billie.

Mr. George Christianson is planning a short motor trip through Eastern Canada & may visit Ottawa. He will very likely call you to pay his respects to you. You will remember meeting him with me when we were in Ottawa together in 1926. At that time he was my Chief and engaged in the stock brokerage business. He is now retired & spends most of his time travelling I should mightily well like to go up with him & see you. We have not seen each other for too long. Just now I cannot-

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country in which I live. I hope this does not upset you. It was not a hasty step on my part, but rather one to which I have given much consideration for some years.

These are indeed trying times aren't they? During my years here I have never witnessed anything like the uncertainty that exists today in the minds of nearly everyone. This does not seem to be clearing up, but rather seems to grow more acute from day to day. I believe many who were recently strong supporters of the present Administration, must have grave doubts in their minds as to the road we are travelling. I suppose time alone will tell

get away as I have recently been given the responsibility of a branch office by my firm. I have looked forward for a long time to seeing you in New York. Perhaps you may have occasion to come here this Winter. I should love to see you.

Prepare yourself for a bit of a shock: if you have not already got it from Mother or Jackie. I have recently become a Naturalized Citizen of the U.S. This will possibly strike you as a bit extraordinary, but my feeling after living here for ten years + at the same time working my living here in New York, is that it was the thing to do. Many of my friends are Americans + my plan is of course to continue on here in business + I felt I should like to be a part of the

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October 4, 1933

My dear Jim:

Please forgive me for not having sooner acknowledged your letter of the 19th ultimo, which I was very pleased to receive.

I have been living in the country during the past few weeks, and expect to be back in Ottawa in another few days. I shall be glad indeed to see Mr. Christiancy again, should he visit Ottawa in the course of his motor trip through eastern Canada. So far as I am aware, he has not been in Ottawa up to the present. I have left word both at Laurier House and at my office that, should he turn up, word be sent to me immediately to my home in Kingsmere. I, of course, remember very well the time you and he visited Ottawa together, and I recall vividly his pleasing personality.

I had heard from your mother of your having become a naturalized citizen of the United States. Having decided to live in the United States, and having a good position there, I think you were entirely right in taking out naturalization papers. Indeed, I think every man owes it to the

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country in which he is making his living to become one of its citizens. I am sure you will prove to be one of the best of the United States.

I share your concern about the trend of events throughout the world, and, in particular, the outcome of the National Recovery experiment in the United States. Perhaps something of the kind was needed to avert a more serious situation, but I question very much the soundness of the lines upon which it is proceeding.

Your friend Murray McCrimmon introduced himself to me at one of the Port Hope meetings, and I was very pleased indeed to make his acquaintance. I only wish there had been opportunity for a little more in the way of conversation between us.

I spent most of this summer in western Canada, where I had some sixty meetings in all in the prairie provinces. The tour was a most interesting and profitable one, though very strenuous. Were we to have a general election in Canada tomorrow, I believe the present Government would be swept out of office as completely as it was in 1921, at which time the Conservatives did not carry a single seat in six out of the nine provinces. I think that we should do even better than we did that year.

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However, when it comes to making a political forecast, very much is in the nature of conjecture.

I am delighted to gather from your letter that you are very well and again active in business. I imagine, like everyone else, you are finding the times difficult, but so long as your health is good I have not the least doubt you will be able to successfully weather the storm of depression and that you will sail into calm waters when it is over.

I, too, should be glad indeed to have an opportunity of seeing you again. There is just a possibility I may be in New York before the year is out. If so, I shall do my utmost to look you up. My visits to New York are usually of short duration, and the difficulty of making engagements in advance so great that I find it hard to get about to any extent. However, I shall do my best to find my way to The Beverly should I visit New York.

With my best of wishes,
Believe me, dear Jim, as always,
Yours affectionately,

James Lindsey, Esq.,
The Beverly, New York, N.Y.

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are in effect, that the present Administration "Don't know what it is all about" – the change of feeling against those in power seems to be growing steadily.

I am hoping to be able to go up to Toronto for Christmas & in the event that you spend Christmas in Barrie, I may have a chance to see you. I should so much like to do so.

On Christmas Day, I shall be thinking of you wishing you a very happy day, as well as all good things for the New Year. 1934 will be full of splendid things for you, I know.

Affectionately,

Jim

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The Beverly
ONE TWENTY-FIVE EAST FIFTIETH STREET
NEW YORK

Dec. 17th. 33.

Dear Willie,

I am truly sorry to have delayed so long in answering your good letter to me, which I did so much appreciate. I have had some trouble with my eyes lately which has necessitated resting them as much as possible, but I am glad to say they are improving now.

I was most pleased by your expression of opinion feeling on my having become a Citizen of the U.S. I hoped you would feel I had not

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here this ideas agree entirely with your own - that the Conservatives would meet with very little success. Mother's letters to me are interesting on this score also. She predicts a land slide for you & your party.

I should certainly like to have a talk with you & get your views on the situation here, has it not developed into the most amazing state of things? I am afraid I share the views of most of my friends here in New York, as well as others that I come in contact with, which acted altogether unwisely.

It was very kind of you to be on the lookout for Mr. Christiancy. He was only in Ottawa for a few hours in the middle of the day & thought it hardly the thing to call on you then. I later told him of your letter & that you had expected to see him, which pleased him very much. He has asked me to thank you & convey his warmest regards to you.

I was much interested in what you said as to the political feeling in Canada now. Murray McCrimmon has just returned to Toronto after spending a few days with me

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Allen Wilkie.

Room 201,
50 Scott St.
Ottawa, March 13th. 29

Dear Mr. Lindsey,

Many thanks for your
Christmas card. It reached me
in a letter from Australia.
I've a letter from Australia.
Quite a few days ago.
Quite a few days ago.
Quite a few days ago

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J. B. Lindsey

Boatswains mate 2nd class
vessel – the IX-86 –
under command of
Lt. Com. Chapin who is
commander or Captain
of the Naval Base at
Port Everglades Florida.
The Lt. Com. Chapin was
formerly on the New York
stock exchange and was
a yachtsman of note.
The vessel is a two
masted schooner, a
beauty, which would
be dear to the heart of
F. D. R. who is a most-

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ardent Sail Boat man.
~ Any word which Billie
could speak on my behalf
would be very much ap-
preciated by me.
This is my first 24 hour
leave and we are making
the most of it.
Elaine is here in a small
apartment a few minutes
walk from the Naval
Base. Elaine joins me
in much love to you
& please give my love
to Billie Yours most
affectionately Jim "

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Ottawa, December 24, 1940

Mr. and Mrs. James Lindsey,
3020 S.W. 24th Terrace,
Miami, Florida.

Heartiest Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

(Charge
Prime Minister's Office)

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L.H.

63, Gaynor Avenue,
Manhasset, Long Island,
New York, April 11th. 1944

Rt. Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Willie,

I was pleased to get word of you from my Mother last night when I phoned her at Charlie's. She told me you were well,but very busy,which I can readily understand.

I mentioned to Mother my desire to get into the United States Secret Service or with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. After talking to you, Mother called me back and asked me to send you an outline of my service with the United States Navy.

I enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve as a Boatswains Mate second class at Miami Florida and was called to active duty at Port Everglades on August 29th. 1942. For three months I was in charge of a small schooner doing submarine patrol and was then transferred to a large schooner making more extended trips. In April of 1943 I was transferred to an attack transport in the North Atlantic and was with her until June. I was then sent to the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth Virginia, where I received an honorable medical discharge in July.

I will be most grateful if you can give me any advice as to how I can best effect the necessary contacts in applying for such a position as I have mentioned. I am anxious to get into something useful and I am just optimistic enough to believe I might be of some service.

It has been a long time since I have been in Canada,but one of these days I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you again.

With best wishes,

Affectionately
Jim

James Lindsey
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J.H.

Ottawa,
April 27, 1944

James Lindsey, Esq.,
63, Gaynor Avenue,
Manhasset, Long Island,
New York.

Dear Mr. Lindsey:

Just before leaving Ottawa for overseas, Mr. Mackenzie King asked me to write to you, to say how sorry he was not to have been able to write you himself in reply to your letter of April the 11th.

Mr. King mentioned that he had sent a telegram to you last Saturday. He much hopes that if you were able to see Mr. McCarthy, the Ambassador's good offices would have been of some assistance to you in connection with the appointment of which you wrote.

You will, I am sure, appreciate the great pressure upon Mr. King's time, which has prevented his writing to you personally.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

JAG/FM

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Manhasset. L.I. May 7th 1944

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Dear Willie.

I want to thank you so much for your wire & for your kindness in putting me in touch with Mr. McCarthy.

When I received your telegram I phoned Mr. McCarthy for an appointment & went to Washington to see him. He was very kind & helpful and arranged for me to see several men in the State Department. After learning what jobs were open I made application for the Foreign Service and I am now waiting to hear from the Department. - This may take some time.

You were certainly very kind to do all this for me and I do so much appreciate it.

I see from the papers you are now in London. So this letter will most likely await your return.

I will drop you a line when I hear further from the State Department.

With best wishes
Affectionately
Jim

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The Hon. C. Lyon Mackenzie King, M.P.,
Ottawa, Ont.

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Ottawa, Ont.

2001 O. St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. July 8th 1944

Dear Mr. King,

Although I was unable to reach you by telephone before your departure from Washington, I am sure you will be interested to learn that the State Department has received an official request from the Government of Canada that the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires ad interim in Lisbon be withdrawn and that he be replaced by a Minister. The Department has agreed to this request and has informed the Canadian Government that it will be able to receive a Canadian Minister in Lisbon as soon as he arrives.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Pearson in London and to Mr. Wrong in Ottawa.

Yours sincerely,

Dean Acheson

Enclosure:
Copy of letter to Mr. Pearson.

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The Dan Carlos, 2007. O. St. N.W.
Washington. July 2nd 1944

THE CANADIAN LEGATION
JUL
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1944
WASHINGTON

Hon. Leighton McCarthy.
Canadian Embassy.
Washington. D.C.

Dear Mr. McCarthy.

About two weeks ago I received from the United States State Department an appointment to the Auxiliary Foreign Service came on to Washington for a period of training. I have since been advised that I will be assigned to the Consulate at Melbourne, Australia, as a Vice Consul.

I am very much pleased and I am very grateful to you for your kindness and assistance to me in effecting all this.

Respectfully.
Jim Lindsey

Dear P.M.
I suppose you have been informed of this however in case you have not I send it - please destroy after reading
L.M.L.

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Ottawa,
July 6, 1944

I was delighted to know from your letter of July the 2nd received this morning that you had obtained the appointment to which it refers.

When you go to Melbourne, feel free to call on the Honourable T.C. Davis who is Canada's High Commissioner to Australia. Mr. Davis is pretty sure to have known your father and, of course, is a great personal friend of my own. I am sure you will like Australia.

All good wishes.

Yrs affec.
Willie

J. Lindsey, Esq.,
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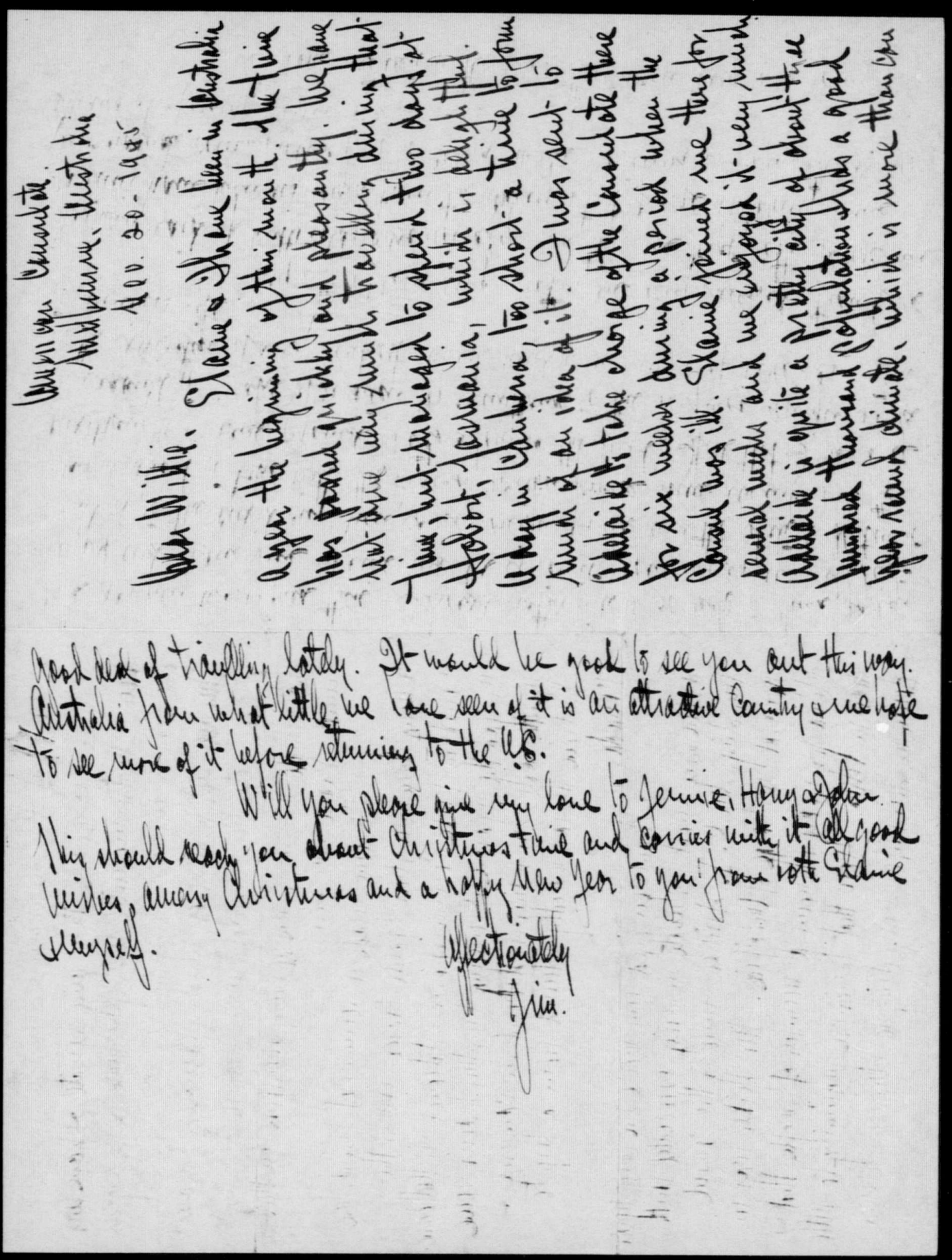

American Consulate
Melbourne, Australia
Nov. 20 - 1925

Dear Willie.

Elaine & I have been in Australia a year the beginning of this month. The time has passed quickly and pleasantly. We have not done very much travelling during that time, but managed to spend two days at Hobart, Tasmania, which is delightful. A day in Canberra, too short a time to form much of an idea of it. I was sent to Adelaide to take charge of the Consulate there for six weeks during a period when the Consul was ill. Elaine joined me there for several weeks and we enjoyed it very much. Adelaide is quite a pretty city of about three hundred thousand population & has a good year round climate, which is more than can

good deal of travelling lately. It would be good to see you out this way. Australia from what little we have seen of it is an attractive country & we hope to see more of it before returning to the U.S.

Will you please give my love to Jennie, Harry & John. This should reach you about Christmas time and carries with it all good wishes, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you from both Elaine & myself.

Affectionately
Jim.

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is he has been reassigned here. I should rather like to go back to China again myself and I am sure Elaine would enjoy it, however as my appointment is to the Auxiliary Non Career Foreign Service and the State Department may be about to take into the Regular Foreign Service some members of the Auxiliary who have proved satisfactory in the field, I feel that I should be well advised to make application for admittance to the Regular Foreign Service at the expiration of my contract which will be in June of 1946, or return to business life.

My letters from my Mother are very cheerful, though she has been laid up with colds occasionally. She tells me that both George and Cousins have been discharged from the Army, that George is taking some Post graduate courses and may go to Oxford, while Cousins is continuing his studies at Toronto University.

I have noticed in the press that you have been having a

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Ottawa,
January 14,
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My dear Jim:

I received a day or two ago your very kind letter of the 20th of November. How good of you to have had me in your thoughts as the Christmas Season approached! Your letter has added much happiness to the remembrance of its days.

I am glad indeed to know that you have enjoyed your sojourn and work in Australia. Whatever you may hear about China, I think you are right in believing you will be well advised to make application for admittance to the regular foreign service at the expiration of your contract in June 1946, unless there were circumstances which might render advisable the renewal of your present contract. I always think that, ~~every~~ other things being equal, in times like the present one is wise to hold to a surety and at all times wise to think ~~of~~ the long run rather than the short one.

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Young Harry Lay, his wife and little girl are living in London, Ontario, where Harry is completing a business course at the University.

Nelson and his wife are living in Ottawa; also Jean and her husband, Squadron Leader Gordon Dunlop. They, too, I am happy to say, are all well.

Please tell Elaine that I look forward with pleasure to meeting her some time in the not too distant future.

Please allow this letter to bring my love and best wishes to you both.

James Lindsey, Esq.,
c/o American Consulate,
Melbourne,
Australia.

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AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

American Consulate.
Melbourne, Australia
December 19th 1946.

Dear Willie,

Just a few lines to wish you a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

It is summer here and the tennis finals for the Davis Cup are to be played next week which makes it hard to realize that this is the Christmas season.

I believe Mother wrote me that Nelson Lay is now stationed in Ottawa. There is an old friend of his out here, Commander Bren Moynahan, who is our Assistant Naval Attache. Bren would like to be remembered to Nelson & you might pass this word on when you see Nelson.

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Elaine joins me in every good wish to you & A Happy Christmas

Affectionately

Jim

I have been fortunate to recently receive a permanent appointment to the Foreign Service & I have put in for a transfer to China, where I hope to rejoin my old chief Consul General, C. J. Spiker who is now stationed at Tsingtao. In this business you go where you are told, but you are allowed to express a preference.

Both Elaine & I have enjoyed our stay in Melbourne & we have made some good friends here. The seashore & country in Victoria are delightful & now that we have a small car we make the most of our weekends & usually go out of town.

We will no doubt be sent home for some home leave one of these days & I hope to see you when we are.

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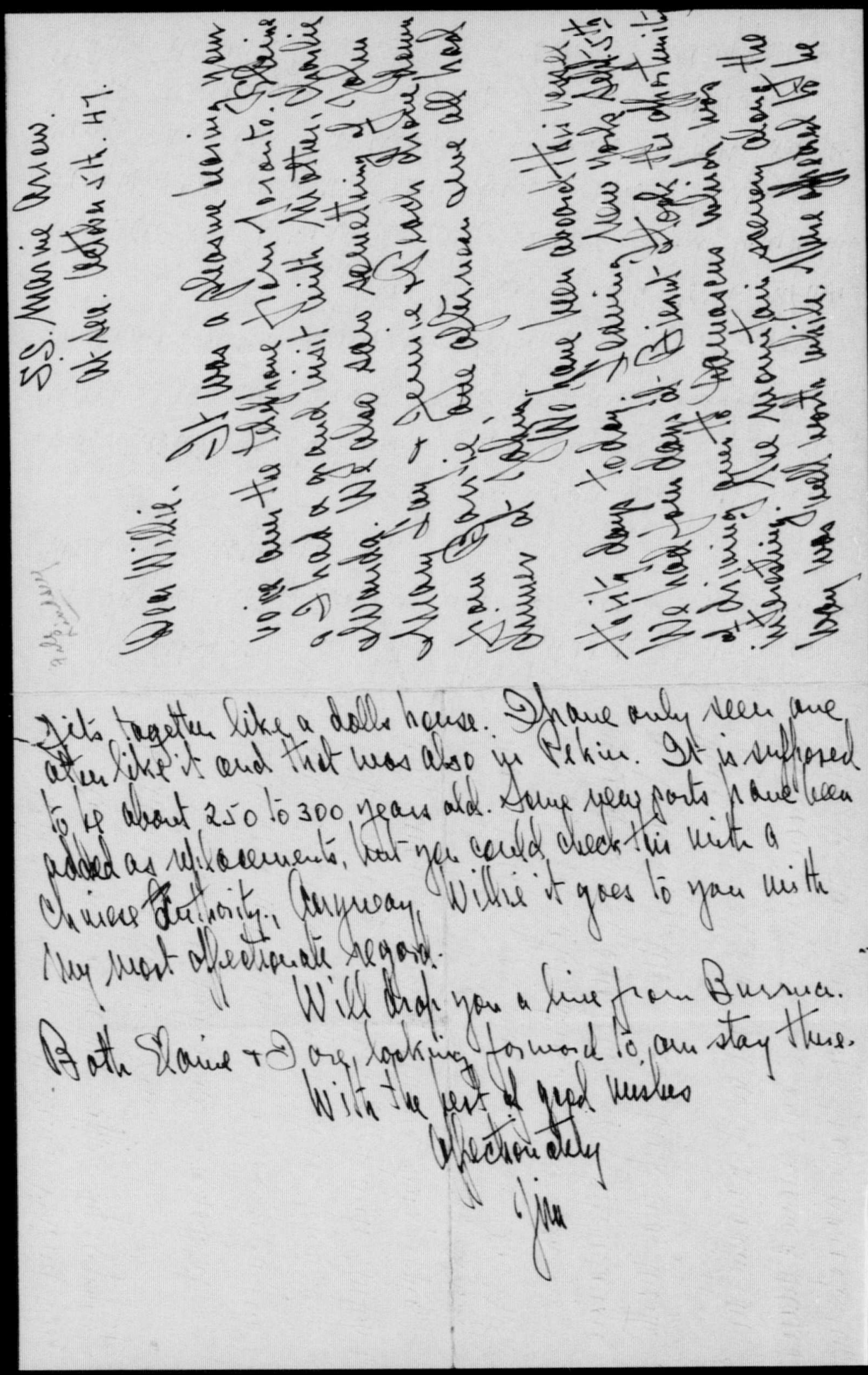

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SS. Marine Arrow.
At Sea. October 5th. 47.

Dear Willie.

It was a pleasure hearing your voice over the telephone from Toronto. I hope I had a grand visit with Mother, Charlie Wanda. We also saw something of John Mary Jay & Jennie Beach drove down from Barrie and afternoon we all had dinner at Johns.

We have been aboard this vessel this day. Leaving New York Sept. 5th. We had four days at Bient Hook the opportunity of driving over to Damascus which was interesting. The mountain scenery along the way was well worth while. Nine appeared to be

Jits together like a dolls house. I have only seen one other like it and that was also in Pekin. It is supposed to be about 250 to 300 years old. Some new parts have been added as replacements, but you could check this with a Chinese Authority. Anyway, Willie it goes to you with my most affectionate regard.

Will drop you a line from Burma. Both Elaine & I are looking forward to our stay there.

With the best of good wishes

Affectionately

Jim

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Considerable wealth in both cities. Gierut being the most modern of the two & apparently enjoying an extensive building boom.

We had a day & a half at Alexandria, but only went ashore for a few hours. It was not hard to sense a rather strong undercurrent of anti British & anti American feeling among the people.

We trip through the Canal was interesting as was the Red Sea. Both shores of the latter appeared rather bleak & desolate which accentuated some speculation as to whether Moses' "Water trick" was worth while.

We are due in at Karachi this afternoon which Shafe will prove a pleasant break in the journey. From Karachi we

go to Bombay, then Colombo, Madras & Rangoon. The skipper allows that we will not make Rangoon much before November 1st.

I learned in Washington that we may establish an Embassy at Rangoon in the near future which I am sure would prove interesting & might alter the nature of my duties somewhat.

I was so glad to learn from Mother that you had accepted the little Chinese people which we brought back with us from China in 1916. Shafe it won't prove a to be white elephant & would suggest that you might seek assistance from the Chinese Embassy at Ottawa in assembling it as it comes in many parts &

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Ottawa, July 19, 1948

James B. Lindsey, Esq.,
Vice-Consul American Embassy,
RANGOON, Burma.

Deepest sympathy dear Jim. Affectionate remembrances.

Mackenzie King.

Copy for
Mr King to see

Chgs.
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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,
Rangoon, Burma, Dec 13/48

Dear Willie.

I am writing these few lines hoping that they reach you by Christmas. The mails to and from Burma have been rather irregular of late, but air mail should get through alright.

Conditions in Burma have been unsettled for some time and though we have suffered little in Rangoon it is not safe to go out into the country by car.

I have noted from the

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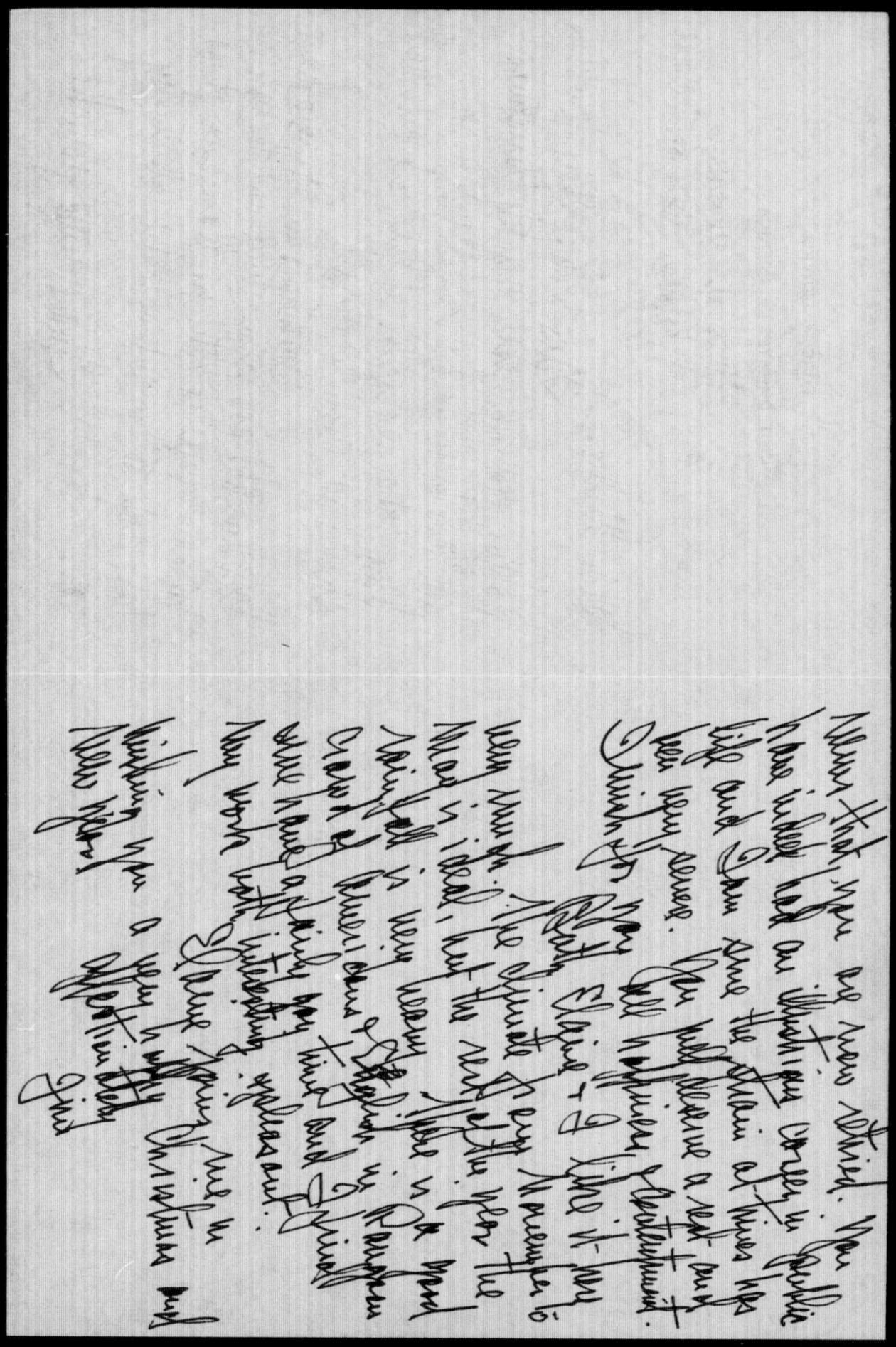

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy
Rangoon July 29/49

Dear Willie

I did so much appreciate your very considerate wire to me at the time of Mother's death. Charlie had advised me that she was quite ill several months ago and I received a letter telling me how serious it was on July 16th. so in a way I was prepared for the shock of Charlie's cable.

I am so glad that I had such a grand visit with Mother last Summer in Toronto. I found her then to

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he somewhat flowed up. but able to get around comfortably.

Was sorry to be so far away during her illness. but know that Charlie & Wanda did everything possible for her.

Thanks you again Willie for your thoughtfulness

Affectionately

Jim

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Dear Willie. Just a few lines to wish you a very happy Christmas and all good things for the New Year.

I returned from Burma in October and I am sailing tomorrow for Yokohama, Japan. My new post. My address will be care American Consulate General. Yokohama.

I am sorry to tell you that Elaine and I were divorced about a month ago in Florida. She intends to settle down in California I believe

I spent two days in Toronto with Charlie and Wanda early in this month. They are both looking extremely well.

It has been too long since I have seen you and I do hope that we will have a chance to get together the next time I am home, which should be in about two years.

Merry Christmas and the very best to you

Affectionately

Jim Lindsey

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WE WILL BE THINKING OF YOU AND SEND BEST LOVE

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The Palmer Hotel,
Chicago, March 17, 1915.

Mr. Charlie Lindsey,
C/o Mr.G.G.S.Lindsey,
145 Tyndall Avenue,
Toronto.

My dear Charlie:

When lunching yesterday in Washington with Mr.H.B.F. Macfarland, a leading barrister of that city, Mr. Macfarland mentioned that a nephew of his, named William Strong, along with three other young Americans, has joined the Eaton Battery and expects to be leaving for the front shortly. Young Strong is a grandson of a former Chief Justice of the United States, and a young fellow whom I think you would enjoy knowing, and who I am sure would like very much to meet you. I gave Mr. Macfarland your name and he is sending it to his nephew, but should there be a chance for you to look up Mr. Strong yourself, I am sure you would feel repaid by his acquaintance. He is an American citizen, but became naturalized just for the opportunity of joining a regiment to go to the war. All his people feel very strongly the justice of the cause of the Allies. He is a graduate of Princeton and has every advantage a young man could wish for. The company he is with is the Motor Quick-firing Eaton Corps. I have not the exact title, but that will perhaps be sufficient

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for you to locate it.

Let me again wish you a profitable experience and a safe return. I need not say how proud we all are of your being a member of one of the contingents, and our hearts and prayers will be with you while you are away.

Yours affectionately,

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December 5, 1916.

My dear Charlie:

When in Toronto last week I was delighted to learn from your father of your recent marriage to Miss Gsowski, and of the consummation of this event at St. Margarets. I need not tell you how hearty my congratulations are, nor how sincere my wishes that your marriage may mean the beginning of life-long happiness to you and your bride. Until the war is over the days will have much of anxiety for each of you, but with the love and affection which is now yours, there will be added strength in facing the perils and dangers of war, and an added sense of security in the love that is mutually shared.

Please tell your wife that I hope she may be as satisfied with her distant connections as we are all proud of your good fortune in securing her, and say that I am looking forward with real joy to participating in the welcome you both will receive on your return to Canada.

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This letter will probably reach you about Christmas time. It brings with it my best of wishes for the happiness of you and your wife at Christmas time, and my most earnest hope and prayer is that the New Year will see a close of this terrible war and the safe return of you both to your native city and country. Though I do not write to you very often, you are much in my thoughts, and with all of your Canadian friends I share in the profoundest admiration of your splendid courage and service in the cause of liberty at this time.

As you may not have seen any of the papers referring to Father's death, I am venturing to enclose clippings from the Toronto Star which I think you will be glad to have. Father, as you know, was very fond of you, and during the summer, when he was with me for a few weeks at Kingsmere spoke very often of your services at the front. We were all so glad that your father and mother both had returned from their journey around the world before the end came. One of the last conversations Father had was with your father and mother.

With the best of wishes, dear Charlie, and always with affectionate regard, Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

W L MACKENZIE KING

Captain Charles B. Lindsey,
Staff Captain, ~~Grenade Officer~~, 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade,
~~Army Post Office~~
~~London, England~~.

B. E. F.
France.

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Ottawa, December 31, 1915.

My dear Charlie:

This is only a line written on the last day of the old year to let you know that, though I have not written you, hardly a day has passed since you went to the front that you have not been in my thought. I have learned somewhat of your activities and experiences through Charlie Bethune and from other sources, and I need not say that I feel very proud of the service you have been rendering the cause of the Allies.

May the New Year see the war ended, and may it bring you back in health and strength to your Toronto home again. I have just written your father and mother, giving them such bits of home news as I think may be of interest. May the New Year also witness their safe return to Canada, and a happy reunion of your entire family.

With the best of wishes, Believe me, always,

Affectionately yours,

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

Captain Charles Bethune Lindsey.
Grenadier Officers.
4th Can. Infantry Brigade.
Army Post Office.
London, England.

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P.S. - I enclose a very tiny calendar, on which I hope it will soon be possible to count the days of your safe return to Canada.

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Ottawa, June 5, 1920

Major Charles Lindsey,
C/o Mrs. G. G. S. Lindsey,
147 Tyndall Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Have just seen announcement in Toronto papers of birth of your little son. I send heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Lindsey and yourself, and the best of wishes for the little one's future and the happiness of your home.

W. L. Mackenzie King

D. H.
Pass S-3041.

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to submit- an application at once. This I had him do and I enclose a copy of his letter. You will also find enclosed a copy of a letter I wrote to Foran today. You will no doubt be glad to have these so as to be "au fait" with all that transpires.

I feel that this will work out satisfactorily particularly when you follow it up, as you said, by another word to Foran.

The reason for preferring the Indian Agency or Library position to the architectural position was that the last might result in a draughtsman's appointment which might be cut off at any time whereas the others would be permanent and would carry a pension with them.

Thursday June 26 / 27.

Clotelly
60 Glen Road
Toronto

Dear Mr. King,

I was so sorry not to have had an opportunity to see you again on Thursday to tell you what had transpired at Mr. Foran's office and to thank you for your kindness to me.

I asked Mr. McGregor to tell you that the interview was hopeful and that Mr. Foran had volunteered the statement that you had not made many requests of his department. He quite evidently appreciated this treatment which I judged was something new in his experience. No mention whatever was made of examination but he wanted Uncle R.

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My day in Ottawa I enjoyed immensely and on the first opportunity I am going to take advantage of your kind offer to spend a day with you and have a real look into things.

I am glad to report that all are well here and the Mater is immensely relieved at the prospect of Percy being self reliant.

Thank you again for your kindness to me and with best regards I am

Your affectionate Cousin

Charles B. Lindsey

P.S. Please remember me to Mr McEregor and thank him for his attention.

C.B.L.

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Three years ago the month before the death of my father Mr. G.G.S. Lindsey an application was made by Mr. J.M.P. Lindsey for a position as an Indian agent and the necessary forms of recommendation were completed and forwarded to your department. No doubt you have them on file and it is in the hope that we may avoid some delay that I pass on this information.

Thanking you for your kindness in this matter I am

Yours very truly

Charles B. Lindsey.

Copy

Thursday June 26 1919

Clovelly
60 Glen Road
Toronto

Wm Foran Esq
Secy Civil Service Comm.

Dear Mr. Foran,

I returned to Toronto yesterday and passed on to my uncle, Mr. J.M.P. Lindsey, your instructions with regard to making application for an appointment in the Civil Service.

He has already written you outlining his qualifications for a post as an Indian Agent, Librarian or as an architect. In this connection I would like to say that should a choice offer, a position in either of the two former capacities would be preferable.

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Ottawa, September 9, 1922

Mr. Charles Lindsey,
147 Tyndall Avenue,
T o r o n t o .

My dear Charlie:

I have been doing my utmost with my colleagues and the Civil Service Commission to have your wishes met with respect to a position for Percy, but thus far I have not been able to secure him an appointment under the Government. I have not given up hopes of something being secured, but I write at once to let you know of a chance that I think might offer, if you go the right way about it.

Sir John Willison is President of the Canadian Colonization Association, which is about to undertake the settlement of many millions of acres of the Canadian West. The Association is receiving assistance from the Government, and I think Sir John would be glad to lend his influence towards having Percy placed with the personnel of the overseeing staff, if that could be arranged. I would suggest that you communicate at once with Sir John. You

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are at liberty to say that I had told you of the possibility of an opening in connection with his Association, but I do not think it would be prudent to say more than that. Inasmuch as the Association has dealings with the Government, I am not free myself to prefer a request, or I should gladly do so.

Will you please tell your mother that I was more than sorry not to have been able to get up to see her during my recent short visit to Toronto. The truth is that every available moment was taken up with interviews and engagements of a public or quasi-public character, and I had not one moment to myself; indeed, not even an opportunity to phone.

With kind remembrances,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

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must be on your time & attention.

Charlie & I were out at his mothers house on Christmas day when she received your wire & we were also very pleased to get your nice messages to us.

We are moving out to Mrs Lindseys as soon

"Clovelly"
Jan 10 22

My dear Mr King -

It was very kind indeed of you to send such a sympathetic telegram to me - I assure you I appreciated your goodness in thinking of me very much indeed - especially as I realize how many calls there

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as some alterations to the
house can be finished - I feel
I can hardly wait to go as
I'm sure we will all have
a very happy time there
together.

Again with many thanks
for your kindness
I remain
Yours very sincerely
Wanda Lindsey

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Ottawa, Dec. 19, 1922

Mrs. Charles Lindsey,
60 Glen Road,
Toronto, Ontario.

I have just learned of your great bereavement. Please accept the expression of my very sincere sympathy. I feel very deeply for you and for all who at this time share your grief.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

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April 20, 1926.

The Right Honorable W. L. McKenzie-King, P. C.,
Prime Minister,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Billie:

This firm has recently been in negotiation with the Department of Agriculture regarding certain alterations regarding "Acts, Orders and Regulations No. 15 of the Meat and Canned Foods Act."

Dr. Barnes has intimated to us that effect will be given to the alterations as soon as the necessary Order in Council is passed. He indicates, however, that owing to the press of business it may be some time before this matter will be dealt with in the ordinary course of events.

In the meantime certain export business which these changes are designed to permit our catering to, is in danger of passing into the hands of manufacturers other than Canadians. We feel reasonably sure that if we are free to tender within the next few days our Canadian product will be accepted, but of course we cannot take any steps towards contracting until we are assured of the necessary changes in the regulations.

I am, therefore, writing to you to ask if you would be good enough to have this matter moved up on the agenda so that the necessary authority may issue to us in time to give our Canadian firms a chance to compete.

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Your budget seems to meet with approbation on the whole, even here in Toronto, although of course the grandstand play furnished by the Automobile Manufacturers looms large in the public eye just at the moment.

We are all well here and send our best regards. I hope that you are bearing up under the stress of business which must be terrific just now.

Yours very sincerely,

Charles B. Lindsey

MD.

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Ottawa, May 10, 1926

Charles B. Lindsey, Esq.,
c/o The William Davies Company Limited,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Charlie,-

I regret not having replied to your letter of the 20th ultimo at an earlier date, but I am sure you will appreciate the reasons which make it difficult for me to keep abreast of my correspondence.

Immediately upon receipt of your letter, however, I took up the matter referred to therein with the Honourable Mr. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, and found that he was already giving it his attention. In fact he informed me that the necessary changes in the regulations had been, for the most part, made about the same time as your letter was written. The remaining requests which have been made on behalf of your Company are at present, I am informed, engaging the Minister's attention and will, it is hoped, be dealt with at an early date.

I am glad to hear that you are all well and send my kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

ROC/W

W. L. Mackenzie King

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TORONTO, CANADA

May 12, 1926.

Personal

The Right Honorable W. L. Mackenzie-King, P. C.
Prime Minister,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Billie:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 10th which arrived this morning. We are very glad to learn that our further requests are now before the Minister of Agriculture and trust that he may see fit to alter the regulations accordingly. It will result in our saving for edible product large quantities of food which are now classed as inedible and of course return us a correspondingly lower price. The re-classification depends upon a process of sterilization which has been found to produce a thoroughly wholesome product.

Mr. Fox directs me to thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter and I assure you that we appreciate it very much.

You certainly had your hands full during the inrush from Oshawa. I think your meeting them in the theatre was a fine stroke. I hope that there will be no important alterations in your budget because the more I hear it discussed the more

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convinced am I that it is the soundest piece of legislation for the country that we have seen for a long time.

We are all well here and everybody joins me in sending you our best regards.

Yours very sincerely,

C. B. Lindsey.

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Ottawa, November 25, 1928

Charles Lindsey, Esq.,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

Have mailed today care of Pellatt and Pellatt
Toronto, letters promised you last night. All good wishes.

Willie

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November 25, 1928

My dear Charlie:

I enclose the two letters to which I referred last night. As I have wired you to-day, it seemed preferable to send them on to Toronto, as they will reach you there before you leave in the evening.

I hope you will have a successful as well as pleasant visit to Chicago.

I enjoyed more than I can say the day spent in company with your mother, George and yourself, and also the pleasure of seeing Vonda again on the evening of the Queen's Own Ball.

With all good wishes,
Yours very sincerely,

Charles Lindsey, Esq.,
130 Pellatt & Pellatt,
244 Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.

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November 23, 1928

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Will you allow me to introduce to you Mr. Charles Lindsey, of the firm of Pellatt and Pellatt, brokers, of Toronto, who is paying a hurried visit to Chicago with a view of ascertaining at first hand, if possible, authentic information with respect to some recent developments on the Stock Exchange in Chicago.

In conversation yesterday, Mr. Lindsey asked me if I knew of anyone in Chicago who might be able to advise him as to sources from which he could obtain reliable information, and your name came to me at once as that of one who not only would be in a position to give him a lead but would, as well, be willing so to do.

Mr. Lindsey is outstanding among the younger men of Toronto. His

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late father was a cousin of mine, and as a near relation I am naturally anxious to lend any good offices I may have in a matter in which he is interested. Beyond this, however, I have neither knowledge of, nor concern in, the matter which he is going to Chicago to investigate, and I should like you to feel, as Mr. Lindsey would also wish, that this letter carries with it no obligation, either of friendship or otherwise, to give even so much as an expression of opinion with respect to any question which Mr. Lindsey may ask, unless you feel that it is one on which youwould not, in any circumstances, hesitate to speak.

May I add that I am glad, through the medium of this communication, to recall my pleasant meetings with yourself in years now past, and to send to you kind personal remembrances and regards.

Yours very sincerely,

Robert W. Stewart, Esq.,
Chicago, Ill.

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May I add that I am glad, through the medium of this communication, to recall my pleasant meetings with yourself in years now past, and to send to you kind personal remembrances and regards.

Yours very sincerely,

Charles R. Crane, Esq.,
Chicago, Ill.

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Prime Minister,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Billie:

It was extremely kind of you to deal so promptly with my request for the letters to your friends in Chicago and I am very grateful for the trouble you took in getting them to me here in Toronto before I leave tonight. It is more appreciated because I know you were looking forward to having a well earned rest on Sunday.

I am setting forth tonight and expect to be back on Thursday.

Iwould just like to say again how much I enjoyed your visit in Toronto and most particularly the expedition to Jennie's house on Saturday.

Again thanking you very much and with very best good wishes I am,

Yours very sincerely,

C.B. Lindsey

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December 13th, 1928.

Personal

Rt-Hon. W.L.Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Billie:

I must apologize for not having written you sooner regarding my trip to Chicago, but the fact is that the day after I returned Wanda and I went to Montreal to spend a day or two and fell ill with this Influenza which has been going around and the result of that was I only got back to the office here this week. I am happy to say, however, we are both well on the road to recovery now.

I did not have occasion to use either of your letters in Chicago. The people whom I was able to see through my own connections were entirely unanimous as to the proper course to pursue: then also investigations I was able to have made through a large Trust company there were entirely in accord with what I had found out for myself. I therefore deemed it unnecessary to make any further enquiries and consequently did not bother your friends. I have therefore destroyed your letters to them but am very grateful to you for your trouble in preparing them.

Jenny was in town for two days with the Mater and came in to the office yesterday bent on buying a Radio which, I understand, is to be your Christmas present to the children. I am quite sure it will be a thriller for them and also a source of enjoyment for the adults. I was able to put Jenny in touch with a young man who I think fixed her up to her satisfaction.

We have had some pretty hectic times with the

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stock market during the past ten days and while things have not entirely settled down again yet, nevertheless we feel that the worst is over and we will get very much higher prices by the end of January. I hope you have an opportunity sometimes to take advantage of these things.

During the King's illness I have several times thought of our conversation in that regard coming down from Barrie. Your anxiety for his welfare must have been the more acute on account of the very definite personal friendship which you had evidently established with him in the last two years. While things do not look any too promising at the present minute we are nevertheless a little relieved by the bulletin which came out about one-half hour ago indicating that yesterday's operation was resulting in further benefits. I cannot help feeling they may pull him through yet and sincerely hope that I am right.

I send you my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year in which Wanda joins me.

Yours sincerely,

C.B. Lindsey.

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March 12, 1929.

My dear Charles,

I was pleased to see that you have become a member of the firm of Campbell, Stratton & Lindsey.

I am sending this line to extend to its members and yourself in particular, my best wishes for every success in the new venture.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

W. L. Mackenzie King.

Charles B. Lindsey, Esq.,
c/o Campbell, Stratton & Lindsey,
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BRACKLEY BEACH
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
CANADA

Aug 12th 1924

Dear Billie,

As you may have heard from the Water The Johnstons & Wanda & I are spending the month here and enjoying it very much indeed.

We had the children in Charlottetown this morning and amongst other interesting things saw the local Parliament Bldgs. No doubt you are familiar with them but we were all very much struck with their age and dignified simplicity.

We heard there had been a French man-o-war in port some time ago and which is to return on the 17th inst. George, as well as the rest of us, is anxious to go on board her and I was wondering if you could arrange that for us without too much trouble. We would all be very grateful but very definitely don't want you to bother if it involves any personal trouble for you. Our party would

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consist of Wanda & myself and two children and Mr. & Mrs. F. V. Johnston & one child. You might also be glad to arrange for the Rev. Dr Leatham (your minister I believe) to go along too. He is here with his family. I have not spoken to him about it but will naturally do so if the expedition can be arranged.

Thanks very much for the Labour Paper you sent me with the long article on William Lyon Mck. I read it with much interest and sent it on to Sam McBride who wrote me that he had also enjoyed it.

I hope you are enjoying a good holiday (well earned). Your last visit here made a good impression. They seem to have been much touched by your accentuation of the "Cradle of Confederation" note. Even the best of our party seem a little luke warm on the local leader — it looks as if Prohibition were the big issue locally.

Wanda & George join me in sending our best regards as does Fred Johnston.

Be sure not to bother too much about this request. Anyway many thanks

Yours sincerely Charles B. Lindsey.

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Ottawa, August 16, 1929

Charles B. Lindsey, Esq.,
Shaw's Hotel,
Brackley Beach, P.E.I.

Neither French Legation nor Department of National Defence have definite advice of arrival of French battleship on seventeenth STOP Suggest, however, that if battleship should arrive on that date or later you communicate with Lieutenant G. H. Buntain, one three nine Rochfort Street, Charlottetown, who will have instructions to extend to you and your party every courtesy and assistance. Kindest regards.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

CHARGE:
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

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Aug 22nd 1929.

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BRACKLEY BEACH
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
CANADA

Dear Billie,

Thank you very much indeed for your arrangements with H. Buntain at Charlottetown. On receipt of your wire I 'phoned him, when he told me he had had word from Ottawa. He had no word of the French ship but said H.M.S. Despatch - Admiral Fuller - flagship of the West Indies Fleet was expected today and that he would arrange for us to go aboard her on Saturday afternoon. This is even so much more desirable than the French ship. I have asked Dr. Waltham's party and he said to thank you. I have also asked Professor Bain (Chemistry - Toronto) and his wife and 9 year old son. His wife, by the way, used to know you all in Berlin and later

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in Toronto. Her name was Davidson and it seems her father and yours knew one another very well.

We are liking this place better all the time altho' it is extremely quiet. I am very interested in their point of view. Some of them speak of "never having been in Canada". Occasionally one hears talk of secession but usually from the same people who speak of Canada as a foreign country. And also the same ones are the loudest in their condemnation of the U.S.A. I suppose the answer is inevitably. I am very surprised at the very high standard of education one finds almost everywhere. Altogether I am convinced that these "Islanders" are a fine type of very desirable Canadians and I like to be amongst them.

Again many thanks from us all and best Regards

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Yours sincerely C.B. Lindsey.

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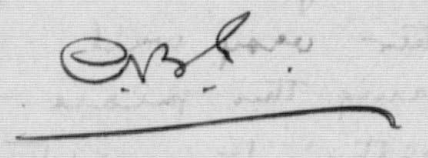
P.S. Please give my best regards to Harry Baldwin in which Fred Johnston joins me. It seems they lived together at some time during the war.

C.B.L.



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August 26, 1929

My dear Charles

I was very pleased to receive this morning your letter of August 22nd and to learn from you that you were to pay a visit to H. M. S. Despatch, the party being accompanied, amongst others, by Dr. Leathem and his friends and Professor Bain and his wife. I am sure you will find Admiral Fuller one of the pleasantest men you have ever met. The Government gave him and his officers a dinner when they were at Ottawa, and I had the pleasure of speaking at it. I also had the pleasure of meeting Admiral Fuller when I took in the review of the Fleet in connection with the Imperial Conference of 1923.

I am glad too that you are seeing something of Prince Edward Island, and that you like it so well. I look back with delight upon my association with the Island as the representative of one of its constituencies. I shall never forget the

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the cordial welcome given me by the Islanders or the fact that it was through the door of a Prince Edward Island constituency that I came back to the House of Commons as the Leader of the Liberal Party.

I gather from your letter that you are having a splendid rest, as well as holiday. Please give my love to all of the family who are with you, and with the same to yourself,

Believe me, dear Charlie,
Yours affectionately,

C. B. Lindsey, Esq.,
Skee's Hotel,
Brackley Beach,
Prince Edward Island.

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December 12th. 1929.

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The Right Honourable,
W. L. Mackenzie King, PC,.
Prime Minister,
Laurier House, Ottawa.

Dear Billy-

I was very sorry not to have had a chance to see you when you called on the mater the other night. However, I had the pleasure of hearing your speech in London over the radio. I have heard many complimentary remarks about it from various people. That is the fighting talk that gets the hand.

Just while we are on this subject, there is a matter that keeps cropping up on every hand; and that is the question of what you are going to do in regard to the rum-running to the United States. There is a very, very strong feeling against Canada doing anything that will tend to cut off our income from this source. The feeling of the country is distinctly wet, as evidenced by liquor control laws throughout the Dominion, and the people feel that the United States would be much better off if they had something of the same kind themselves. However, if they are foolish enough not to have it, then it is their own loss, and they should not ask us to interfere with the legitimate sale of spirits and beer, with its consequent profit to our country. I have no doubt that this matter has been brought to your attention by many people, but I am taking the liberty of bringing it up myself, because I feel that a bad move in this direction might be disastrous.

And now for the real purpose of this letter. My friend Fred. V. Johnston, whom you have met on more than one occasion, is, I am sorry to say, ill again, and I am afraid that it will be necessary for him to take an extended holiday. He intends to go with his wife and child to the south of France or Spain, and he has asked me if I would mind getting from you a sort of open letter commending him to the good attentions of any officials with whom he might come in contact. You know such a letter carries great weight, and will often make things much easier for a traveller in a foreign country.

Perhaps also you might feel like giving him a letter

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-2- The Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King.

of introduction to the Canadian Minister in Paris, where he is sure to be going before his return to Canada. His address is,- care of The W. R. Johnston Co. Ltd., 120 Front Street, West.

Jim and Betty were overwhelmed by the kindness you showed them while in Ottawa, and we are all most grateful to you.

With best regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

C. B. Lindsey.

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September 3, 1929.

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Right Hon. W. L. McKenzie King, P. M.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Billy,-

Thank you very much for your note of August 26th, which reached me at Prince Edward Island the day before I left.

We enjoyed our visit to H.M.S. Despatch very much indeed, although the weather was bad. The Leathams did not come with us as they had seen some important naval review at Spithead not long ago and, therefore, this expedition would not have been a novelty for them. However, they seemed grateful for your having arranged it for them. The Bains enjoyed the trip very much.

Unfortunately we did not meet Admiral Fuller. I did not ask to see him as I felt that he might have been otherwise occupied, and, in any event, our chief purpose was to let the children have a look over the battle ship. In this, I may say, we were eminently successful, as Lieutenants Harland and Day were very kind in showing us everything of interest and answering a great many questions, the majority of which, I am sure, sounded thoroughly foolish to them.

We arrived in Toronto yesterday morning, and the Mater came over for dinner last night. She had just come down from Jennie's after a very pleasant visit there, and, I understand, intends to go back on Wednesday next for another week.

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September 3, 1929.

#2 - Right Hon. W. L. McKenzie King, P. M.

We were disturbed this morning to hear from Jim of the death last night of Mrs. Christiancy at Hartsdale, N.Y. She had been ill for sometime, and her death was not unexpected, but, on account of her kindness to Jim and the Mater, they both feel it quite keenly.

Towards the end of my visit in Prince Edward Island, I spent a good deal of my time with farmers round about, and other local residents, and I must say that I am more than ever impressed with the very fine type of citizen they are. As you know, they take their politics very seriously. I am pleased to say that so far as my experience was concerned they all had the right idea.

I do a good deal of business with Sam McBride, the Mayor here, and see him q uite frequently. He was speaking again this morning about the Labor newspaper which you sent me, containing a brief outline of McKenzie's life, and which I sent on to him. As you know, McBride has been in the public eye every minute since he has been mayor of Toronto, and particularly so during the last few weeks when he had to handle this Communist trouble here. I have an idea that he will not run for Mayor again. While I do not know what his political inclinations have been in the past, I was just wondering if it might not be worth considering to have him run here in a Toronto constituency on the Liberal ticket. I really believe he could be elected, and I merely pass this thought along to you for what it is worth.

Again thanking you for your trouble in connection with our battle ship expedition, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

C B Lindsey

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Ottawa, January 6, 1930

Charles Lindsey, Esq.,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto.

I have just despatched wire which follows to Manager, Governors General Burying Ground Association, Toronto. Unfortunately, cannot find anyphone book any definite address. Should wire not reach destination or should you have any further difficulty, please send me by telegraph name and phone number of person with whom I should communicate. Wire mentioned is as follows: Quote: Will you please accept this wire as authority from me to open grave for burial of Mrs. Leonard Leigh in William Lyon Mackenzie plot Necropolis. I shall be pleased to confirm this wire by telephone, Ottawa, Rideau 4246, if desired

and by letter as well. Please acknowledge receipt this wire. End quote.

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Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie - King P.C.,
Prime Minister,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

Personal

Dear Billy.-

I want to thank you very much for your kindness in letting us use the Mackenzie plot in which to bury Aunt Nellie.

Without ever enquiring into the details of the matter I took it for granted that my Father's estate owned the whole plot, that is the four spaces on the Lindsey side and the four spaces on the Mackenzie side. However, the records of the Toronto General Burying Ground trustees apparently show that the Mackenzie side came originally from the Estate of William Lyon Mackenzie to your Mother and then to the beneficiaries of her Estate; I don't know whether there ever was any arrangement between yourself and my Father with regard to the Mackenzie side, but if so it was not recorded with the trustees. Perhaps when you have a leisure moment you could cast some more light on the matter and let me know.

While this is not a pleasant matter to deal with, at the same time it has got to be taken in hand and there is nothing to be gained by delay. My idea is to make some readjustment and by putting two coffins in some of the graves (which is the limit the authorities will allow) to gain some space for inevitable eventualities.

On receipt of your wire yesterday the trustees called me and said that they would acknowledge your wire ~~and~~ at the same time advising you that it would be sufficient authority for what I wanted.

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Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie-King P.C.,

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Again thanking you for your co-operation in this matter, I am,

Yours sincerely,

C B Lindsey.

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January 8, 1930.

C. B. Lindsey, Esq.,
Messrs. Campbell, Stratton & Lindsey,
244 Bay Street,
Toronto 2, Ontario.

My dear Charlie:

I have just received your letter of January 7th, and have looked up the records with respect to the Mackenzie burial ground. When your mother spoke to me over the 'phone, I recalled quite clearly my own mother having given to me the deed of the Mackenzie plot, and saying at the time that, because of my name, she wished me to have it; but I had not clearly in mind just what form the transfer had taken. Apparently it was the death and burial of my sister Bella in 1915 which brought to my mother's mind the circumstance of her ownership of the Mackenzie plot and her transfer of the deed to me.

The deed did not come into my possession as one of the beneficiaries of her estate, but was, as I now recall,

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handed to me by my mother personally and made over under a duly executed conveyance. I am enclosing a copy of the deed itself and of the conveyance of the original plot to me.

Because of its personal and historic associations, and also because of my mother expressing the wish that the deed should come to me because of my name, I feel that I would like to retain the original in my possession. I shall, however, be glad at any time to talk over with you the idea of any readjustment you have in mind.

Meanwhile, may I say that I am pleased that the Toronto General Burying Ground trustees were prepared to accept my wire to them, without the need of further confirmation by letter or otherwise, and I hope that the unfortunate delay which did occur in making the arrangement for your Aunt Nellie's burial did not occasion too much in the way of embarrassment.

With kindest remembrances,

Believe me, dear Charlie,

Yours very sincerely,

January 8,1930.

The Manager,
Toronto General Burying Ground Trustees,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I desire to thank you for your acknowledging line, with reference to the opening of the Mackenzie plot for the burial of Mrs. Leonard Leigh, daughter of the late Charles Lindsey. Apparently your records in the matter of the Mackenzie plot are correct in indicating that the original deed was in the possession of my late mother. It would appear, however, from a letter received from Mr. Charles Lindsey, that your records do not contain mention of how the deed came into my possession. Apparently it is assumed that I obtained it as one of the beneficiaries of my mother's estate. As a matter of fact, the transfer of the deed was made to me under conveyance thereof, duly witnessed, on July 10, 1915.

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In order that your own records may be complete, I am enclosing for your information a copy of this conveyance.

Yours sincerely,

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The Right Honourable,
W. L. Mackenzie King P.C.,
Prime Minister,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Billie.-

Thanks very much for your letter of the 8th regarding the Mackenzie plot. I of course understand your feeling in the matter and appreciate your offer to discuss at any time a readjustment.

I shall have the trustees prepare a diagram of the two plots and when that comes to hand I will again take the matter up with you.

We are, I am glad to say all well in this quarter and between intervals of trying to get our automobiles out of very deep snow are enjoying an unusual "Canadian" winter.

Again with many thanks and kindest regards from us all, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

C. B. Lindsey

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Personal

Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King P.C.,
Prime Minister,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Billie.-

I am enclosing herewith a diagram of the Lindsey-Mackenzie plot in the Necropolis.

I have numbered the various graves.

The present rules do not permit more than two bodies to be placed in one grave, so that there is no possibility of doing anything with No's. 1, 5, and 6. The second space in No. 4 I intend to keep for my Mother.

The body from No. 2 could well be placed in No. 3 thus giving us two spaces in No. 2. All the foregoing suggestions are on the Lindsey side alone.

The only change to suggest on the Mackenzie side is that the body be taken from No. 7 and placed in No. 8 which would then provide two spaces in No. 7.

The people for whom provisions has to be made as I see it is the Mater, Percy and his wife and Wanda and myself. By making the changes I have suggested it would just provide the necessary space. Of course there is no necessity to do anything about it immediately, but if these changes meet with your approval I would be glad to know it so that I could consider myself free to act on the matter if and when the necessity arises.

With best regards I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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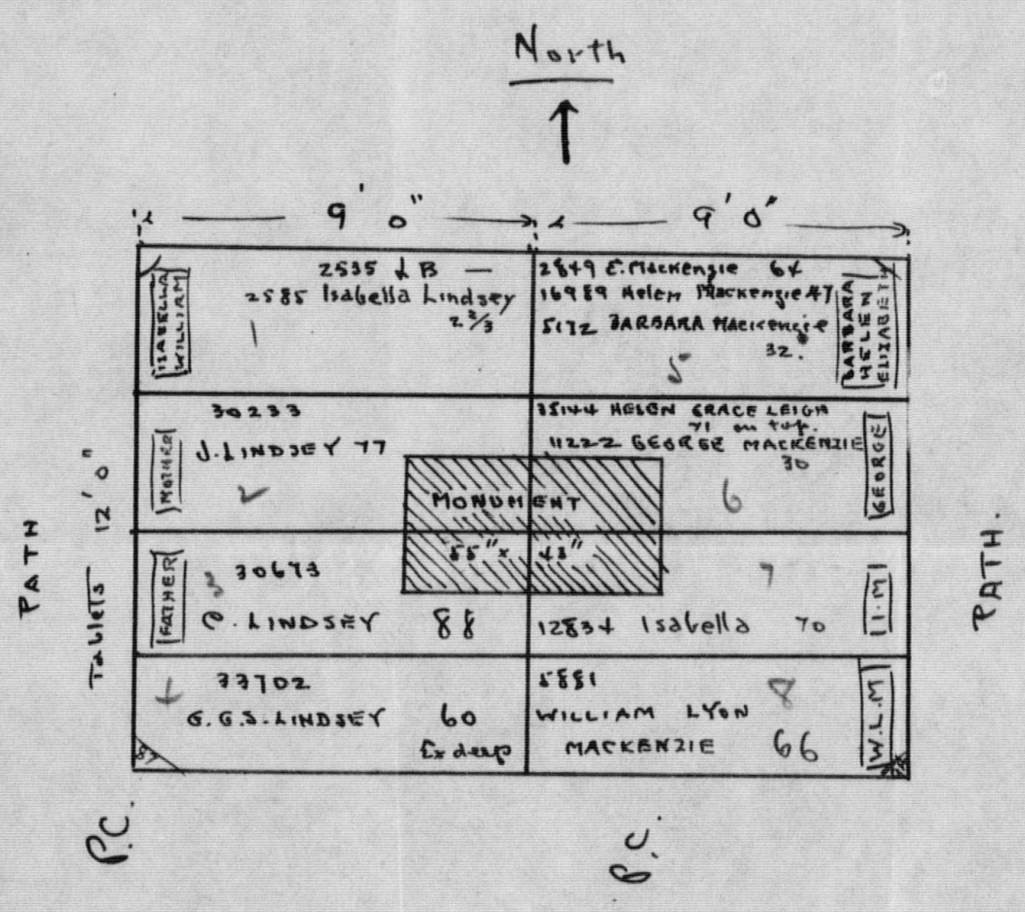

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" 94 Mackenzie, Col. Wm Lyon.

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January 25, 1930.

My dear Charlie:

I have been carefully considering the matter of the alteration of certain of the graves referred to in your letter of January 20th.

Personally, while I should like very much to meet any wish of yours in this or any other matter, I do not feel that it would be wise for either of us to contemplate any step which would disturb the remains of either my grandfather or grandmother, or two great-grandfather and great-grandmother. I feel quite sure that my mother would not, on any consideration, have permitted this to be done, and I should be very much surprised if the same would not also have been the feeling of your grandmother, Mrs. Lindsey, as well as of your father. The graves of William Lyon Mackenzie and his wife are in a somewhat different position than most others in the Necropolis in that they have a very real historic and national interest, as well as one deeply personal to those of us who are their descendants.

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I of course appreciate to the full the motives which prompt you to seek to make the provision that your letter suggests; but, on reflection, I am sure you will feel that I am wise not less in your own interests than those of others, to counsel against any step which, apart from the reasons already mentioned, might occasion misunderstanding and criticism on the part of the public.

I have said nothing to Jennie of the suggestion, and I would naturally wish to confer with her concerning it, were it to be considered further. I feel quite sure that her view would be in accord with my own. Indeed, knowing what my mother's feeling would have been, as each of us does, and also the fact that the plot was transferred by her to me to ensure this very kind of security as far as the remains of her father and mother were concerned, I do not believe either Jennie or myself could entertain the thought of any alteration of these graves.

I find that in 1908, my mother made a declaration of the circumstances in which the deed of the Mackenzie plot came into her possession. It appears that when her mother died, Mrs. Lindsey and my mother both being married,

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agreed to leave to their two unmarried sisters the property which belonged to their mother. This included the deed of the Mackenzie plot at the Necropolis. On Helen's death it passed to Elizabeth Mackenzie, who later gave it to my mother. Elizabeth Mackenzie's possessions, such as they were, appear to have been divided between your mother and my mother at the time of ~~Miss~~ Mackenzie's death, the deed of the Necropolis already in my mother's possession being left with her. The deed of course remained with my mother after Mrs. Lindsey's death. I am quite sure that what was in the minds of all the Mackenzie family would be keeping intact, as far as ~~may~~ might be possible, the plot in which their parents were buried.

Personally I would not like to contemplate the removal of the remains of either my father or mother from the present plot of ground in which they rest, to any other part. I am quite certain that my mother, and that your grandmother would have had the same feeling with regard to the remains of their father and mother.

I think, therefore, we shall be but carrying out a trust which is a particularly sacred one, if we dismiss from

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our thoughts altogether the contemplation of any further changes in the Mackenzie plot.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

W. L. Mackenzie King

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Messrs. Campbell, Stratton & Lindsey,
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Toronto 2, Ontario.

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For letter to Mrs. Ley on this subject
(dated January 25)
see file in "Family" - Mrs. H. M. Ley

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Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King PC,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

My dear Billie.-

I have been thinking over your letter of January 25th regarding the Mackenzie plot in the Necropolis and have arrived quite definitely at the conclusion that you are correct in suggesting that we dismiss the idea of disturbing the remains of William Lyon Mackenzie and his wife.

We will therefore consider that no further changes will be made on the Mackenzie side of the plot what ever I may do on the Lindsey side.

With best regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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Personal

February 12, 1930

C. B. Lindsey, Esq.,
244, Bay Street,
Toronto, Ont.,

My dear Charlie,

I am pleased to learn from your letter received yesterday, that you agree with me as to the wisdom of not having further changes made in the Mackenzie plot in the Necropolis. I am sure this is right.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

WLMK/WHH/W

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February 19th 1930

The Right Honourable,
W. L. Mackenzie King P.C.,
Prime Minister,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Billie.-

I enclose a clipping from the Toronto Telegram regarding the Memorial Service for Sir. William Otter last Sunday. This was an extremely interesting ceremony and very largely attended.

Mr. MacLean, the Rector thanked me particularly, and asked me to convey his thanks to you.

Wanda got away to New York last night preparatory to sailing this morning at 11 o'clock, and while I have not yet had any word from Jim, I have no doubt she embarked in good time.

"The street" is anxiously awaiting the speech from the Throne tomorrow to see what you are going to do about the liquor legislation. It would certainly be a very unpopular move to do anything towards curtailing the export of our Canadian products, but I am quite sure you have spent a great deal of time on this subject already.

The mater tells me that you are coming up to Toronto shortly to attend some function at St. Andrew's Church. I would be most pleased if you could come and stay with me at Mackenzie Avenue while you are here.

With best regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

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fully selected choral program which is bound to call for encores.

erature. The story tells of how a bold and vivacious young man of Verona known as Petruchio weds and tames the fiery Kath-

Memorial Window Unveiled In Memory of Sir Wm. Otter

St. John's Garrison Church Filled With Soldiers, Many of High Rank, For Dedicatory Service

Scarlet and blue and khaki and mufti—the Governor-General's representative, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario; the representative of the Premier of the Dominion; men who fought in 1866, in '85, in South Africa and in the Great War, filled row upon row in transept and nave of St. John's (Garrison) Church yesterday morning —forefront of a congregation which filled the church to its uttermost corners to do honor to the memory of a great Canadian.

"To the glory of God and in memory of His servant, the late General Sir William Otter, K.C.B., C.V.O.," Col H. J. Grasett unveiled the new chancel window, to be dedicated a moment later by the Lord Bishop of Toronto.

The lowering Union Jack revealed the noble figure of the warrior, Joshua.

The brief ceremony over, trumpeters of the Royal Canadian Dragoons sounded "Last Post"; buglers of the Queen's Own Rifles, "Reveille".

So, once again, his comrades-in-arms did honor to the fine old soldier whose quiet, sturdy devotion to duty wherever he found it has left its impress on the Canada of the past half century.

His silent strength, his stability—durability of character, his dashing bravery, his high moral courage, and withal his great humility, were given due recognition in the memorial sermon preached by Rev. J. Russell MacLean, rector of the Garrison Church, of which the late Sir William Otter had been a warden.

THE GREAT THING

"After all, character is the great thing in life," said the preacher. "It is the one thing that stands forth as clear as the day.

"To-day we are met to do honor to a great man, to a great spirit, because we recognize the value of his character. He was a man who attained honor, reputation and rank, but above all, he was a man among men." When he set his mind upon a course he neither flinched nor faltered in pursuing it. He was "as stable as the everlasting hills", a man never questioning the consequences, be what they might.

His great moral courage had been exemplified in action in Canada and in Africa. The men of '66 would recall the young adjutant, then but 23 years of age.

On August 3rd, 1914, the day before the declaration of war, Mr. MacLean recalled, Sir William had offered to the Government his services in any way whatever, asking no particular place.

The humblest of men, never putting forward his own ideas, but eager to listen and to learn, nevertheless General Otter was adequate to every task he was called upon to perform. He was a man of great integrity and purity of mind.

The greatest feature of all was the humble piety of the man; his deep and abiding fear of God Almighty. Not fervidly eloquent in regard to religion, nor wont to bother much about doctrines, he was a soldier in spirit as well as a soldier in deed.

"Religion," Mr. MacLean continued, "was with Sir William Otter the very breath of his life. He passed on, trusting in God as his salvation."

GOD, KING, COUNTRY

His had been a long life, honorably and faithfully spent in service to God, to King and [illegible]

tunes which were favorites of the late General Otter—"Onward Christian Soldiers", "For All the Saints", "Fight the Good Fight" (to the tune "Pentecost") and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ("St. Anne").

The Otter pew, draped in purple and black, was occupied by Mrs. Morton, daughter of the late General, and by Mrs. M. M. Caron, whose gift is the memorial window.

His Excellency the Governor-General was represented at the service by Col. A. E. Kirkpatrick, V.D.

His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Ross was attended by Col. W. Rhoades, A.D.C.; Major C. B. Lindsey represented Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King.

Major-General Ashton, O.C., M.D. No. 2, was attended by Col. Hertzberg, Col. Ford and Col. Hill. Major-General J. T. Fotheringham, C.M.G., was also present, as were Major-General Sir Henry Pellatt, D.S.O.; Col. Douglas Bowie, Commandant, Stanley Barracks, and his officers; Col. A. K. Hemming, O.C. of the Royal Canadian Regiment; Col. G. R. Geary, officers of the Queen's Own Rifles and from other militia units, and a large detachment of men from Stanley Barracks.

Dr. F. L. Grasett Is Dead at 79

Was One of Dominion's Leading Surgeons—Renowned For Work

Dr. Frederick Lemaitre Grasett, 79, one of Canada's leading surgeons, died last night at his home, 7 Forest Hill road.

Born in Toronto in 1851, a son of Dean Grasett, of St. James' Cathedral, he attended Hellmuth College, London, Ont., after receiving private tuition at a private school. He then attended Edinburgh University, where he received the degrees M.D. and C.M. He became a pupil of Lord Lister, one of the greatest surgeons and pathologists that ever lived, and discoverer of antiseptic surgery.

Dr. Grasett was appointed house surgeon under Lord Lister in 1874, the first Canadian to receive that honor. During the five years he held that position, he lived in the same house as the great surgeon and the two were close friends.

TOURED ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

In 1875 he became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, Eng., later became a licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh) and then was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, England. During this time he toured England and Scotland lecturing on antiseptic surgery.

He returned to Canada in 1877 and was elected a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and was appointed a member of the Board of Examiners of the college. He was chief surgeon of the Toronto General Hospital in the early '80's, and became renowned for his clinical work.

HEADED CANADIAN GROUP.

In 1895 he was elected president of the Canadian Medical Association, a Fellow of the Obstetrical Society and appointed Professor of Surgery of the Toronto University medical faculty.

In the early days of antiseptic surgery, he often was consulted by physicians and surgeons throughout the Dominion.

He was a member of the Canadian Council of the Red Cross Society and a member of the executive committee of the Victorian Order of Nurses. He also was honorary surgeon of the Governor-General's Bodyguard. He married Jane, daughter of Thornton Todd, of Toronto, in 1883.

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February 21, 1930.

My dear Charlie:

I thank you for your letter and its enclosure, just received. It was kind of you to represent me at the unveiling of the memorial window in memory of Sir William Otter, and I am glad to know that the occasion was one so well worthy of Sir William's memory.

I thank you very much for your kindness in inviting me to stay with you at Mackenzie Avenue when I go up to Toronto. Unfortunately, I have already declined other invitations, knowing that my time will be very short, and that most of it will be occupied possibly in the preparation of an address for the evening of Monday, and in calling on Mrs. Larkin, and also keeping one or two other appointments already made. I shall hope, however, to have the pleasure of seeing you while in Toronto.

With kindest remembrances,

Yours very sincerely,

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The Right Honourable,
W. L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Prime Minister,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Billie.-

Thank you for your letter of yesterday's date. I am disappointed that you cannot stay with me, but hope that you will let me have an opportunity of seeing you for a few minutes anyway, some time while you are here. Perhaps you could get Harry Baldwin to give me a ring on the telephone.

D. S. Robertson of the Toronto Evening Telegram called on me this morning to submit a proof of some information which he had got regarding William Lyon Mackenzie in connection with St. Andrew's Church. This information had been secured originally by Stewart Wallace the Librarian at the Toronto University, who is Robertson's brother-in-law.

As you know "the Mackenzie papers" are in the library with the understanding that access to them is only to be had with my permission, and material gleaned from them is to be submitted to me for approval before publication. In this particular instance of course there is no matter of controversy, and I therefore considered it wise to let Robertson publish the information Wallace had secured for him.

There are one or two items in it which may interest you and be useful in the preparation of your address, and Mr. Robertson has asked me to forward you a copy of their paper of to day's or Monday's issue which will carry the story. This of course, I shall do.

With best regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

C. B. Lindsey

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December 8th, 1930.

The Right Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Billy:

I am enclosing a page from the second section of the Mail & Empire of last Saturday, which contains some notes regarding the rebellion.

The Mail is getting quite tolerant and gentlemanly in its old age if this can be taken as a fair example.

I get very interesting letters from the mater and Jim from Barbados. They seem to be enjoying it thoroughly and evidently intend to travel around a bit during the winter.

With best regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

C B Lindsey.

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Ottawa, December 9, 1930

Charles B. Lindsey, Esq.,
80 King Street West,
Toronto 2, Ontario.

My dear Charlie:

I thank you for sending me the page from the 'Mail and Empire' of Saturday last containing references to the 1837 Rebellion. If it had not been for your kindness in so doing I should have missed it altogether.

I would not put too much faith in the toleration of the 'Mail and Empire' no matter how generously they may treat every particular incident. I have seen nothing comparable to the subserviency of the Conservative press in the manner in which they have dealt with the behaviour of Bennett and Ferguson. I am wondering if any member of the Liberal Party, and particularly myself, had acted in the manner in which they have acted and said the things they have said what the editorials of these papers would have been like. Certainly, if I had been in Bennett's shoes I would not have been permitted to land, and if in

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Ferguson's, to go abroad.

I am glad to know that Jim and your mother are enjoying their sojourn together in the Barbadoes. I am happy to think of their being together at the Christmas season.

May I avail myself of this letter to extend to Wanda and yourself, and to all of your family, my best of wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours very sincerely,

WLMK/Z

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December 11th, 1930.

Personal

The Right Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Billy:

I thank you for your letter of yesterday's date.

I am most heartily in accord with your sentiments regarding the attitude of the conservative press regarding the extraordinary behaviour of Bennett and Ferguson. I am fairly reliably informed that Ferguson was full when he uttered his remark about going to put the United Kingdom on its feet, but unfortunately, the people who read it will not be generous enough to allow him this excuse and the harm will be done. It is extremely unfortunate from Canada's point of view that this gauche utterance should have followed so closely on Bennett's mistake.

Bennett cannot be excused on any grounds whatsoever, for his outburst was obviously a considered one. While the immediate storm seems to have blown over I feel that the results will be very far reaching.

Unquestionably you will have a great opportunity when you come to deal with these gross errors in the House.

Wanda and I send you our very best wishes for Christmas and wish you all sorts of health and prosperity in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

C B Lindsey

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July 14,1931.

The Rt. Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Bill:

Last Fall I received a letter from a Miss Norah Story giving her address as Strathcona Apts., Laurier Avenue, Ottawa.

Miss Story wants to have access to the Mackenzie papers with a view to some research work and I told her that subject to my seeing the manuscript before it went to print that I would probably be agreeable.

Yesterday her mother rang me on the long-distance phone from Ottawa and said that her daughter would come here Monday next to make the final arrangements and it just occurred to me that you might possibly have some information as to the colour of Miss Story's politics. Or perhaps you might have some other information which might be useful to me in making my decision. If this is the case I would very much appreciate a note from you, preferably to arrive before Monday morning next.

We are all very much amused in this part of the world by the Keleidoscopic tariff. I have not had an opportunity to go through this Australian business which appeared in the press this morning but it seems an extraordinary thing to me that we differentiate so sharply between Australia and New Zealand.

Mother and Jim are both very well and seem to enjoy this hot weather.

I am sure that you will be looking forward

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July 14,1931

The Rt. Hon.W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C. (Continued)

to the end of the session so that you can get a bit of a rest.

With best regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Charlie.

CBL/BAB

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80 King St W
Toronto

Believe you can have entire confidence in Miss Story. From all I know she is genuinely interested in an accurate presentation.

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Mackenzie King

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Charles Lindsey, Esq.,
13 MaKenzie Av.,
Toronto.

Affectionate Christmas greetings, dear Charlie, to Wanda, your little people and yourself, and every good wish for 1932.

ful44 Billy

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80 King Street West,
Toronto, November 28, 1933

Right Honorable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Billie:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I am writing today regarding an insurance policy for $5000.00 which I have under the Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act.

Broadly, the situation is as follows:

1. The policy was taken out in 1919 (approximately) and kept in good standing by monthly payments until 1930 (August, I think), when I was unable to continue the payments.

2. Automatically I was given the option of reinstatement by paying up arrears until August 31st, 1932. This I was unable to do at the time.

3. I am now in a position to pay up the arrears, but the Department refuses me the right. I have consulted Mr. Hector Lithgow, General Manager of the Manufacturers' Life here in Toronto, who says he considers my request a reasonable one and one to which his company would accede without question.

I have a feeling that perhaps someone is being a little too "departmental" in dealing with my request, and that if one who is in Ottawa would take the matter up on my behalf I would get what I want. I do not like to make this statement, for I think you understand my attitude in giving what service I did during the War. Nevertheless, it seems to me not unreasonable to expect the Department to stretch their regulations in this case, and more particularly so when I am only asking them to do what private concerns will do without question.

I am therefore going to ask if you could bring this before the right people. Needless to say I will be very grateful for any action you may take.

I am glad to report all well in the family and that my own affairs are improved, although far from what I would hope for.

Have you had any communication from the Mayor here as to what he intends to do with regard to Mackenzie in the forthcoming Centenary Celebrations next year? Bert Alley has these affairs in hand and I would be glad to discuss it with him and report to you if you think that a wise course to pursue. Let me know what you think.

With best regards and many thanks, I am

CBL:MF

Yours very sincerely,
C.B. Lindsey.

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80 King Street West,
Toronto, November 28, 1933

Insurance Division,
Department of National Health,
Daly Building,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Sirs: re: Policy #8832

I beg to acknowledge your letter of November 27th in this matter.

I am still at a loss to understand why you are not agreeable to reinstate this policy on payment of back premiums and my passing medical examination. I may say that during the period under consideration I have not had any illness beyond two or three colds which confined me to bed for a period of two days at the most.

I am advised by one of our first class companies that under the circumstances they would reinstate without question.

Therefore I am asking again that you submit this application to the proper authority for further consideration.

Leaving this application for the moment, I would refer you to yours of November 18th, 1933, in which you advise me that there are certain options open to me, provided I make application before December 1st, 1933. Without prejudice to my application for reinstatement, I hereby ask that the date for selection be postponed until the first matter is disposed of. My present feeling is to apply for the cash surrender value, viz. $779.00.

In this connection I note your remark regarding the legal inability of my son to sign off. However, I am at liberty to change my beneficiary under the Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act, so that I could make my wife the sole beneficiary and then have her sign off.

I may say that my previous experience with your Division has always led me to expect the utmost sympathy toward policy holders, and therefore I am somewhat surprised to discover your disposition to adhere to the letter of the contract rather than accede to what is a perfectly reasonable request - not only in my estimation, but in the estimation of actuaries of first class companies. However, I have no doubt you will give me every consideration in the matter.

Yours very truly,

C B Lindsey
Major

CBL:MF

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Ottawa,
November 29, 1933

C. B. Lindsey, Esq.,
80 King Street, West,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Mackenzie King went out of town yesterday afternoon, and will return on Friday, when I shall see that your communication of November the 28th, just received, is placed in his hands.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. L. Henry
Private Secretary.

HH/FM

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Ottawa, December 8, 1933

Major C. B. Lindsey,
80 King Street West,
Toronto.

Am sorry have just seen your letter November twentyeighth. been absent Ottawa and undergoing treatment and have

Will take up matter with Department first thing next week.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

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Dec. 9, 1933.

Mr. King.

I took up with Mr. McKee (Assistant Deputy Minister, Pensions & Nat. Health) the question of Mr. Lindsey's policy. The officer with whom he will have to discuss it is out of town, but he expects to give us ~~definite~~ word on Wednesday.

EAP

I called Mr. McKee's office this morning. He is out of town today & will be back in the office in the morning. Dec 15 A A

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Personal. Ottawa, December 16, 1933

C. B. Lindsey, Esq.,
80 King Street West,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Charles

I am sorry to have been so long in replying to your letter of November 28th. I explained the reason in part to your mother over the telephone. That, however, is not the main reason for the delay.

The officer who has to do with the matter of insurance policies was out of the city until Thursday of this week, and it was only this morning that I was able to get a definite statement of the situation. I imagine I cannot do better than send to you the letter just received. It speaks for itself.

While it is perfectly true that the Commission no doubt is restricted in the manner referred to in the enclosure, I feel that the restriction is one which has very little to justify it, and one which may very well be altered at some future time. You understand, of course, that in these matters I have no influence of any kind with the present Administration, and, indeed, requests preferred through me in some quarters conceivably might do more

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harm than good. I do not think, however, that this is the case with any of the personnel of the Pension Commission, and I am sure that, if any officer of the Commission had the authority to deal with the matter in a way other than the one in which it has been dealt with, they would have been quite ready to go to the limits so far as you are concerned.

I agree with you that the request is a wholly reasonable one, and one which I think ought to be acceded to without question. Perhaps you could get some influential Conservative, who has to do with war veteran problems, to suggest an amendment to the Act at the next session, which might serve to cover your own and similar cases.

I have had no word whatever about the centennial celebration in Toronto next year. I have not felt that it would be fitting on my part to make any suggestions. The action of the civic authorities and the citizens of Toronto will speak for themselves. If they are disposed to do anything, it is more likely to be done without opposition, through the Council or others, moving on their own volition. Any suggestion from me would be construed as an effort to boost myself, rather than to further the recognition which Mackenzie's name so richly deserves.

Referring to the Centanary reminds me that I had a request only this week from a gentleman in Rochester, N. Y., to

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advise him if possible where Mackenzie's mother is buried. The centenary of Rochester as a city comes in the same year as that of Toronto, and if Mrs. Mackenzie is buried in Rochester the citizens there would like to have her grave specially marked in connection with the Toronto centenary and their own. I wonder, if among the Mackenzie papers at the University, there is anything which would show where his mother was buried? You may recall that ~~she~~ Mrs Mackenzie at the age of 90 died while he was in prison in Rochester and that he witnessed the funeral from the windows of the prison, but he was not allowed to attend it. I do not know whether her remains were transferred to Toronto later on or not. If you can get any information on this from among the papers which may be available, I wish you would. In all probability, the newspapers of Toronto will wish to make some reference to Mackenzie's mother as well as to Mrs Mackenzie his wife when the centennial takes place.

I am glad to know from your letter, and from the talk I had with your mother over the telephone, that apparently you are all very well; also that for yourself business conditions are improving. To you all I send my very best of wishes for a happy Christmas and the happiest of New Year's.

WLMK/Z

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The Canadian
Pension Commission.

Daly Building,
Ottawa, December 15, 1933

Private Secretary to the
Rt. Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King,
House of Commons,
O T T A W A.

Re - Major Charles B. Lindsey.

Dear Sir:

You are advised that request made for consideration of reinstatement of this policy through Mr. J. W. McKee, Assistant Deputy Minister of this Department, has been submitted to the Commission for a decision.

I am directed by the Commission to advise you as follows: This policy was issued February 18, 1922, and premiums were paid on the policy to August 1st, 1930. The policy was then placed on extended term insurance owing to non-payment of premium.

Under this provision of the policy the insured is covered for the full face value thereof until December 31st, 1947, and if the insurance becomes a claim within that period, such insurance would become payable.

The contract provides that a period of two years only from the date of last payment of premium is allowed in which to apply for reinstatement of the policy. This period expired August 1932.

The insured was not able to make application for reinstatement and pay the premiums within the time limit, but now desires that the policy be reinstated if payment of arrears of premiums with interest are now paid. The Commission, however, has no power to vary or to go outside the provisions of the contract and, therefore, the request of the insured cannot be granted.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) J. White

Chief,
Returned Soldiers' Insurance.

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March 12th

Dear Billy

Are you surprised at an unfamaliar hand addressing you so famaliarly, or has the rest given me away already?

I hope in the last five days you have had a chance to rest after those strenuous days in Toronto. I dont see how you can stand such a terrific strain - next time you come here please cut out all dentist appointments & Civic receptions, & let us have some more happy quiet times together — you see Charlie

(2)

& I enjoyed your company so much that now we are demanding more!

A few minutes ago a friend of ours, Bob Bethune, rang me up & said he had been phoned from Montreal by one of our Toronto Oxford Group leaders - a chap called Eric Bently.

Eric will be in Ottawa tomorrow Tuesday, & phoned to ask if either Charlie or I would write to you to ask you if you would be kind enough to see him. With him is an Englishman - Louden Hamilton, who is a forerunner of the International Team from London.

As Charlie has on his hands downstairs at the moment all the pall bearers from Col Mitchell's funeral I am writing you myself.

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I was so happy at your speaking so sympathically of the Scouts the other day that I feel I have no hesitation in asking this of you.

I fancy Eric will only be in Ottawa two or three days as the International Team are to be here next Sunday for four days, so if you can manage to see him soon we will all be most grateful.

Have you remembered my parting words about Sugar? I know the Mater nearly wrecked herself with substitutes, & having seen the demands you make on your energy I feel tempted to send you down a barrel full of pure Granulated!

Charlie I know will join me in sending love, & our hopes that you will soon come back here, so that it may not be long, before we see you again.

Charlie is here now to add a line so I will stop —

With warmest regards

Wanda —

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13 Mackenzie Cres
Mar 12th /34

Dear Billie,

Wonder has given you the burden of our song but I want to add a word in the hope that you will do your best to see these two chaps — the rest will happen of its own accord.

Eric Beatty I know — not the other one. Beatty was here in business for years just like the rest of us but after the first visit of the Oxford team from England, fifteen months

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ago, he and his wife (a daughter of late R. J. Fleming) got caught up in this thing and he has given up his position entirely to answer the call as he sees it.

It seems to me that while all individuals & classes would benefit by a better Christian spirit, that at the moment effort should be made with those whom you & R.B.B. can influence immediately. A better understanding would take such a lot of the petty nonsense out of our deliberations and bring us to a realization of the fact

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that the world is not far from a smash up unless we are willing to place the case in higher hands than ours.

Please do what you can to give Bently & his friend all the time you can and it will be one of the best things you have done for Canada — it will open the way for them to go on with the Gospel.

This sounds odd coming from me but it is my firm conviction.

Again many thanks for your kindnesses here and best regards from yours in haste but very sincerely Chas.

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WANDA AND I HAVE WRITTEN YOU TO HOUSE COMMONS TONIGHT THAT ERIC BENTLY AND LOUDEN HAMILTON MAY CALL ON YOU TOMORROW OR SHORTLY REGARDING OXFORD GROUP STOP IN CASE LETTER MIGHT MISCARRY WE ARE SENDING THIS WIRE TO ASK YOU TO GIVE THEM INTERVIEW BEST LOVE

C B LINDSAY.

Mr. Henry informed re.

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March 20, 1934

My dear Wanda:

I have just written Charlie a letter which is really intended for you both. I should like, however, to send just a separate line to say how very much I enjoyed seeing what I did of you during the days of the Centennial ceremonies and, as well, to thank you for all your kindness to me. I just cannot say how much I enjoyed having at last the privilege of sharing with other members of the family circle some of the happiness which has been theirs in coming to know you so well. It is only when one is brought face to face with realities of a situation like this that one realizes how considerable have been the sacrifices which, directly or indirectly, one who is in public life inevitably incurs.

I hope you will not always think of me as the distracted and preoccupied being with whom you became acquainted during the days of the Centennial ceremonies. I was so tired out before I came up to Toronto that, when confronted after arrival there with wholly unexpected and unforeseen obligations of further public speaking, I just could not be myself. That part of the visit was a nightmare. All the rest of it left the most cherished of memories.

I want to thank you again for the beautiful water-colour painting by O'Brien with which you and Charlie presented me on the day of my visit to your lovely home.

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When I yielded to your insistence that I should take it, I felt a little as though I were committing some act of highway robbery. Seeing it here in my sun room, with all the associations which this house has with our Houses of Parliament, I began to think that many mystical associations lie behind and surround the gift. I have discovered that the view is one which one sees as one approaches Ottawa along the rodd that brings one from Kingsmere to the city. That circumstance adds not a little to my enjoyment of the painting each time that I look at it, for that particular view is one of which I am exceedingly fond.

I am already looking forward to the time when you and Charlie can pay me a little visit and when I can have the pleasure of showing you something of the charm of Ottawa, and also this house with its historic associations, and also something of the beauty of Kingsmere. I know you would much enjoy a visit of the kind, and I hope you and Charlie will feel that, whenever it can be arranged, you will both be more than welcome.

As I have written Charlie of your letters and his telegram regarding the visit of Bentley and Louden Hamilton, I shall not make further mention thereto, beyond that of thanking you for your letter and saying how pleased I was to receive it.

With renewed thanks for all your kindness and with much love, and with my best of wishes, believe me,

Yours affectionately,

Mrs. Charles Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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My dear Charlie:

My two or three days in Toronto, added to the time immediately preceding taken for the preparation of the address at the Centennial Eve Dinner of the William Lyon Mackenzie Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, left me so far in arrears of my work and correspondence that I have not had, since my return, a chance to send to either Wanda or yourself so much as a line. I should like you both to know that, among the most pleasurable of the memories of the Centennial celebrations will always be the very pleasant talks we had together, the meeting of your boys, and particularly the luncheon with Wanda and yourself and the very happy times spent with you both.

I am sending just a word to Wanda, as well as yourself, to thank you both again for that beautiful water-colour of the Parliament Buildings by O'Brien with which you presented me and which I carried away as in triumph. You have no idea how beautiful it looks in my sun room, which lends it just the light and warmth needed to bring out its great beauty. I have not thus far had a chance to have it framed, but I shall arrange for that during the Easter recess.

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I want to thank you also for giving me a copy of your Story of the Fourth Canadian Division. Sometime I wish you would send me a copy of the letter sent you by General Currie. That letter, I think you ought either to frame or keep in a vault. It is something your boys will greatly treasure.

When I received your telegram, and subsequently your letter and Wanda's, mentioning that Eric Bentley and Louden Hamilton would call on me either the day following or shortly, I asked my secretaries, both at the House of Commons and here at Laurier House, to be on the lookout for any message from either or both of them and to let them know that I should be glad to see them. I received on Saturday an invitation from Mrs. J. A. Wilson, who is active in the work of the Oxford Group, to luncheon on Thursday of this week, which evidently was the result of some conversation she may have had with Bentley or Hamilton. But, apart from this, until this morning, when I received a notice of a meeting to be held on Thursday night, I have had no communication from anyone respecting the visit of the International Team to Ottawa. I imagine that the local organization here has its own arrangements in hand, and no doubt Bentley and Hamilton have had their time taken up pretty completely with members of the local committee.

While I should very gladly have talked over matters with them, I doubt very much if it would have been possible for me, with Parliament in session, to have promised to participate to any extent in the proceedings of this week.

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I should like you to know that I am wholly sympathetic with the movement and am anxious to see it make all the headway possible, but, when Parliament is in session, I just have to do with respect to everything that comes up, apart from my immediate duties, what the circumstances of the moment will permit. I know what your own feelings are as to the movement being given some headway among our members of Parliament. That may very well come about, and no one would be more pleased than myself should such be the case. There are reasons, however, which would make it exceedingly unwise for me to attempt any responsibility in that direction. What the reasons are, you will probably readily surmise. If, therefore, it should not be possible for me to further your own and Wanda's wishes in the matter of joining with others in the work being in connection with the visit of the International Team, and in the meetings of the Group while it is here, you will, I hope, realize that this is due entirely to my engagements being what they are, and considerations of which, as leader of my party in Parliament, I have to take account.

I, of course, remember Bentley quite well, as he was in Ottawa before going to Toronto. I should have liked to have seen him again, and may perhaps have this chance before the week is out.

I have sent a line to the Mayor, Colonel Alley, the Daughters of the Empire and others, thanking them for their various attentions and good offices in connection

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with the Centennial ceremonies. I should like again to thank you for your own part, and particularly to congratulate you upon the manner in which you presided at the Centennial Eve Dinner. The Centenary has recalled memories, many of them vivid and some of them running back to the semi-centennial, some of the events of which I distinctly remember. I am glad we shared together at the Necropolis the early hours of the morning of March the 6th with the many loving and tender memories which they served to recall.

With much love and my best of wishes, believe me, as always, dear Charlie,

Affectionately yours,

Major Charles Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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your grandfather reacted on his life & teaching is. My conclusion is that his teaching is was far more influenced by the British reformers - Brougham, Hume, O'Connell, and so on - who are mainly responsible for the Great Reform bill in England in 1832. I am surprised also, although I might have suspected it - to find that he was much influenced by Burns - he begins the first number of the Colonist with a quotation from "The Cotters' Saturday night" - and the Scotch historians and economists.

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to see the papers, and I trust that the arrangement I suggested - that I should say in any thing I intend to publish - will be satisfactory.

Very truly yours

R A MacKay.

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March 7, 1935

Hon. C. B. Lindsay.
Burgard & Co
60 King St W. Toronto.

Dear Mr. Lindsay:

I was speaking to Mr. W. S. Wallace a few days ago, and he mentioned that you had intimated to him that I had not sent you copies of the material I was using from the Mackenzie papers, under the circumstances I thought I should write you and let you

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a good many notes but as yet I cannot say what I will be using. In any case I shall let you see what I am using, when I finally get things together. Will this be satisfactory to you?

You may be interested to know that I have found very little evidence that Mr. Mackenzie was influenced by American ideas or American practices, until the year 1836, when after the election he seems to have gone over rather suddenly to the ideas current before and during the American Revolution. This is much the same conclusion as

know was definitely how I was getting on.

I am merely collecting material this year on the general subject. "The Influence of American Political Ideas on Canadian Politics." - a very intangible subject and one I fear I shall not be able to make much of. I do not expect to be able to write any thing this year. At the best I shall not have any thing ready for publication until at least a year hence. I shall not likely be using much material from the Mackenzie papers, though I felt I should go through them to see what there was. I have taken

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Right Honorable W.L. MacKenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

PERSONAL

Dear Billy:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed note, which comes to me from Professor R.A. MacKay. I understand that he is a "Bluenose" who has been here in Toronto for some months, seeking information on a subject which he describes in his letter.

Stewart Wallace, the librarian, asked me if I would give MacKay access to the MacKenzie papers in the library at the University, to which I agreed on the usual terms. I have always stipulated in this connection that I should be shown any manuscript resulting therefrom, and I had spoken to Stewart Wallace about this, which prompted MacKay's note.

It is interesting to see the conclusions at which he has arrived. I remember your speaking more than once about MacKenzie's fondness for Burns.

I don't want this note back.

People here are considerably disturbed about Bennett's illness, for whatever we may think about his activities, he has most certainly carried a terrific load. I am sure you will agree that he would be a great loss to the House.

For your information I heard this morning that there is a movement on foot here among some four or five business men (presumably non-political) to hold a meeting in the immediate future and put forth the idea that we should have a National Government. Perhaps you have already had this information.

As a man on the street, the thing that seems to stick out more than anything else to me is the necessity for some kind of amalgamation of these railroads, and I believe that anybody who would come out flat footed on such a platform would carry an enormous proportion of the vote. Can't you do this?

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I am glad to report that everybody at home is well and that the mater has almost entirely recovered from her injured leg. Jim, as you know, is in Nassau, catching sharks, and as far as I can see is the wisest of the lot of us.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Charles B. Lindsey

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Personal

Ottawa,
March 15, 1938

My dear Charlie:

I thank you for your letter of yesterday and its enclosure. I am glad you are safeguarding the Mackenzie papers. It would, I think, be fortunate if they could be reserved until the right person is found to re-write ~~his~~ Mackenzie life. Should I ever have time for anything of the kind, there is nothing, personally, I should like more to attempt.

Do not be concerned about a national government. The Tory party has always sought refuge under something of the kind, where defeat was imminent.

The railway questions, I feel, is too large a one to go into by correspondence.

I am glad to know that all of the family are so well. My love to you all.

Affectionately yours,

Charles B. Lindsey, Esq.,
80 King Street, West,
Toronto, Ontario.

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TORONTO 5, CANADA, April 25, 1935

Charles B. Lindsey, Esq.,
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My dear Charlie,

Miss Rosemary Hughes was given permission some time ago to consult the files of the Colonial Advocate and the Constitution in connection with some post-graduate work she is doing on the relations between Canada and the United States. One of the conditions was that she should submit to you any extracts which she proposed to use. She has now handed me the enclosed extracts which she would like to make use of, and I should be glad to know if there are any of these to which you have an objection?

Yours sincerely,

W.S. Wallace

W.S. Wallace,
Librarian.

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Dear Billie,

These speak for themselves. I thought they might interest you as they are much akin to some of our public problems today.

All well here.

Best regards. C B Lindsey.

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May 1, 1936
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My dear Charlie:

It is very kind of you to have allowed me to see the references to the fyles of The Colonial Advocate and The Constitution, which Miss Rosemary Hughes has made from the Mackenzie papers. As you say, there is much in these references which bears upon present political and economic problems in Canada, especially those which have to do with banking privileges and autocractic political control. I am returning the extracts herewith.

I am glad to know that you are all well. Please give my love to your mother and Wanda, and with the same to yourself,

Believe me, as always,
Yours very sincerely,

Charles Lindsey, Esq.,
80 King St. W.,
Toronto, Ont.

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June 4, 1935

My dear Wanda:

I cannot tell you and Charlie how distressed I was to learn of the serious accident which little Casimir met with some days ago, or how deeply I feel for you all, and for the little lad, in your anxiety and pain of mind and heart. I am more than sorry I did not see mention of the accident in the press at the time of its occurrence. Unfortunately, the pressure of my work is such that some days I have to forego altogether the reading of the papers, and trust to such items therein being brought to my attention by members of the staff.

But for seeing John Lay for a moment Friday night, I should not have known of the accident. This is the first moment, since I learned of it, in which I have had an opportunity to send even so much as a line.

I am immensely relieved to hear that, apparently, Casimir is quite out of all danger, and that there is promise of

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his complete recovery. I shall join my prayers to yours that such indeed may be the case. I am glad that you and Charlie have the strong faith you have in prayer and its healing power. I am sure it will be your greatest of all consolations in this great anxiety.

With my love to you both, and to little Casimir,

Believe me, as always,
Yours very affectionately,

Mrs. Charles Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Floral Park P.O.
July 15th

My dear Willie,

I cant tell you how touched I was by your kind letter. It was indeed good of you to spare your precious time to send us your sympathy & loving messages.

The trying time we went through has really been a wonderful experience, for

Casimirs recovery was a miracle, & the marvelous way he was helped in every detail was, I feel sure, the direct answer to prayer.

He suffered surprisingly little, & the peace & healing that were evident from the very first was a revelation of Gods' power.

You can imagine how happy Charlie & I are now to see Casimir well & strong again & full of the joy of life. He always has been

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the happiest little soul, & he is so grateful to be well again that I think this has been a useful experience for him as well as his parents.

These must be terrifically busy times for you, I only hope your health can stand the strain of all your responsibilities

Your thoughts and prayers for us have been greatly appreciated, and I thank you so much for both.

We expect to be up here till the middle of September, it is a perfect place for the boys, there is swimming (three times a day in this hot weather) - sailing, base-ball (in which all parents take an exhaustively active part!) and tennis, so the days pass quickly & happily.

With best wishes that all may be well with you, & again with grateful thanks for your good letter,

as always yours lovingly

Wanda.

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October 15, 1935

Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Billy:

Well, the news was certainly great! We were going to send you a telegram last night, but felt you had probably received so many that you would have to wait a day or two to open them.

I have never seen so much interest displayed in a campaign before, and I have never seen the people in Toronto so doubtful as to the outcome. the C.C.F. and Stevens element bulked very large in the people's minds hereabout.

Isn't it a great tribute to the sanity of the country that they would stick to one or other of the proven people, rather than barge off into the blue with a lot of experimentors, particularly at this time? Wanda and I were discussing it this morning and she said how impressed she was with the inherent decency of people who will listen to someone who is saying what he believes to be the case and doing it without any theatrical accompaniment.

I think that's where you scored. And now you have an awful job ahead of you, and we all hope you will be given the moral and physical strength to carry it through.

Perhaps some time before long Wanda and I will take you up on your invitation to go to Ottawa, as she has never been there. But we will wait until you have got some of the more pressing matters out of your way.

Jim arrived back in New York a couple of days ago and was, I believe, talking to the mater on the telephone last night, but I have not learned yet just what his immediate plans are. I think that he will return to Toronto for the time being, anyway.

Don't bother answering this, because I know that you are flooded with similar letters, but rest assured that it goes

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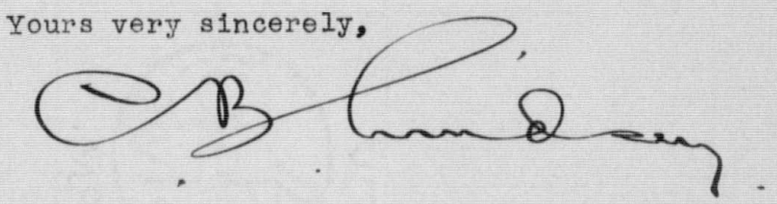
Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King

from all of us here with the very deep hope that you may have good luck and good guidance in your forthcoming task.

Yours very sincerely,



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October 19, 1935

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Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

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Dear Billy:

I dislike entirely to put forth a request to you, particularly at this time when I know that there are thousands of people doing the same thing and you must be simply swamped. However, my only reason for doing it is that the man on whose behalf I am speaking is, I think, possibly the most deserving person of my acquaintance in Toronto, and apparently time is vital.

Colonel John P. Girvan, D.S.O., M.C., is at present Superintendent of Mails in the city of Toronto. He has applied for the position of Assistant District Director of Postal Service, Toronto, a position which, I understand, was thrown open about a year ago and has recently been advertised in the Civil Service Publication. He has made his application in the regular way, and I am convinced that he is as well qualified as anyone could be for the position. In addition to this he has a fine record in the Civil Service, having started as a postal clerk in 1907, and worked his way, entirely by his own merit, to his present position.

He has made it clear to me that he would not under any circumstances have tried to enlist anyone's sympathy, were it not that he has just learned that some pressure is being brought to bear by another applicant. All he seeks to do is to neutralize that pressure, because he feels sure that on his rating he will get the job.

Perhaps it would be easier to understand the type of man he is when I tell you that he went out to France as a private in the 48th Highlanders and stayed with them throughout the war. He has for the past two or three years commanded that Regiment. Confidentially, I don't mind telling you that I think they are the finest Regiment in Canada today.

It may also interest you to know that Girvan enjoys the complete confidence of such men as Colonel John Michie, Scott Griffin and the Reverend Stuart Parker, of St. Andrew's Church who is, incidentally, the Padre of his Regiment.

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Right Honorable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.

I don't know whether it carries any weight or not, but he is mildly Liberal in his tendencies, having voted that way always, with the exception of 1917, when even you and myself didn't see eye to eye. Girvan, however, puts no claim forward on account of his politics.

You will, I think, remember that I have never approached you in this way before, and I am only doing it on this occasion because I can think of no person whom I could more conscientiously recommend for a position in the Postal Department than John Girvan.

I wonder if it would be too much to ask that you instruct one of your secretaries to drop me a line on receipt of this letter, so that I will know that you have seen it.

Jim and the mater came for dinner with us last night and we had a very interesting time, discussing the shark-fishing industry in the Bahama's, along with several other things, including your recent victory. Jim is well, but I think has had all he wants of that business and intends now to go back to Wall Street.

I am glad to report that the mater and my own family are all well, and they join me in sending best love to you, together with our hopes that you will be given the strength to stand up to the terrific job that faces you.

Yours very sincerely,

C B Lindsey

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13 Mc Kenzie Ave
Oct 15th

Dear Willie -

There are two things today to feel proud & happy about — the first is this country showing sound judgment, & the second is - You!

It is so right that you are at the helm again, we need a man of broad vision whose aim is the welfare of the entire world.

As you will be expected to read about fifty million letters I

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wont take up any more of your
precious minutes, but I did so
want to tell you how happy
Charlie & I are that you are
so victorious.

May God bless & guide
you always -

with much love

Yours affectionately

Wanda

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January 8th, 1936.

My dear Charlie:

I have been much distressed at not having had the chance, before this, to write and thank you and Wanda for the charming letters which came from each of you on the morrow of the Liberal victory. The truth is, as you did suggest, I was literally swamped with correspondence at that time. My visits to Washington, the Dominion-Provincial Conference, negotiations over the Japanese Agreement and other matters made it impossible for me, thus far, to overtake the vast arrears. Will you please, therefore, accept the will for the deed and know that among the many communications received at that time, none gave me more real pleasure than those received from Wanda and yourself?

The reasons which made it next to impossible for me to thank you for your letters of congratulations also prevented me, thus far, from acknowledging your letter of October 19th, on behalf of Colonel John P. Girvan. I have been informed, by my secretary, that Colonel Girvan has been appointed Assistant Director of

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Office of the Prime Minister

Ottawa, Jan 8

Mrs. King.

Col. Girvan has been appointed.

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January 8th, 1936.

"My dear Wanda":

This is just a line to let you know that I so appreciated the letters received from you and Charlie, on the morrow of the great Liberal victory, that I carried them off with me to Beggia in the hope of finding it possible, while there, to send you both some adequate acknowledgment. Unfortunately, the pressure of public matters in other directions invaded my holiday to such an extent that I found it next to impossible to get off many personal letters.

With my return to Ottawa, came the Dominion-Provincial Conference and then the Christmas Season. In another few weeks comes another session of parliament. In this moment of pause - the only one I have had for many months past, I want to send to you and Charlie not only my warmest thanks for your letters, but, as well, the expression of my deep affection for you both. Though I have not written, you have been often in my thoughts, as well as the two boys. I do hope they are both again quite well and strong and that you and Charlie are also keeping very well.

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With my love and best
of wishes to you all
Believe me
Yours affectionately
Willie

Mrs. Charles B. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

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January 15, 1936

Right Honorable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Billy:

Wanda and I were very pleased to get your notes last week. We quite understood why you had not been able to get around to it before, and with the press of business which you suffered we were very pleased to hear at all.

I was also very glad to note that Colonel Girvan had been awarded the appointment which he sought in the Post Office Department. I know that he feels his cause was advanced very substantially by having it brought to your attention. As I said previously, one need have no hesitation whatever in recommending this man for any Post Office appointment which he may seek. In my opinion he is one of the outstanding citizens of this Dominion although, as he puts it, he is "just a humble civil servant." A larger percentage of people of his calibre would make the world a better place to live in.

We are noting with great interest the progress of the Provincial Representatives' Conference. So far I have not heard a single word of criticism from anyone. Business people seem to feel that it may clear up the atmosphere in many directions and remove a lot of doubts which have hampered people in making commitments.

I am glad to report that we are all well again here, although the mater had a cold for a few days, and Wanda the same after returning from Virginia, where she had been for a week or so on an Oxford Group house party.

Both the boys are well and I am quite proud to report that they are both head of their respective forms at University School. That school, as you know, is regarded as the fasted company in this Province.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

C B Lindsey.

CBL:MF

P.S. The Mail has a nice editorial this a.m. on Dunning's doings.

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WILL BE IN OTTAWA MONDAY NIGHT TILL THURSDAY MORNING/WITH MR AND MRS RAY PURDY OF THE OXFORD GROUP/STOP/WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU IF YOU CAN SPARE ANY TIME/STOP/OUR ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN THE HANDS OF MRS J A WILSON ONE SEVEN EIGHT RIDEAU TERRACE/STOP/AM MOTORING DOWN EARLY MONDAY MORNING/STOP/LOVE

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Jan. 27, 1936
3.30 pm

Mr. King:

Mrs. Wilson informed me that she did not expect Mrs. Lindsey to arrive until six o'clock or later.

I left your message with Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Lindsey will call Laurier House. I have advised MacLeod, and, if you are at home, he will let you know when she calls, in case you may wish to speak with her. Otherwise, he will take the message as to whether she will come to tea or dinner.

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To save you time and replenish the wardrobe and to give you our warmest good wishes.
With many thanks for a most delightful evening
Mrs. Ray Foote Purdy
and
Wanda

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March 30, 1936

Right Honorable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Billy:

I have had the opportunity in the last two or three days of renewing acquantance with my old friend General Ironside, who has been here in Toronto. You probably are already aware that he has been Quartermaster General in ~~England~~ Ireland and is on his way back to take over the Eastern command in England, after which he will normally become Chief of the Imperial General Staff. I knew him fairly well in France and have followed his career since, but I was more than ever struck with the immense vision which the man has of world affairs and the clarity of his views.

I am sure that it would be mutually profitable to himself and yourself if you were to meet. He will, of course, see the Governor General and MacBrien in Ottawa, so that you will be able to find out what his movements are while there. He leaves Toronto on the C.P.R. at 11.35 on Tuesday night, March 31st.

I am sorry to say that there have been some colds round our house, but nothing serious, and we are all on the mend now.

With best regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

C B Lindsey

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April 13, 1936

My dear Charlie:

I tried my best to arrange to see General Ironside when he was in Ottawa. Unfortunately the time General Ironside was at the Parliament Buildings I was kept busy in debate in the House of Commons.

The General's stay in the city was so short it was not possible to arrange to see him at any other time. He fully understood the situation and I had my secretary tell him of your kindness in writing me.

I hope you have all had a pleasant Easter vacation. As you see, I am spending mine trying to overtake arrears of correspondence which, prior to the Recess, accumulated to great proportions.

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May 14, 1936

Right Honourable W.L. MacKenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Willie:

I am enclosing a letter from Professor R.A. McKay, of Dalhousie University, together with copy of the night letter-gram I sent him today.

The referene he makes in his letter is to an answer which I gave him last year when he made application to me to use the MacKenzie papers at the Toronto University Library. I don't know what McKay's inclinations are, but I gathered from Stuart Wallace that they were purely academic. Of course he agreed to let me see his manuscript before anything was done with it, but evidently he has been hurried at the last and has not had a chance to finish it.

I do not know how you will meet his suggestion that you read the paper before its delivery at the Royal Society. I dare say it will be interesting enough, but you may not have time. In this event I would be glad to have a line from you as to what you think I should do. I have no reason to suppose the man is inimical.

The mater went up to see Jenny the other day and reported that everybody is going strong, and that holds good for our household too, I am glad to say.

With best regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

C B Lindsey

CBL:MF
Enclosures

P.S. Please return McK's letter. C.

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Dalhousie University. Halifax N.S.
May 11. 1936.

Mr. Charles Lindsey.
Bongard & Co.
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Toronto.

Dear Mr. Lindsey:

You may remember me working on the Mackenzie papers at the University last year. I promised you then to let you see any material I was using before publication. I have been working on a paper for the Royal Society on the subject "The Political Ideas of William Lyon Mackenzie". Unfortunately I haven't it yet completed and may find it difficult to send you a copy before the meeting of the Royal Society. I do not think there will be anything objectionable in it, and in any case I shall let you see a copy before the paper is printed. Would this be satisfactory? If you would prefer, I could let Mr. King have a copy before the meeting — which will be held in Ottawa. I wonder if you could drop me a note about your wishes on the matter, care of the University Club Ottawa, where I expect to be next week, or wire me here at Halifax, collect — I do not expect to leave before Sunday.

Very truly yours

R. A. MacKay

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May 16, 1936

Charles B. Lindsey, Esq.,
C/o Messrs Bongard and Company,
80 King Street West,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Charlie:

I have just received your letter of May the 14th.

As far as I know, McKay's attitude towards Mackenzie is a friendly one, and all that I have heard of his researches would cause me to indicate that they would be fair and impartial. I regret it will not be possible for me to attempt to read any manuscript between now and the prorogation of parliament. Moreover, I should think it would be unfortunate, were an impression to be created in the mind of anyone that, while holding the position of Prime Minister, I had sought to influence the judgment of anyone with respect to what might be said, either for or against Mackenzie.

I believe that the years are serving to bring out the truth with respect to Mackenzie's attitude and position, and I believe that there is everything to be gained, and nothing to be lost by encouraging the fullest study of his life and work.

With affectionate good wishes to all,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

WLMK/FM

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May 20, 1936

Honourable W.L. MacKenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

PERSONAL

Dear Billy:

Thanks for your letter of May 16th. I can quite see the danger there might be in the theory getting abroad that you might be wanting to influence anybody doing biographical work on MacKenzie. I am sorry that there might have been an inference to this effect in my wire to MacKay. However, that was not in my mind, except that I felt I would like to have your advice in the matter.

I am enclosing copy of the letter I have written to MacKay today and which I hope may erradicate any misapprehension he might have had with regard to your attitude in the matter. I must say I found the MacKay document a very interesting one and I am sure you will enjoy it when you get time to look at it. He has evidently got some new material from the Archives at Ottawa.

Are you likely to be up here again in the next two or three weeks, as there is something of a purely personal nature I wanted to speak to you about? If not, then I will write you about it.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

C B Lindsey

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COPY TO W.L. MacKenzie King.

May 20, 1936

Professor R.A. MacKay,
University Club,
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Professor MacKay:

I have to acknowledge and thank you very much for your letter of the 17th from Halifax, enclosing the manuscript of your address on MacKenzie. I have read this with a great deal of interest and hasten to say that I agree with you that you have presented him in a very favorable light, which I have always felt was his due.

I note that you have sent Mr. King a copy of the document at the same time. In the meantime I have heard from him and he indicated that it would be impossible for him to peruse it on account of press of business in Parliament. In any event, I know Mr. King's feeling with regard to MacKenzie's career is that time is serving to bring out the truth with respect to MacKenzie's attitude and position, and therefore I feel quite sure that he would not care to influence anyone in what they might care to print or say with regard to MacKenzie.

I hope that it may be convenient for you to let me have a printed copy of your address when the time comes, as I shall appreciate it very much.

I scarcely need say that I shall be delighted to arrange for you to see what further documents I have under my control when you come to Toronto later on in the year.

Yours very truly,

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June 16, 1936

Right Honourable W.L. MacKenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Willie:

I am enclosing copy of the formal letter which I wrote today regarding my application for appointment to the forthcoming Coronation Contingent. I imagine this is the type of information they want.

I feel I am justified in asking for a position on this expedition, as I know very few people who are still active in the militia who started when I did and who at the same time went to the War. I think the fact that I am not more senior should be in my favour, because it will probably be the senior officers who are chosen first. In this connection they may question why I have not been promoted beyond my present rank, and my answer to that is that I didn't want to be promoted. Had I so desired, I would have taken advantage of the invitation of the late Sir Arthur Currie when he commanded the Canadian Corps to take over a Battalion in 1918, or, indeed, I could have had command of my own Battalion in the field.

You will note that I dropped out of the Q.O.R, in 1921 and was inactive until 1932. Had I remained with my regiment at that time I would have commanded it some eight years ago. My reason for going back into the active militia in 1932 was that the officer who commanded the Sixth Brigade at that time was unable to find a Brigade Major who was qualified, without drawing on some of the regiments, who were reluctant to let their people go.

I dont know whether there is anything in the thought that one of rebel descent might be present at the Coronation a hundred years after the Rebellion. I should be glad to have it known from a personal point of view, but I dont know whether it would advance my cause with the military authorities.

Another thought I have is that I knew the present King pretty well in France and even here in Toronto on one or two of his visits.

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Needless to say, I should be very grateful for anything that you may feel at liberty to do towards furthering my cause, and particularly so if you could drop me a hint as to what I might do in addition to help this along.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

C B Lindsey

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Toronto, June 16, 1936

FROM: Major C.B. Lindsey,
Brigade Major,
6th Infantry Brigade

TO: Officer Commanding,
6th Infantry Brigade

SIR: I have the honour to make application for appointment for a position on the Canadian Coronation Contingent contemplated for the Coronation of His Majesty King Edward VIII in May,1937.

I give below the details of my service to date:

		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
1. 7.1905 to 1.10.1907	- Bugler, Kootenay Rifles	2.	3.	0
14. 8.1907 to 13.10.1909	- Cadet, U.C.C. Cadets	2.	2.	0
13.10.1909 to 15.10.1909	- Rifleman, Q.O.R.	0.	0.	2
15.10.1909 to 1.10.1914	- Lieutenant, Q.O.R.	4.	11.	5
1.10.1914 to 9.10.1916	- Captain, Q.O.R.	2.	0.	8
9.10.1916 to 28. 2.1921	- Major, Q.O.R.	4.	2.	19
8.12.1932 to 15. 6.1936	- Bde.Mjr.6th Inf.Bde.	3.	6.	17
		19.	1.	13
Overseas 19th Battalion, C.E.F.				
9.12.1914 to 9.5.1919	- - - - - - - - - - -	4.	6.	0
		23.	7.	13

My service in the field dates continuously from 15.9.15 to 9.5.19 - i.e. 3 years and 8 months.

While in France, I served with my Battalion and held the following appointments:

Staff Captain 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade
G.S.O. 3rd Grade, 3rd Canadian Division
Brigade Major 11th Canadian Infantry Brigade
G.S.O. 2nd Grade, 4th Canadian Division.

I also attended the short staff course at Clare College, Cambridge.

I was twice mentioned in dispatches and awarded the Distinguished Service Order with Bar. I have since been awarded the Efficiency Decoration for the N.P.A.M.

I submit that I am adequately qualified to act as an Adjutant or Company Commander.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C B Lindsey
Major
Brigade Major 6th Infantry Brigade

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Mackenzie King.

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September 10, 1936

PERSONAL

Dear Billy:

I was very sorry to have missed you when you were in Toronto last week-end but, as the mater told you, I went up to Muskoka in order to be with the family and bring them down at the close of the summer season. The mater said she had given you the messages which I had left for you.

I am just wondering if perhaps my message may have become confused as a result of what was said recently by the Governor General. What I intended to convey was as follows:

There has been a plan laid down for the past year or more in this district, which called for the reorganization of all the Militia Units herein. Plenty of time was given the people concerned to submit the plans which would at the same time work the least hardship, and yet bring about the desired result. Inasmuch as there were (I think) thirteen Infantry Battalions to be dispensed with, and as the Infantry Battalions are for the most part the older regiments in the district, this naturally caused a good deal of sentimental soreness in many quarters. However, these unpleasantnesses were recognized as inevitable by most of the Units and they were quite prepared to go on and accept the results until such time as people who represented some of the newer (post-war) Units started to try and bring about some political influence.

The effect of this was that the older Units, who had been prepared to "swallow the pill", said that they were not going to do so and then find that certain other Units much less deserving of perpetuation should go behind the scenes and manage to maintain their identity.

The situation as I see it at present is that if the authorities at Ottawa would say to the District Headquarters here that they were to go ahead with the plan immediately according to the original schedule, then it would be done, and those of us who have been at this game as long as I have would stand behind it, although in every case it works hardship on our own respective Regiments, but the impression has grown that political influence is abroad, and consequently everybody seems to be drifting into the attitude of refusing to do anything, which of course is the worst possible condition in a military organization.

I am very close to this picture and feel that for the good of this District at least some action should be taken in the very near future. Of course, there may be other things in the background which we know nothing about and which are causing the delay. Nevertheless, if they

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are the type of thing that I imagine, they must in their fulfilment include the steps which the year-old plan for this District laid down, so that I cannot see that anything would be lost by immediate action.

I don't like to bother you with this type of thing, and am only setting it down here because I was afraid that perhaps my message to you had become confused.

Thank you very much for your message about the Coronation contingent. I suppose, of course, that nothing will be done on this matter until you have had a chance to confer in London as to the form that the contingent will take. I understand there will be a committee appointed to deal with all applications and make the final selections. If these selections are made clearly on a qualifcation basis I have no doubt whatever about my own case, and I am extremely grateful to you for what you have done already. If there is any way of bringing this matter again to Mr. Mackenzie's attention at the time of the appointment of the committee I feel, of course, that would be immensely valuable.

You are embarking now on a vastly important mission, and one hopes and prays that you may be guided to a wise conclusion at Geneva. The situation as I read it looks worse today than it has since 1918 and I doubt if you could find a thousand people in this country who want to get mixed up in a war. On the other hand, it is better to defend our own country in ~~than~~ somebody else's backyard and in that way avoid submitting our non-combatants to the hardships of an actual theatre of war. One feels one would like to relieve you of some of the responsibility in this connection, but there is so little one can do.

You will, of course, have ample opportunity to talk to people of all shades of opinion and ability, from the Sovereign down, and I cannot get out of my head the fact that you would benefit mutually if you were to have a talk with my friend Ironside. As I pointed out to you before, he is a very simple person, with immense scope and intimate knowledge of many parts of the world, and all this knowledge seems well arranged in a background of christianity and good will. Although he is one of the outstanding soldiers of the Empire, I dont think Ironside is any more anxious to see a fight than I am.

The flurry about the Bond Street house seems to have disappeared entirely and I imagine that you put your finger on the real heart of the matter when you mentioned "self-seeking".

I brought the family down from Muskoka yesterday, where they had spent a very pleasant month. It was, of course, very simple, but perhaps the better for that. Everybody has benefited by the holiday and the children will now spend two or three days before going back to school by attending the Exhibition.

And now "Bon Voyage". I hope you are able to get some rest

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before taking up your task abroad. The mater tells me you look very well, which I am glad to hear. We will look eagerly for news of your deliberations at Geneva and in London, but I suppose the real "meat" of the matter will not come to the press - for the present at any rate. I shall get in touch with you when you return, and in the meantime please accept all best wishes from Wanda and myself.

Yours very sincerely,

C B Lindsey

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Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
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November 10, 1936

Dear Billy:

Welcome home! I see from the press that you are looking well and in good spirits. I hope that this is the case and that you have benefited from your trip abroad. I was going to say "holiday" but I imagine that would be a misnomer.

We heard you speak last night at the banquet of the League of Nations Society in Ottawa. It was very interesting to know something of what had gone on there, although I could see you were on delicate ground. Your point about the motivating forces making for a clash in Europe being "class" rather than "national" is one that is becoming clearer very rapidly. I suppose that to control movements of this kind is more difficult even than to control national aspirations.

Your ~~general~~ Geneva attitude caused a good deal of comment here in the press at the time, but I think a great many people are coming to the view that Great Britain is going to adopt the same policy herself - in fact Mr. Baldwin, in speaking yesterday at the Lord Mayor's banquet, was pretty strong on that subject. I dont know whether you heard him on the radio or not, but they gave your name a great reception when you were mentioned appropos of the desirability of the exchange of ideas and visits between officers of the overseas Dominions.

I have been laid up pretty well ever since you went away. I had an attack of neuritis, which developed into water on the knee and I had to go to bed for five weeks. About half way through this session someone thought of taking out a couple of teeth, which was done, and I improved from there on until I am pretty well back to normal, except for some strength which I have to make up in my muscles.

I was particularly sorry during this time to have missed the opportunity of meeting Ian McKenzie when he came to Toronto for some military function. I had wanted to meet him so he would know who I am when it comes to consideration in the matter we discussed before your trip abroad. I suppose now that you have your plans fairly well outlined for the Coronation Contingent and that in due course they will be announced.

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I wonder if it would be possible for me to learn when the Committee is actually going to sit for the selection of the personnel? I intend to speak to Sir James MacBrian to put in a good word for me with the Minister, and I have already asked General Odlum, of Vancouver, to do so, but I do not want them to speak to McKenzie too long before nor to wait until it is too late. My idea in enlisting the symapthies of these two friends is that they are both very senior and influential people and have first hand knowledge of my qualifications, and I am quite sure they will speak well of me. Odlum was in town last Sunday before going back to Vancouver, and spent the evening with Wanda and me. He said he had come up from Montreal to Ottawa with you two or three days previously and gave us a good report of your physical condition.

Odlum is a great little friend of mine. I worked for him for some eighteen months during the war, and in spite of considerable trepidation when I was made to go to him, we became very fast friends before we got through. He is a great enthusiast, very hard working and delightfully unselfish.

I am glad to report that the mater is very well and, apart from a cold, Wanda is the same. Casimir unfortunately broke his leg playing baseball about three weeks ago and is now going about with a plaster cast. He was only out of school two weeks, so you will see he is well on the road to recovery.

Did you by any chance see Ironside?

You have busy times ahead of you and I trust that you will be given the strength and vision to carry through.

Do let us know when you are likely to come to Toronto so that we can have a glimpse of you.

Yours very sincerely,

C.B. Lindsey.

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November 11, 1936

Charles B. Lindsey, Esq.,
80 King Street, West,
Toronto, 2, Ontario.

My dear Charlie:

Many thanks for your letter, just received. I am glad you liked what I said at the League of Nations dinner. Unfortunately, there was so much ground to cover that I had to speak more rapidly than I otherwise would have done.

I am sorry to hear about your neuritis. That is exactly the sort of trouble I had. The poison of a back tooth got through my system, and it took a year or more to get rid of it. I hope your own improvement will be rapid.

The Government has not thus far considered the Coronation contingent, but I understand the Department of Defence will have recommendations to make in the near future. Any word which you may wish to have expressed on your behalf might as well be sent in forthwith.

I was sorry not to have seen General Ironside while in London. I met many people, but unfortunately missed again the pleasure of seeing him.

I am very sorry to hear about Casimir's accident. I do hope he will be soon quite well again.

Please give my love to the boys and to your mother and Wanda, and with the same to yourself,

Believe me, as always,

Dear Charlie,

Yours affectionately,

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Ottawa, December 17, 1936.

Charles Lindsay, Esq.,
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My warmest thanks, dear Charlie, to Wanda and yourself for the good words and good wishes of your telegram of birthday greetings received today, and which I deeply appreciate. My love to you both and to the children.

Willie.

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~~UNSIGNED.~~

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Love and best wishes, dear Charlie, to Wanda, the boys, your mother and yourself for a joyous Christmas Day and a very Happy New Year.

Willie.

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February 2, 1937

Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

PERSONAL

Dear Willie:

Tim McQueston wrote me a letter a day or two ago with regard to the restoration of the Mackenzie printing house at Queenston. He said that he had discussed the matter with you when in Ottawa last.

The bearer of the letter was Mr. Ronald Way, a graduate of Queen's University, who has been gathering historical material for the Niagara Parks Commission. As a result of my conversation with Mr. Way, he and I are going with Wanda and W.L. Somerville, the architect in charge of restoration, to Queenston on Sunday to look the situation over.

Apparently there is a collection of furniture of that period somewhere near Niagara-on-the-Lake which will probably be available to furnish the house, and we will go and see this as well.

The Mackenzie papers in the University stack were never given to the University, but are mine, and they merely have them in safekeeping. Therefore we would be free to give or loan such extracts from them to the Queenston House as you and I might think advisable. I think, however, that in making the selection, we should be careful not to detract in any way from the collection from the students' point of view. I find an increasing number of people going through these papers every year.

I have authorized Mr. Way to look through the collection and see what he can get that would be desirable for Queenston, and later on, when we know what we have and know what is wanted, we can make our decision.

I have been looking keenly for some news about the Contingent, but I suppose no announcement will be made until the appropriations are passed. Incidentally, I heard through General MacBrien that General Ashton looks upon my application with distinct

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favour, so that I imagine the final decision will pretty well rest with the Minister.

I am glad to be able to report that we are all well here and send our best love.

By the way, if you have any ideas as to the policy I should pursue with regard to the printing house business, I would appreciate your letting me know before Sunday.

Yours very sincerely,

C B Lindsey

CBL:MF

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Personal

February 15, 1937

Charles B. Lindsey, Esq.,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
~~Ottawa.~~ Toronto.

My dear Charlie:

I am sorry I have not had an earlier chance to thank you for your letter of February the 2nd. I am glad you have been in conference with McQuesten; also that you have had a chance to see the building at Queenston. Should I ever find it possible to get up to Toronto for a day, I shall try to arrange to have a talk with you over these things and other matters.

I have not forgotten to interest myself in the other matter to which your letter refers, and have put in a word on your behalf. I am not able to say, however, just what the outcome will be, but I hope it may be in accord with your wishes.

With love to all,

Yours affectionately,

MK/Z/MAC

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February 25th, 1937

Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Billie:

Thanks very much for your note of February 13th. Wanda and I took the children over to Queenston and went into the matter of the Mackenzie printing house with the architects and I will write you in more detail later on. I am rather sorry that we did not have a hand in this thing sooner, but even to get in now will afford us an opportunity to bring about a result that I think will be more suitable.

With regard to the Coronation contingent, I see that things are taking shape. There was a dispatch in last night's paper to the effect that Sandy Straight is to command it. I know him slightly but have not spoken to him in this connection at all. It becomes more and more apparent every day that there has been a terrific effort on the part of a lot of folks here to try and bring pressure to bear where they thought it would do the most good. I would hate to know that my application fell down for the want of trying and I am wondering if it might be a sensible thing for me to go down to Ottawa and see the Minister of Militia. I have never met him but I presume that by now he knows something about me. I would not want to go down and use up his time unless I felt it were going to do some good and I am writing to ask your advice in the matter. If you think I should go, would you ask one of your secretaries to send me a wire, just saying to come, and would it be possible for him to try and make an appointment with the Minister?

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Hon. W. L. M. King-2

We are all well here, I am glad to say. We are looking forward to your budget this afternoon. As far as I make out, the public do not expect anything very startling.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Chas.

CBL:MD

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March 1, 1937

The Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Billie:

Since I wrote you last there have been some further developments regarding the Coronation Contingent, which I have set forth as concisely as possible on the attached memo.

While I am, I think, persona grata with the Divisional Commander M.D.2, (Brigadier Elkins), I dont know what he will do about putting my name on his list to Defence H.Q.

The Queen's Own Commander's claim for recognition of two battalions is a perfectly sound one.

Streight's appointment to command has been handled outside the regular channels, and it would be normal to treat the adjutant's appointment similarly.

Odlum from Vancouver discussed me with Mackenzie some months ago and recommended me as adjutant, so it would not be a new idea to the Minister.

I hate to keep pestering you with this matter, but I do feel mine is a just claim, and as the lists go forward to Ottawa on March 3rd, the critical time is close at hand.

Wanda is partially out of action with a cold, but otherwise all is well.

It was a grand Budget.

Affectionately yours,

Chas.

P.S. I drafted this yesterday and will send it as is. It was most kind of you to call me last night and I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness. I felt it better to explain this somewhat intricate situation in a letter than to try on the phone. If my name is not on Elkin's list, then either of the suggestions in Paragraph 8 will solve the difficulty.

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Memorandum regarding Appointment to the Coronation Contingent of Major Charles B. Lindsey, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

1. The Department of National Defence has laid down that all recommendations shall originate with the nominee's Regiment. This applies equally to staff officers.

2. I am an officer of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and have been seconded for staff duty as Brigade Major of the 6th Infantry Brigade.

3. My name has been recommended by my Regimental Commander and by my Brigade Commander to the Divisional Commander, but in a special way.

4. The special recommendation arises from the fact that I was on the regimental reserve for some ten years, after which I returned to active service five years ago and was seconded to act as Brigade Major at a time when no other properly qualified officer was available. My Regimental Commander feels he should recommend in the ordinary way an officer who has served continuously at regimental duty, and has done so. With this I agree entirely.

5. However, in addition he has also recommended myself as being the active officer of earliest appointment in the Regiment. He claims a right to recommend two officers because until December last the Queen's Own Rifles was a two battalion Regiment. My Brigade Commander concurs and has approved and submitted my name to the Divisional Commander M.D. No. 2.

6. The Divisional Commander will send forward a sifted and restricted list to National Defence Headquarters on March 3rd. This

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list is confidential and therefore I am unable to know if my name is included.

7. If my name is on this list there will be no necessity to consult M.D. No. 2 any further in the matter.

8. If my name is not on this list I submit that National Defence H.Q. may refer it back to M.D. No. 2 to ask about the Regimental Recommendation, or in the alternative that it be dealt with direct.

9. My name has already been submitted to National Defence H.Q. some months ago and discussed with the Minister for the position of Adjutant of the Contingent, and it would be normal to make a direct appointment to that position has has been done in the case of the Contingent Commander, Colonel Streight, M.P.

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March 4, 1937

Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Union Station,
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Billie:

I had intended to go down and see you at the station this evening, but now that it has been broadcast that you are to be here, I imagine there will be a great many people down there to see you. I am therefore going to ask Lyon King to take this letter down and perhaps he can bring me a verbal answer.

I am wondering if you had a chance to read the letter I sent you on Monday, and if not, whether you will be back in Ottawa before the selections are made. The names had to be sent in to Defence Headquarters on Wednesday, the 3rd of March, and I presume they will be dealt with in the course of the next three or four days, so that in the event that you did not have an opportunity to see my last letter, I imagine there might be quite a chance for a slip-up.

Perhaps you could tell Lyon whether or not you had a chance to see my letter and he will let me know, as he and Arthur are going to a picture show with the mater later on this evening.

I am so glad that you are going to get a respite from the high pressure at the House. It will not be a rest, I know, but it will be a change and, as you very aptly said yesterday, will give you an opportunity for some more quiet deliberation regarding the Empire Conference.

I hope you enjoy the change and have a good time.

Yours affectionately,

Chas.

CBL:MF

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to have the Dominion properly represented and here we are after spending all the money to get our people there skimping at the one point where we will be most in evidence. The whole spectacle is intended to be the most colourful possible and we send our men in a uniform specially selected for its drabness.

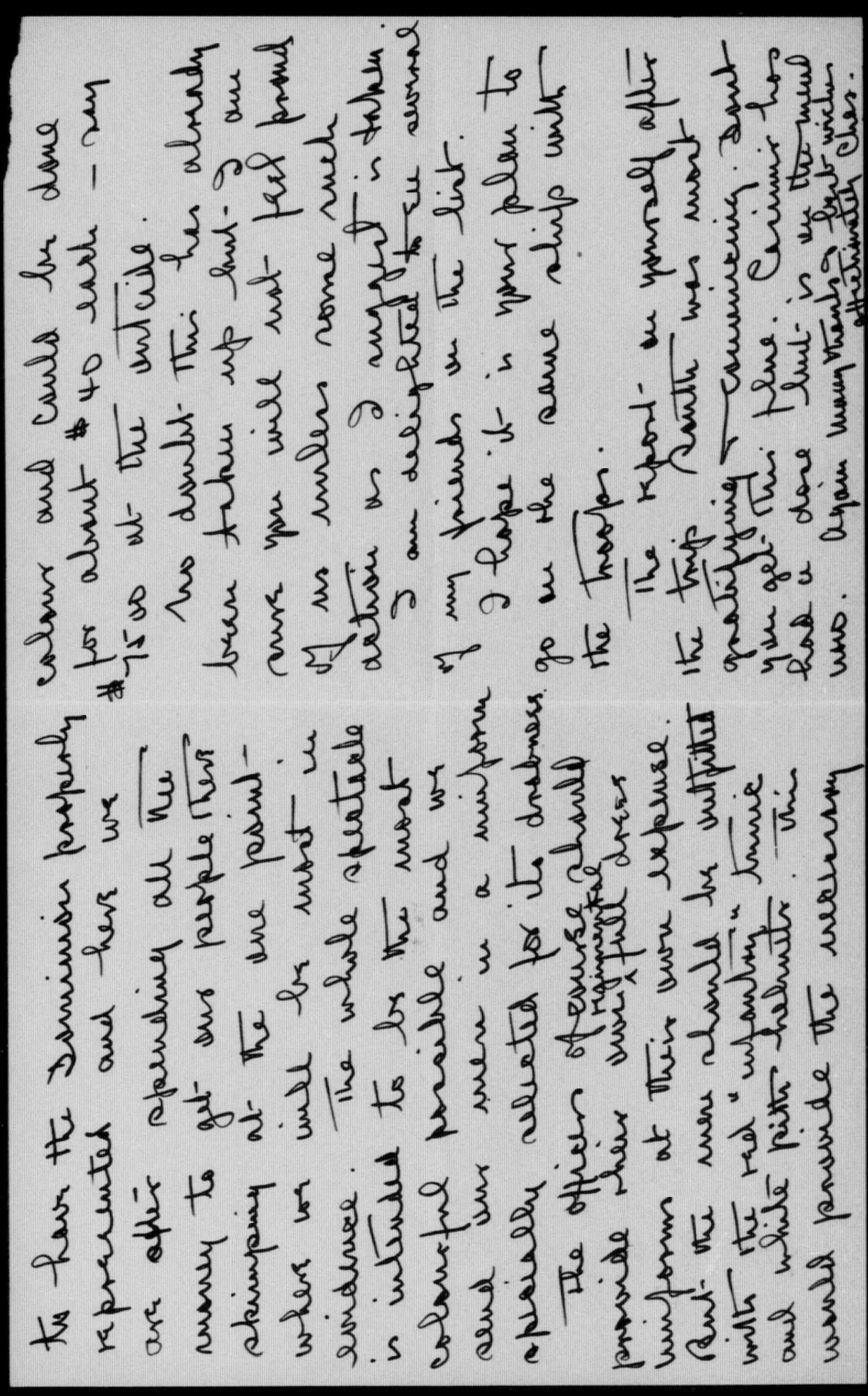
The officers of course should provide their own regimental full dress uniforms at their own expense. But the men should be outfitted with the red "infantry" tunic and white pith helmets. This would provide the necessary colour and could be done for about $40 each — say $7500 at the outside.

No doubt this has already been taken up but I am sure you will not feel proud of us unless some such action as I suggest is taken.

I am delighted to see several of my friends on the list.

I hope it is your plan to go on the same ship with the troops.

The report on yourself after the trip South was most gratifying & convincing. Don't you get this flue. Casimir has had a dose but is on the mend now. Again many thanks & best wishes affectionately Chas.



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P.S.

It occurred to me after sealing this that the matter ~~may~~ have been dictated from England in which case it should be so stated.

Chas

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April 5, 1937

Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Billy: PERSONAL

When are you going to sail for England?

The reason I want to know is that there is something I want to speak to you about before you go, provided I get to Ottawa before you leave. As you probably know, the officers of the Contingent assemble at Lansdowne Park on the 21st of April. If you are still there I will call on you if you have a minute to spare. If you are leaving before that time, perhaps you would be good enough to have someone drop me a line to that effect, in which case I can write you to the boat and tell you what I have in mind. It is relatively unimportant and therefore I don't want to bother you with it just now when you are so busy.

We scraped up some money and Wanda is going over too, but she has some of her Oxford Group friends who are going on the "Australia", sailing on April 24th from Quebec, and she has thought it wise to go with them. Perhaps, therefore, if you are going on that ship you will see her there.

The mater is coming up to our house to take charge of affairs while we are away. I think it will do her good to have a little change in that way, and of course she and the boys get along famously, so it is a fine arrangement for us all.

I am glad that the uniform question was laid down by England and that all the overseas troops will be alike in this regard. I still feel that it would have been a contribution to the spectacle if the overseas troops had been in full dress, but no doubt economy was the rule.

Once more many thanks for all your kindness and be assured of my best wishes and hopes that you will be able to stand the pressure of the terrific work that you have to accomplish between now and the time you sail.

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Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.

I am glad to be able to report that we are all once more restored to good health here and I understand the same condition exists in Barrie, where the mater was communicating by long-distance phone two or three days ago.

With very kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Charles Lindsey

CBL:MF

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Personal

Ottawa, April 13, 1937

Charles B. Lindsey, Esq.,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto,
Ontario.

My dear Charlie:

When you are in Ottawa, I shall hope to see you. As, however, I may be out of the City a good part of the time - I have to leave in order to get enough time by myself to get matters cleared up before leaving for England and in readiness for the Coronation and Imperial Conference - I wish you would write me with reference to the matter you have in mind.

I am glad to know that Wanda is crossing by the "Australia", and shall hope to see something of her aboard ship. I confess, however, that with all I have to do before reaching England, I may even while aboard be most of the time occupied with my secretaries in getting through the work in hand. The number of matters to be overtaken is incredible.

Naturally I am delighted that we are to be in England together, and I shall look forward to seeing you there as well also as here.

With love to all,

Yours affectionately,

MK/EH

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April 15, 1937

Dear Willie:

PERSONAL

Thank you very much for your letter of April 13th, which arrived yesterday.

Wanda is definitely going on the "Australia" and is delighted to hear that you will be there. She quite realizes that you will have very little time for anything but work, but hopes you may give her a minute before you land. Lady Nanton, from Winnipeg, the Eric Bentley's and two or three others of the Oxford Group are going over together.

If you have a minute when I am in Ottawa I would certainly like to see you, so that if you will have someone send me a message at the Exhibition grounds I shall, of course, go where and when you tell me. The matter of which I spoke before is this:

Her Majesty, Queen Mary, has for five or six years been the Colonel-in-Chief of my regiment, the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. It is the hope of the regiment that she might receive myself and the other representatives of the Sgt Steele Queen's Own Rifles who are on the Coronation Contingent at an audience. Colonel Gibson, the Commanding Officer, wrote to Vincent Massey some two or three weeks ago about this matter and I followed it up with a letter myself. I have no doubt that Vincent will do everything that is reasonably possible to bring it about, particularly as he is an ex-officer of the Queen's Own Rifles himself.

My purpose in mentioning this to you is merely that you will know about our request in case Massey mentions it to you when you are there. It would, of course, be a very great honour for our regiment, and in times like these that kind of thing has a surprising effect on recruiting when it is given the proper publicity.

I think it is very wonderful the way you have been able to bring the Session to a close as quickly and as peacefully as you did. Mr. Bennett has played cricket alright.

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King Approves New Uniforms

London, April 7.—At an informal parade of six officers and six of other ranks at Buckingham Palace, the King yesterday gave final approval to new uniforms to be worn by British troops at the Coronation. The main body of troops lining the Coronation route will be in blue undress uniform, with the exception of the Rifle Brigade, who will wear customary green. Empire overseas contingents alone will wear khaki. Household troops will be in full dress scarlet uniform.

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He seems to be a very mellowed man since his trip around the world.

The Liberal party gained more adherents in Toronto yesterday as a result of Hepburn's attitude on the "solid front" of his Cabinet than anything that has happened in my experience. Two or three of my Conservative friends said it was the worst blow their party had suffered since the last election. I only hope that the result of it all will be to discourage the communistic element.

I have just been given a newspaper clipping from the Brockville Recorder - which incidentally seems to have missed our own papers entirely - to the effect that all troops in the Coronation ceremonies, with the exception of overseas troops, will have coloured uniforms. I am glad of this, as it will add very much to the spectacle. I imagine, though, that what really prompted the adoption of this uniform was the recruiting question in the British army. We have always found that anything with a little colour in it is a great help for recruiting - all of which points to the fact that we are a vain lot!

Again thanks so much for your letter, and I shall hope to see you, if it can be arranged, either in Ottawa or in England, but if I don't hear from you I will understand why.

Wanda and the mater join me in sending our best love.

Yours affectionately,

Charles

CBL:MF

Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
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Dear Willie,

I thought this might interest you.

Hope you feel well when you get home

Love Chas.

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Toronto 5, Canada,
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Charles B. Lindsey, Esq.,
c/o Bongard and Company,
80, King Street West,
Toronto.

My dear Charlie:

Dr. H. B. Anderson is writing an account of the life of Dr. James Macaulay (the father of Sir James B. Macaulay), who was the first surgeon in York, and the first chairman of the Upper Canada medical board. I have found in the Colonial Advocate a description of Dr. Macaulay, of which I enclose a copy. Dr. Anderson would like very much to use this, and I have wondered whether you could give him permission to do so?

Yours sincerely,

(SGD) W. S. WALLACE

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From THE COLONIAL ADVOCATE, May 18, 1836.

"Swift: Wat was Macaulay's father?

Doctor Tod: The old man was a quiet harmless sort of body, very charitable, and il-less, as we say in Great Britain. When very young he was placed in a respectable hair dresser's shop and shewed so much cleverness in lathering beards, and cropping whiskers, that the barber, who was also something of a surgeon (for you must know that these fraternities were once connected in Scotland) sent him to a Pothecary of some degree, and finally the poor fellow (Strap and Random in one) pushed his fortune as surgeon's lowest mate in a marching regiment, and on the settlement of this colony Governor Simcoe placed the barber's boy in the desert wild near which this city now stands."

An imaginary conversation in a tap-room. This was evidently a method of giving information, quite frequently employed by W. L. McK. Just as he frequently used the pseudonym "Swift". (SGD) C. B. L.

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R.H.

Ottawa, July 12, 1937.

Charles B. Lindsey, Esq.,
c/o Bongard and Company,
80 King Street, West,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Lindsey:

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your note of June the 28th, and the enclosures forwarded with it, which he found very interesting. He wished me also to express to you his hope that you had a pleasant journey and a safe return.

With the expression of his regret that he is not able to write you personally at this time, Mr. King desires me to convey to you his kindest regards and good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

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September 22, 1937

Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Billy: PERSONAL

I have for some time been associated with the Canadian Corps Association, although I have never occupied any official position in that connection. It is an organization for which I have the highest respect, the main reason being that it seems to have caught the fancy of the ex-members of the Canadian Corps who, taking them all round, are a very fine lot of persons and a great power for stability. I like the men who have interested themselves in the executive. They are nearly all personal friends of mine and men of the highest standing. So far as I know, the Canadian Corps Association has very carefully avoided anything in the way of political intrigue, affiliation or influence.

This all leads up to the fact that two of their executive approached me in connection with the suggestion that I find out from you personally whether or not you would come and be the guest of honour at the annual dinner to take place on November 13th next in Toronto.

Secondly, they have conceived the idea that they would like to get an international air hook-up for a few minutes between Toronto and London. This, I have no doubt, would ~~have to~~ be taken up by the American networks and possibly some of the European networks.

Their first thought, apparently, was that they might get His Majesty the King to speak, but they evidently came to the conclusion (in which I concur) that this would be unlikely.

Their next thought, therefore, has been that they would ask the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, to speak, and that you would introduce him.

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All this they seem to have approached in a very sane way. They realize that there may be objections from your point of view and from the English point of view which none of us realize, and it is with the idea of getting your personal "yes" or "no" on the thing that they have asked me to write you. They have not asked me to divulge in any way what I write to you nor what you may see fit to write to me. If your answer should be "no", they will not ask me for any explanation. They are taking this method of finding out what your views are, because they feel that if they go through the official channels there might be considerable delay, and perhaps such channels would be blocked for some future occasion.

I am appending a document which they handed to me yesterday and I think that perhaps it expresses their views better than I can beyond what I have endeavoured to do above.

Always subject to those objections which you are able to discern and I am not, I would think that your attendance at this organization would be a great thing. It might serve to dispel some doubts which a fair section of the population seem to have with regard to the government's stand on military matters.

The roots of these people go pretty deep into the community and I think that if they felt that you were relying on them, the effect would be very important in the event that for any reason they were needed in time of stress - either outward or from within - and a goodly number of the Canadian Corps would make themselves available in a quiet way for the maintenance of law and order. My feeling is that they would be far more effective in most cases than the militia.

Again I realize that you will see a great deal more in this than I am able to set down here, so I will just ask you to let me have your own views and answer as to the possibility of your attending, and your suggestion with regard to a speaker in England, as soon as you are able.

I should say that, in the event you are not able to come yourself, the committee feel that they would like to go on with the suggestion of getting Mr. Chamberlain to speak and would be very grateful if you would let us have any suggestions as to best approach to this end.

I understand Jennie was in town yesterday with her daughter, who has secured some position here.

Wanda and the boys are still up at Muskoka where they

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have decided to stay in spite of the cold, in order to keep away from the city during this infantile paralysis scare. Medical opinion is considerably at variance but the majority seem to think that it is better to stay away, and common sense also dictates this, so they are putting up with it in spite of the inadequacy of summer cottages against the September winds.

I dont know whether you may have seen it in the paper, but my good friend Beardmore, about whom I wrote you last year, lost his only son last Monday with this plague. He was a fine boy, 22 years of age and in his third year at University. He died five days after he was stricken.

I thought your speech on the international hook-up on Sunday afternoon was grand. I am only sorry that Wanda was not able to hear it.

With best regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

C. B. Lindsey.

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DRAFT OF LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER

Last year the Canadian Corps Association celebrated Armistice with a dinner at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. The editorial comment which followed indicated that the tone of thefunction was of the highest inspirational character and worthy of its purpose.

On that occasion, through the courtesy of the Canadian Broadcasting Commission, Canada was enabled to hear former Divisional Commanders and others of high military rank speak to their war-time associates through a Dominion wide hook-up, wherein each speaker spoke from his own Province to the Dominion. These messages had been carefully prepared and called upon ex-servicemen generally to maintain the ~~peace~~ brotherhood of citizenship and loyalty in our national life.

This year a similar function is being planned. It is hoped, however, that in view of the world situation and in substitution for last year's programme, it will be possible to have a prominent speaker from the Mother Land. The Committee had in mind requesting a word from His Majesty. This would be epochal but without going further into the matter it is realized that there are no doubt insurmountable difficulties in our path. The next selection was that of the Prime Minister of Great Britain, and it is now our hope that through your instrumentality it will be possible to have the Right Honourable Neville Chamberlain speak for ten minutes to the people of Canada through the medium of our Association. I fully ~~first~~ realize however, that there may be circumstances of which we know nothing but which may make it impossible. Hence this personal letter.

In brief, on the 13th of November, in the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. we should like to

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have the climax of the evening. Premised on this is, of course, our request and invitation that you be our honoured guest and that you be gracious enough to introduce over the air to the people in Canada the speaker from abroad. It is seriously felt that everyone listening would be inspired by exchange of greetings and fellowship from the Old Land to the men who remember with pride the days when they attempted to do a job in the interests of democracy.

Our association represents all that is highest and best in our service and, if necessary, our conveners, Major-Generals Elmslie and Williams, General Draper and Colonel Bart Rogers would be glad, officially, to sponsor all that I have written.

This letter is being sent to you for a personal expression from you of the feasibility of the idea. If it is not desirable or possible for any reason the thought will be dropped as, at the moment, it is only known by four of the Committee. On the other hand, should the project be favourably received, we should be grateful for your personal support, both in making it possible and in giving us your support on the evening of our dinner.

In order that our plans may be worked out, an early indication would be greatly appreciated.

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Ottawa, September 27, 1937

C. B. Lindsey, Esq.,
80 King Street, West,
Toronto 2, Ontario.

My dear Charlie:

Having been absent in Quebec, I have just received your letter of September 22nd.

It is most kind of the Canadian Corps Association to think of inviting me to be the guest of honour of the Association at the annual dinner to take place on the 15th of November next, in Toronto. While I should feel greatly honoured to be present as a guest of the Association at the dinner, I doubt if it will be possible for me to consider acceptance of the invitation for any time during the month of November.

Though I am not at all sure that my plans to visit western Canada before the year is out will mature, I am, nevertheless, keeping myself more or less free for the month of November with that eventuality in mind. As a consequence, I am already declined a number of invitations for that month.

I imagine there will be some difficulty in securing Mr. Neville Chamberlain to speak in an international air hook-up between Toronto and London. Not that Mr. Chamberlain would not be anxious to meet the wishes of the Association. Without question, he would wish to do that. The difficulty lies in the great pressure of his public duties, and the uncertainty of what may be upon him at the time suggested. Moreover, he would very carefully have to consider what the acceptance of an invitation from an Association in Canada would involve in the way of similar invitations being extended from other of the self-governing Dominions. However, I see no reason why he should not be approached by the Association, if the Executive

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thinks well of going on with the idea of a transatlantic air hook-up. If he were to be invited, the appropriate method would be to have a communication sent to Sir Francis Floud, the High Commissioner for Great Britain, to extend to Mr. Chamberlain. Sir Francis, as you know, is here at Ottawa, and would be able to communicate with Mr. Chamberlain by cable. As he is the representative of the Government of Great Britain, as contrasted with the Crown, he would be the proper person to approach in the first instance.

I have been terribly busy of late. I am greatly pressed at the moment, or I would write at further length. May I say how much I appreciate your kindness in having written me in advance of any communication from the Canadian Corps Association. I should not like, if it could possibly be avoided, to have to decline a formal invitation.

With fondest remembrances to Wanda, your mother, the boys, and yourself,

Believe me, dear Charlie,

Yours affectionately,

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Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Billy: PERSONAL

Thank you so much for your note which arrived this morning with regard to the invitation of the Canadian Corps Association.

I have spoken to the man who has the matter in hand and he assures me that under no circumstances will you be put in the position of possibly having to decline their invitation, for the invitation will not issue until you may have indicated, either to myself or through some other channel, that you will be willing to act.

I note that you do not definitely refuse, but rather indicate that there is the bare possibility that you might in the near future find your plans changed so that they might permit your coming. We prefer to leave it that way - not in the expectation that you will come, but rather that there is still a chance that you might come.

The Committee will go forward with their arrangements to select another guest speaker and it is in their minds to substitute yourself for this speaker in the event it turns out possible for you to come. I will write you within ten days or a fortnight and askif there has been any change.

They are most grateful to you for your suggestion about the method of approach to Mr. Neville Chamberlain. They intend toproceed with this at once but, of course, there will be no mention made of any possibility of your being here unless and until that should turn out to be the case.

I shall be speaking to the mater later on in the day and will give her your message.

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Wanda and the boys are still in Muskoka, where they tell me they are enjoying it, in spite of the inadequacy of the house for this type of weather. This paralysis has got everybody pretty well frightened and I find that all my friends are taking the utmost precautions to prevent exposing their children to it. I believe that we will see [redacted] postponement of the opening of the schools until possibly the 11th of October.

Again thanking you for your kindness in this matter,

I am

Yours very sincerely,

Chas Lindsey.

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Ottawa,
September 30, 1937

My dear Charlie:

I think it would be as well not to count on my accepting the invitation of the Canadian Corps Association this year.

At the last Session of Parliament, I did not hesitate to increase considerably the expenditure on the defence services, and may have to take a strong stand again this year to meet what, in existing circumstances, may be necessary. A section of the public might take advantage of my presence as a guest of the Canadian Corps Association wholly to misinterpret what I have done and am seeking to do in furthering our defence policy. This is not a reason that I should like to make public, but it is one to which I have to have regard, and which you, I am sure, will fully understand.

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With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

C. B. Lindsey, Esq.,
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Toronto 2,
Ontario.

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Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Billy:

I am enclosing a clipping that appeared in this morning's "Globe". It was drawn to my attention by Main Johnson of the "STAR", who has asked me if there is anyone I could recommend who has a knowledge of the facts surrounding the times, to whom he could go to get information to refute this article.

The only person I could suggest was Stewart Wallace, of the University Library, but he has said that he does not care to be quoted on account of his position there.

I have consulted the mater and she can't think of any-one else. Have you any suggestions to make? Johnson has his mind made up that the "Star" is going to take this thing up and answer it as early as possible.

I have not heard from the Montreal book man yet.

With best love,

Sincerely,

Chas

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November 8, 1937

Major Charles B. Lindsey,
80 King Street, West,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Charlie:

The answer to some of the statements by Professor C. C. Sissons will, I think, be found in a pamphlet written by my father at the time Dent's History was published. It deals with the Mackenzie-Rolph controversy, and is entitled, "The Other Side of the Story". For certain reasons, I thought it unwise to make mention of it to Main Johnson at the time he'phoned to me. I see no reason, however, why you should not tell him of it. I think he will find in its pages information that will be of service to him.

My own feeling very strongly is that at this time, when a public monument is being erected to Mackenzie's memory, it would be most unfortunate were any of his descendants to become involved in controversy, especially with respect to ground which has been fought over and over for almost a century.

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Hears Father Cleared Of Blame in Revolt

John Rolph Did Not Support Mackenzie, Professor Sissons Tells Book Fair Audience

Thomas T. Rolph, 84 years old, son of Dr. John Rolph, the eloquent and brilliant reformer who 100 years ago thundered across the Legislative Assembly warnings of the discontent of the people of Upper Canada, sat in the Crystal ballroom of the King Edward Hotel last night, at the Book Fair, and heard Prof. C. C. Sissons exonerate his father from participation in, or approval of, the armed revolt of William Lyon Mackenzie.

There was no evidence, declared Prof. Sissons who, in a paper on the 1837 Rebellion, presented some hitherto unpublished letters of the period, that any of the leading Reformers of that day supported Mackenzie in taking up arms.

Asking the rhetorical question, "Was Mackenzie a patriot or a rebel," he answered it by declaring that Mackenzie had become "a lone wolf" as far as leading reformers of his day were concerned in the last months before the outbreak.

There was evidence to establish that Bidwell, Perry, the two Baldwins and Jesse Ketchum had left Mackenzie before the uprising, and, he declared, though John Rolph may have had a part in framing Mackenzie's declaration, the weight of evidence was that he too had had no part in preparing the *open* rebellion.

He said he could not "accept as true" Mackenzie's statement that Rolph was to marshal the Toronto forces, and he also believed Mackenzie had been "scandalously unfair when he accused Dr. Rolph of duplicity" in the burning of Dr. Horne's house at Davenport and Yonge Street.

There could be "nothing plainer" as far as Mackenzie's intentions were concerned, he said, than his statement, referring to the rebellion in Lower Canada, published in his paper: "They have waited sixty years longer than the rest of America for British justice." He had been guilty, he said of "stark sedition."

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November 23, 1937

Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Billy: PERSONAL

All this talk about the Lieutenant-Governor has been most unfortunate. As I gauge the feeling, people who matter would like to see Bruce continue on the job, and feel that in all the turmoil he has been placed in a very unfair position. Equally I don't think people want Marshall and I imagine it would be a very serious mistake were he appointed.

Naturally a good deal of talk has arisen as to Bruce's successor in the event that he gives up the job right away. I have been approached by someone who has a fair knowledge of the situation and he has suggested to me that I should write you and mention Arthur Kirkpatrick.

This person spoke to Arthur about it yesterday, and Arthur apparently signified his willingness to take the job, provided it did not entail the same amount of entertaining as it has in the past.

I have been thinking the matter over, and in view of Arthur's performance on the Police Commission here and in other semi-public capacities, I think his is a name that might be taken into consideration. I feel that you no doubt have the matter already well in hand, but it did occur to me that in the event you were at a loss for a name this suggestion might be useful.

I discussed the matter with the mater, who, as you know, has known Arthur for a great many years and, while she has certain bases for criticism, she feels that in this particular instance his would be an admirable appointment.

I am glad to report that we are all well here and the mater is coming to have dinner with us tonight. She asked me to send you her love.

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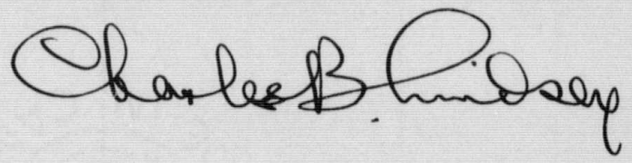
With kindest regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,



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Ottawa, December 17, 1937.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lindsey,
80 King Street, West,
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Warmest thanks, dear Wanda and Charlie, for your kind birthday greetings and good wishes. My love and best of wishes to you both and to the ~~children~~ boys for Christmas and the New Year.

Willie.

Charge: Prime Minister's Office.
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REPEAT

Ottawa, January 28, 1938.

Major C. B. Lindsey, D.S.O.,
80 King Street West,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

The Prime Minister has asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January the 25th, dealing with the matter of a Coronation medal for Major K. H. McCrimmon, D.S.O.

Mr. King has ascertained from the Secretary of State that Mr. Mackenzie was correct in informing you that there are no Coronation medals on hand. The demand for the medals was, as you may well imagine, quite heavy, and although a small number remained after the original distribution, these have long since been allotted.

Mr. King has asked me to express his appreciation of your good wishes, and to thank you for the consideration shown in suggesting that your letter be dealt with on his behalf by a member of the staff. As you will understand, the past few days have been particularly busy ones for him. Otherwise, he would not have failed to send this word of explanation to you himself.

Yours sincerely,

Edward A. Pickering,
Assistant Private Secretary.

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C. B. LINDSEY
80 KING ST. WEST
TORONTO

January 29, 1938

Mr. Edward A. Pickering,
Office of the Prime Minister,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Mr. Pickering:

Thank you very much for your note received this morning regarding Major McCrimmon. I am sorry that nothing can be done in this connection, but understand the reason.

Just let me thank you for your thoughtful and prompt attention to this matter, and at the same time will you please thank Mr. King very much for his part in it.

Yours sincerely,

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13 McKenzie Ave.
March 14th

Dear Willie,

In times like these it seems an imposition to take up a moment of your time - I only do it because I know no one else personally who can help. I hope you will forgive me.

My request is about a young Englishwoman, a Mrs Seymour, who has done secretarial work in the House of Commons for Mr. A.W. Neill. This was before she was married when her name was Hosley.

In 1930 she & her husband went to Russia with an Engineering Company, & three years later her husband died there. She was left with a small daughter, & has to depend entirely on her own efforts for their support.

I will not bother you with details, but her training should make her well qualified as secretary. Douglas Ross has had her do temporary work for him in Toronto & wants her to work for him in Ottawa, but finds it difficult to get anyone new into the House of Commons employment.

I dont know if it is asking the impossible for you to arrange that — or if there are other & better ways of getting her a position in Ottawa.

I will enclose a list Mrs Seymour gave me of her business experiences.

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She is charming in manner & appearance, & I do feel she deserves, & would justify, any help that could be given her.

I dont need to say now grateful I should be to you Willie, if you find you can do anything – I have hesitated for two weeks to write you, knowing the endless things you have to attend to. It is only my hope that I am doing the right thing that encourages me to do so.

Jenny had dinner with us a few days ago. She has extended her visit with the Mater into the third week. They are having what can best be described as a hilarious time together – each acting on the other like a tonic, and both are looking so well and happy.

Charlie joins me in sending you our love, & we hope you are finding the necessary health and strength for these difficult days.

I remain

Yours very affectionately

Wanda

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Particulars of Education and Experience

Born in England in 1905, and educated at Cheltenham College, England, (London Matriculation standing) followed by two years in Lausanne, Switzerland.

One year's business course in London, covering Shorthand, Typewriting, general office routine, and Commercial French. First position at the head office of the Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation in London, England.

Came to Canada in 1925. First position in Toronto in the office of a public stenographer, taking charge during her holiday. Then received the offer from Stobie, Furlong & Company to go to them as secretary to a mining engineer from New York for a period of six months, at $25.00 a week.

This was followed by four years' "temporary work" at $5.00 a day, which provided business experience of every kind - real estate, brokerage, mining, insurance, legal, etc. On one occasion sent to Montreal to take a verbatim report of a conference lasting ten days, and on another to the House of Commons, Ottawa, as secretary to one of the M.P.'s.

In 1930, went with my husband to Russia, where he had a contract as Civil Engineer with an American Company dealing with the Soviet Government. While in Moscow, did stenographic work and proofreading for the English newspaper.

After my husband's death in 1933, returned to London, writing for some of the daily papers, such as the "Morning Post" and "Sunday Dispatch", as a freelance. Returned to Canada in 1934, since then living in Vancouver and Victoria, B.C.

First book, "In the Moscow Manner", published in 1935. Disastrous financial losses early in 1936 necessitated the securing of a salaried position. This was obtained with A. E. Jukes & Company, Vancouver stock-brokers, and would have been permanent but for the British Columbia stock crash of last February.

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Was then asked to return to Victoria to edit an advertising paper for a printing company. This seemed to offer good prospects, and provided interesting work, consisting of writing copy, proofreading, meeting the public constantly, etc. Unfortunately, the company was not in a sufficiently strong position to finance the new venture properly during the early months before a profit could be anticipated, and the paper had to be abandoned in the Fall.

A few years ago, I had a good knowledge of both French and Spanish, but these languages have rusted considerably from lack of use, although they could, of course, be worked up again in advisable.

Two facts I should like to stress are that I am now a widow with a daughter of ten entirely dependent upon me for support, and I am seeking a position offering scope for advancement.

(Sgd.) Geraldine June Seymour.

At - Pembroke House,
Y.W.C.A.,
76 Pembroke Street,
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My dear Wanda:

I wish it were possible for me to be of some help to Mrs. Seymour in her desire to secure a secretarial position in the public service. Unfortunately, as you have imagined, there is scarcely a day goes by that I do not receive similar applications from one source or another. Over the course of some years, I doubt if I have been able to further any of them.

The difficulty is that, with very few exceptions, all appointments in the Civil Service are made by the Civil Service Commission as the result of examinations. There are also regulations as to age, marriage, etc., etc. The position which Mrs. Seymour held prior to her marriage was a House of Commons appointment, which lasts only for the duration of the session. All such positions

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have been filled for some time past and I imagine that on the waiting list there are literally hundreds. I do not, at the moment, know of anything in the nature of a vacancy or opportunity, either inside or outside the service. I am, however, having a copy made of Mrs. Seymour's record, which I am returning herewith, and if I learn of any opening in which I think she would be interested, I will not fail to communicate with you at once.

I am sure you will understand how I am situated in these matters. Except in my own office I have no say with respect to appointments, and even there only a very limited one. Parliament has so drafted the Civil Service Act as to remove it entirely from the possible influence and control of the Government, particularly all appointments to the Civil Service, other than those to judicial, senatorial and like positiions.

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I hope the boys, Charlie
and yourself are all very well.
I send my love to one and all.

Mrs. Charles B. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

MK/MAC

13 McKenzie Ave
March 21st

file



My dear Willie,

Thank you very much indeed for your extremely kind letter which has just arrived.

It is good of you to write me at such length to explain the difficulties of obtaining any position for Mrs Seymour, and I quite understand that it must be so.

Also I appreciate your keeping her record in case something turns up.

I am most grateful to you, Willie, for your kind reception of my bothersome letter, and for making time to answer so promptly.

We are all well here!

I hope you are keeping your health + vitality, and that it wont be years before we see you again!

With ever so many thanks, and love from us all,

Yours very affectionately
Wanda.

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Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Canada

PERSONAL

Dear Billy:

I am enclosing a clipping from yesterday's Globe showing the results of the matriculation examinations at Toronto University. I have underlined the five scholarships which George won. Of course he is not able to enjoy them all, but will receive benefit from the first Edward Blake scholarship in Algebra and the Burnside scholarship for Trinity College, which is their first mathametics scholarship.

We are naturally very proud of this achievement, although frankly it does not come as a surprise. I was told yesterday by the Provost of Trinity College that George very nearly won the Prince of Wales scholarship, and the Provost went on to say that in a normal year he would have done so However, this young White is apparently a phenomenon and he nosed George out.

George left last night for New York by bus, where he hopes to spend some time with Jim. This is the result of some money he earned by working at the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company during the summer, and he and a friend have decided to spend ten days down there, which no doubt will be enlightening.

I hope you are feeling better. Reports coming here in the press were rather alarming, but one is never quite sure to what extent one can rely on these things.

I was in Ottawa for a few hours on a flying trip up the Gatineau the day that Lord Stanley arrived. I telephoned you from the airport at Rockcliffe, but you were in session with the Cabinet. I left a message with your secretary, which presumably got through to you, but I had to leave before your meeting broke up.

The mater has been quite ill. She had an attack of congestion of the lungs about four weeks ago and has not yet regained her strength although she is very much better. At her age that kind of illness cannot be passed off quickly.

I am going north in a few minutes to pick up Wanda and Casimir and close up our summer place.

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Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.

We had a very interesting session here on the 28th, when the Polish Society had what they call an Academy, using as the central figure Sir Casimir Gzowski. We saw a good deal of the Polish Consul-General and his wife, the Pawlicas. They said they had dined with you not long before. We found them very interesting.

I am sure you are terribly occupied with the situation abroad. This is going tobe a bad week, but let's hope that things will come out alright.

With best regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

C B Lindsey

CBL:MF

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Bishop Strachan Scholarship awarded in English, History, Latin and French (founded in memory of the late Right Reverend John Strachan) — Robert George Bramfitt of the University of Toronto Schools ranked first for this scholarship, which is awarded by reversion to Arthur German Gibson of the St. Marys Collegiate Institute.

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Night Letter

Ottawa, Sept. 12, 1938

Major C. B. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Have just received your kind letter and its enclosure. I share to the full the pride and delight which Wanda and you must feel in George's remarkable achievement. Please extend to him my warmest congratulations. Am very sorry to learn your mother's illness has been what it has. I do hope she may soon be quite well again. Am telegraphing instead of writing as I am still confined to bed. Hope, however, to be out and about again before long. So sorry to have missed you when you were here. Love to all.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

Charge:
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13 McKenzie Ave.
Oct. 18th
1938

My dear Willie,

I am taking the liberty of using up a few moments of your precious time because I think these articles will intrest you.

I feel that everything that is constructive and helps to show people clearly that turning to God is the answer to all individual and world problems is of the greatest value.

The crisis has made me realize that we will have to wage a sustained battle against the negative forces, and that it is going to take the convictions and actions of hundreds of people all united together to establish peace.

And what a tremendous influence Canada can be in world affairs when our thinking is lifted to see the opportunities we have to lead in service and loyalty.

I think that the effect that the crises had on me is the same as on many others - it has brought a new appreciation and love of our country, and at the same time a better realization of her problems; and the result has been to produce a sense of personal responsibility and a desire for service, so that we can build up a peace that is lasting.

It may be Gods plan to have Canada lead the world in re construction - we as a country are the youth of the World, and so have the most open future.

I know I am only writing in my

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feeble way what you have seen and been striving for for years.

When I read those articles I felt they give inspiration and encouragement, and are such clear statements of all that democracy should be - and if we are faithful will be. So I hope you can find time to read them. Please dont bother to acknowledge this letter.

I know that you will be delighted to hear that the Mater is feeling really well again now. All that the doctor found wrong on examination a week ago was weakness, due to her having run a temperature for so long, her general condition was excellent. Now after a week of taking vitamin "B" she is so well that she is going for quite long walks - often twice a day. This afternoon we are going together to see Mrs Goodwin Gibson, & the Mater wants to walk either there or back, for the exercise! It is such a joy to see her feeling her old self again.

Thank you so much for the kind messages you sent Chas & me in your last letter to the Mater, & also many thanks for your wire of congratulation to us. We are very grateful that George has done so well, & I hope he can make a real contribution to the country in the future.

I do hope that you will have a good holiday and will feel rested and refreshed, and that you will continue to find and keep the strength to carry on.

With much love,

Yours affectionately —

Wanda

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Personal

October 24, 1938.

On my arrival at Kingston, Jamaica, this morning, I received your letter of the 18th and its enclosure. They were duly forwarded from Ottawa.

I regret that I have not opportunity for more than just a line of acknowledgment. I expect to be on this Island only for a day or two, and shall be travelling most of the time, so shall not have a chance to read the enclosure of your letter until I again resume my journey at sea.

I shall take the first opportunity that offers to read the articles you have so kindly sent to me. Meanwhile, let me thank you warmly for your kind thought of me, and allow this letter to bring to Charlie, his mother, the boys and yourself, my kindest remembrances and every affectionate good wish.

Mrs. Chas. B. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario,
Canada.

MK/EH

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LAURIER HOUSE OTTAWA

DR. FRANK BUCHMAN BROADCASTING FROM ENGLAND TO NINE COUNTRIES INTERPRETED SEVEN LANGUAGES ANSWERING DEMAND FROM WORLD LEADERS FOR MORAL REARMAMENT CBC NATIONAL NETWORK TWELVE THIRTY PM TODAY.

WANDA

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This copy of the Earl of Athlones' letter on Armistice Day.

I was very disappointed not to have heard your address over the radio that same day.

The Mater told me it was simply magnificent, & that she was so carried away by it that she first tried to speak to you on the phone, and failing that had immediately written you.

How I wish I had known beforehand that you were going to speak.

So I feel that what these men have to say on the same subject might be of interest to you...

The burdens & responsibilities that you have to shoulder may be easier to bear with the knowledge that more & more

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Dec 7th

Dear Willie,

It was so very good of you to write me from Jamaica, it made me more than happy to hear from you, & I am so grateful to you for sparing me time for a letter.

I'm afraid your holiday must have been all too short, but Jenny tells us that you did feel some benefit from the trip.

I took the liberty last week of sending you a wire about Dr. Buckmans broadcast, as I thought you might be interested to know of it.

And now I have just received

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leaders & thinkers are striving for unity by seeking first the will of God. As I see it, that is the only way we can establish confidence among ourselves & towards others.

I so often think of the inscription you had put over the Peace Arch at Niagara "And I looked for a man to raise up a hedge, & to fill up a gap in the land." And surely if the gaps in Canada are filled up by men - and women, who are guided by God, the country will be healed and unity will come.

Although this seems slightly early I will take this opportunity to send you the best of wishes for Christmas & the New Year.

God bless you & keep you for many years to come, for Canada needs you now more than ever before.

The Mater is splendid & so is all our family. I am having dinner with her tonight before going to New York for a couple of days - to meet a few of the American women who are working Moral Rearmament into their country & want the co-operation of the Canadian women.

Again with ever so many thanks for your letter, and with a great deal of love

Yours affectionately -

Wanda.

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Ottawa, December 18, 1938

Mrs. Charles Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Warmest thanks, dear Wanda, to Charlie and yourself for loving birthday greetings. Also my love and best wishes to you both and to the boys for a happy Christmas Season.

~~W. L. Mackenzie~~ King.

Willie

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WANDA AND CHARLES

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Ottawa, December 24, 1938.

Major and Mrs. Charles B. Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ont.

I send every affectionate good wish to you both and to the boys for Christmas and the New Year. My thanks, as well, for your loving Christmas greetings. Please thank George for special greeting received from him which I am delighted to have.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

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RIGHT HONOURABLE W L MACKENZIE KING

HOUSE OF COMMNS OTTAWA ONT 195

EVENING TELEGRAM FOR AN ARTICLE ARE TRYING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIP WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE WITH BOWES LYON FAMILY THROUGH THE NAME LYON STOP CAN YOU HELP THEM

C B LINDSEY.

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DAY LETTER

Ottawa, April 26, 1939

Major C.B.Lindsey,
13 McKenzie Avenue,
TORONTO.

Greatly obliged your wire just received. I hope and pray you will do all possible to prevent any article of the kind mentioned from appearing in Evening Telegram or other paper. It would be much resented by people of Canada generally and I should think by Their Majesties as well. It could not do other than harm to all members of our respective families. Please do your utmost to see that nothing of the kind appears. Please wire the result of your efforts. If need be I would communicate personally by phone with the publisher or whoever you believe would be most influential in preventing anything of the kind.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

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Ottawa, April 26, 1939.

Major C. B. Lindsey,
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Toronto.

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W. L. Mackenzie King.

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RIGHT HONOURABLE W L MACKENZIE KING

HOUSE OF COMMONS OTTAWA ONT 122

HAVE JUST SEEN PUBLISHER KNOWLES WHO SAYS ENQUIRY CAME FROM LONDON STOP HE AGREES SUCH SUGGESTIONS EMBARRASSING AND PROMISED TO REPLY LONDON NO FOUNDATION FOR THEORY AND AGREES KILL ANY REFERENCE IN HIS PAPER STOP WOULD IT BE WISE YOU TRY STOP THIS IN LONDON STOP AM WRITING YOU ANOTHER MATTER THIS WEEK

C B LINDSEY.

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LAURIER HOUSE OTTAWA ONT

HAVE BEEN UNABLE CONTACT PRESS PEOPLE TONIGHT BUT UNDERSTOOD TODAY THERE WAS NO RUSH ON THEIR PART AND THEREFORE FEEL REASONABLY SURE CAN ARRANGE AS YOU WISH TOMORROW MORNING WILL SEE PUBLISHER AND ARRANGE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION YOURSELF IF ANY DOUBT WILL ADVISE TOMORROW

C B LINDSEY.

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13 Mackenzie Ave
Toronto
May 3, 1939

My dear Willie,

I have always hesitated to take this step and particularly do I hesitate when you are so busy but recent developments in my affairs compel me to lay the matter before you or it is too late.

Briefly, I want a job.

As you know, the financial business in which I have been engaged for 12 years has come to a lamentable end. Further, the slender finances of my father's estate are about exhausted so that taking my mother's position and that of my own immediate family it makes a poor outlook to say the least.

When I first heard of the position I thought I could serve valuably on the Defence Purchasing Board about to be formed and now I write to ask if that is possible.

Here are my qualifications:

1. Honour graduate Toronto University in Chemistry and Mineralogy.
2. 30 years service in the Militia of Canada including 4 years in France.
3. 8 years manufacturing experience in the packing house business during which I served 3 years as their Purchasing Agent.

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4/ 12 years in the financial business in Toronto with members of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

5/ I am sound in wind and limb.

I do not state my qualifications further because I feel sure you will appreciate my position from the very fact that I write you this way.

I hope and pray you can further my case and I feel confident I can pull my weight and be of real service to the Country.

I have spoken to no one of this and know you will keep it from my family.

We are all well here and looking forward to the Royal visit.

The boys are working hard for their exams

With kindest regards believe me

Yours affectionately

Charles.

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Ottawa,
May 4, 1939

My dear Charlie:

I have just received your letter of the 3rd instant.

If, in any way, I can help you towards securing a government post, I shall be glad to do whatever lies in my power. To be quite frank, however, nothing is quite so difficult as to find posts for one's friends. In the first place, the positions that are exempt from appointment by the Civil Service Commission are very few, and except where appropriations are made by Parliament in advance, positions cannot be created.

I happen to know that there are literally hundreds of applications for the positions in connection with the Defence Purchasing Board. In departmental matters, I have made it a rule not to interfere with the recommendations of the Ministers, but to allow them, as far as possible, a free

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hand, and hold them responsible for appointments made. The Cabinet collectively has, of course, responsibility in matters like the Defence Purchasing Board. There are certain professional and other qualifications which will have to be met, also such seemingly irrelevant matters as geographical, racial, and religious considerations. Knowing that efforts have already been made to secure certain persons for the Board, I doubt very much if there will be a chance in connection with that particular organization. I mention this thus frankly to you as I would not like to raise hopes which I fear it would be impossible to have fulfilled.

I appreciate your not hesitating to write me, and I can well understand the circumstances which make it more or less imperative for you to be on the lookout for something with a measure of security. I shall be glad, of course, to regard your letter as wholly confidential.

Major Charles B. Lindsey
13 Mackenzie Avenue,
Toronto,
Ontario.

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May 11, 1939

Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Willy: PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Many thanks for your note of May 4th. Your answer was not suprising, but none the less disappointing.

I take it that you feel there would be no use pursuing this matter further through any channel whatever. I feel that perhaps the necessary qualifications might well be met but I do not want to take any further steps if you think it is utterly useless.

I hope that you will bear in mind the substance of the former note to you so that if an opportunity should offer I might benefit by your advice. I would, of course, approach the matter through whatever channel seemed wisest to you.

I am sure you are terribly busy with parliamentary business and preparation for the Royal Visit. I do not suppose there is any chance of seeing either you or Their Majesties while you are in Toronto on the 22nd. It would be great if it could be worked out.

With very kind regards, I am

Yours affectionately,

Charles.

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July 6, 1939

Rt. Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

My dear Willie:

No doubt you saw about six weeks ago that my friend, Ironside, had been brought back from Gibraltar to take up the revived job of Inspector-General of Overseas Forces in London. This means that in all probability he will be the Commander-in-Chief of any expeditionary force which the United Kingdom might send out. When this appointment was announced I wrote to congratulate him, which elicited a letter of which I enclose you a copy. There may not be anything in it which is new to you, but it won't do any harm to read it anyway.

Your Royal Visit was a marvelous success and, apart from the picayune critic who is always "agin" you, I hear very nice things about the way it was conducted. I look forward to hearing some details about it when you may have time to spend with us.

Do you recall our conversation about standing for Parliament? I understood that the next move would come from you and therefore I have done nothing. If, however, you feel there is something I should do I would be glad if you would advise me.

We are all well here. The mater is at her flat. Wanda for the moment is up in Orillia but will be back tonight after securing (I hope) a summer cottage.

George, after making a very successful showing at his First Year examinations (first class honours all through) went to New York for two weeks, where he saw the World's Fair and lots of base-ball games, and is now working in the Actuarial Department of the Manufacturers' Life.

Casimir started out last Friday with a boy friend for a 28-day canoe trip which will possibly take them up to the French River - if the mosquitoes don't kill them in the meantime.

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Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.

With very kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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Charles

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Government House, Gibraltar

June 22, 1939.

Copy of letter from General Sir Edmund Ironside, Inspector General of Overseas Forces, to Major Lindsey-

My dear Lindsey:

"Your letter has just caught me as I start for England. I am motoring up through Spain and France and hope to be able to see Franco at Burgos. Things are none too friendly at the moment, for Spain seems to be leaning more and more to the Berlin-Rome Axis. If we ever come to a war, I am convinced that Spain will be hostilely neutral to us. In fact, Hitler would find them an Achilles heel if they came in against us, a debit rather than a credit, like all weak allies. Moreover, the state of Spain as regards food is not one that would admitof war. The men are tired and though Franco has control of the country, he has no means got rid of the Republican spirit and would it be possible for them, they would refuse to begin a fight against us.

Gibraltar is now more or less safe and has been rearmed. I don't think that I have ever had to work so hard in my life before to get things ready and no one can repair the neglect of 50 years in a few months.

My new job is a colossal one and I feel that I have little time to do things in. I seem always fated to be put in to clean things up at express speed. I confess that I work better at full speed than at half-speed. Here again, making an Army and training all the new leaders is a terrific job, besides inculcating a Tactical Doctrine, which has been wanting since the war ended. We fell into disrepute in the Army. It was the popular thing to decry the stupid leaders, who had murdered their men. Never again must this be allowed. And so the politician started the idea that an Army was not necessary. All could be done by the Fleet and the Air Force. When the Cabinet began to examine the plans made by the Admiralty and Air Ministry, they were horrified to find that they were all leading up to a war in which the main part was borne by the Army. And they hadn't got one. They were disillusioned and could find no way out. The Empire must be held by an Army and no war can be won without an offensive and no offensive is possible without any army. Hence the belated making of one.

We are closer to the French than we have ever been and talking over plans to a Frenchman is like talking it over with one of our own people.

I believe myself that we cannot escape a war in the near future. Probably September 1939 to March 1940 are our most dangerous times. So many people think that Conscription has settled the matter, but they forget that the men have to be trained and when trained they have to be put in a unit and exercised. It is all a terrific scramble, and in the meanwhile the Germans are preparing faster and faster.

How we get at Germany, I don't know. The Achilles heel is Italy and I hope we will attack there with certain success. But the first month of any war with these two will be a difficult defensive for us. No one knows how London will stand an air-bombardment. I think it will, but it will be grim till we can begin to take the offensive.

Many thanks for writing. My regards to your wife"

Yours Ever

"Edmund Ironside"

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Personal Ottawa, July 8, 1939

Major Charles B. Lindsey,
13 Mackenzie Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Charlie:

I thank you very much for sending on to me a copy of Sir Edmund Ironside's letter to you of June 22nd. The letter discloses how completely you enjoy Sir Edmund's confidence. You must feel a certain pride in its possession. Short of actual war, however, no one can view the situation dispassionately without realizing that Sir Edmund had the strongest grounds for his belief that war is imminent. I assure you that the dread of this possibility does not make the business of government any easier or pleasanter.

I recall our conversation together concerning the possibility of your contesting a seat for Parliament in the next general election. My recollection is that I mentioned to you, if you had this thought in mind, you should become an active worker in the political association of the constituency which you might have in mind contesting. As you gain the confidence of its leading members, you could let it be known to a few that you would be prepared to take the nomination. I have not the least doubt that your many qualifications as a candidate would appeal equally to any political group and that there would be little difficulty in your securing the nomination.

Personally, I have never sought to interfere with local constituencies in the choice of their candidates. To do so would be to immediately raise the cry

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of domination by Ottawa and the "political machine", whatever that may be, which would do more harm than good in the end to the one whose interests I might wish to further. Please, therefore, do not look to me to seek to influence the constituency in the matter of its choice, beyond letting it be known, in the right quarter, should it seem to serve a useful purpose, that you feel quite sure your nomination would be wholly welcome to the administration at Ottawa.

While I should like to see you in Parliament, I feel, in the light of one or two recent communications from yourself, that I would not be the friend I should like to be if I did not advise you to consider very carefully what a political contest is likely to involve in the way of financial outlay. You will find that party workers will be ready enough to accept you as a candidate if you are perfectly sure you are going to find it possible to finance the campaign pretty much yourself. I do not mean by that, that the cost of the campaign will have to come wholly out of your own pocket. I do mean, however, that to be sure you will not be left with much in the way of personal liabilities, you ought to know in advance who your friends are who will be prepared to help you financially and the extent to which they will be prepared to become personally liable for political obligations, if you yourself do not feel in a position to meet them.

There is, in the minds of many, the idea that somewhere there is a political fund from which candidates can draw for election expenses. I have yet to discover anything of the kind, beyond assistance that is sometimes given to defray the cost of advertising, halls, etc., etc. What a campaign is likely to cost a candidate depends entirely upon the constituency, who his opponent may bem and the extent to which his own friends are prepared to share the expenses of the campaign.

I would strongly advise you to think over this aspect very carefully. Having in mind the combination of business uncertainty and family obligations, I would advise you to consider what is involved in a political contest before definitely deciding to offer yourself as a candidate.

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I am glad to know that your mother, Wanda, and the boys are all so well.

With fondest love to one and all,

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July 30th.

David Visel



ASILOMAR
"RESORT-BY-THE-SEA"
MONTEREY PENINSULA
Pacific Grove, California

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Dear Willie,

There is a hope that our part of the world may soon be easier to govern - by the way the spirit of Moral Rearmament is taking hold in America!

Am sending the enclosed to give you some idea of the tremendous response it is awakening.

There have been sixteen hundred of us here at Monterey for ten days. We now go on to San Francisco where

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Aug. 1st is Moral Rearmament Day at Mt Fair.

I do hope you will be able to have a real holiday this summer, to gather strength for the strenuous days ahead.

Had such a nice afternoon with Jenny when she was with me Mabel. She looked so well and was in the best of spirits.

With very best wishes and much love,

Yours affectionately

Wanda

Mrs. Chas B. Lindsay
Toronto

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November 17, 1939

Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Canada

PERSONAL

Dear Willie:

A young lady, Miss Burris, was sent to see me through a friend. She anticipates writing an article about yourself in some new magazine, which I understand is patterned along the lines of the American magazine "Time", and which is to make its first appearance in January.

Miss Burris' purpose in coming to see me was that she wanted to get some more interesting and intimate details about youself. The mater and I discussed this and felt, of course, that it was not our part to give her this information, even insofar as we might be able to do so. However, it seemed to me that we should not turn her aside without at least advising you of what she wants. I suggested she might go to Jenny, but I suppose Jenny would feel in the same position.

If you will take a minute to let me know what your wishes are in the matter I will see that they are carried out so far as I am able.

I am still anxiously awaiting some kind of news about an appointment, either military or civil, in connection with the war. I have written to everybody I know in Ottawa, all of whom are very nice in their replies, but quite uninformative. I understand a good many appointments have been made, of which the appointees are still in ignorance, and I would like to think that my name is among those. The appointments that have been announced so far have, I think, given general satisfaction. I know almost all of them personally and I think they are first-class.

The general feeling towards the Government is improving here and, while the patronage question is receiving a good deal of ~~amunition~~ in certain quarters, I do not think it is making any serious headway. Production of proper equipment

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for the troops is the thing that seems to be uppermost in the minds of the people.

The family all joins me in sending love and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Lindsey

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Personal

Ottawa,
November 18, 1939

Major Charles B. Lindsey,
80 King Street, West,
Toronto 2, Ontario.

My dear Charlie:

I thank you for letting me know of Miss Burris, who is writing an article concerning myself, and even more for the tactful manner in which you dealt with her. Hardly a day in the week passes without a request of the sort being made. Personally, I care little or nothing about articles of the kind, and seek, as far as it may be possible, to avoid their publication. Should you again be beset, I would suggest that you say it would be well for the person interested to get in touch with my principal secretary, Mr. Arnold Heeney. If there is anything to be given, it should come from an official rather than a personal source. I am glad you did not turn Miss Burris on to Jennie. As a matter of fact, most of these people are interested in getting material and then trying to sell it. They delight in the personal and sensational.

I wish I were in a position to advise you as to appointments. These matters, necessarily, I have to leave to the ministers of the departments who are responsible. As your own letter indicates, you have noticed the efforts being made in different quarters to involve me in questions of patronage respecting contracts and appointments. You will have seen my reply to Manion. Fortunately, I am in a position to say to the House of Commons that I have adhered to the original undertaking given to Parliament. Naturally, I wish to continue to be in a position where I can challenge ~~both~~ to prove aught to the contrary.

With affectionate good wishes to all,

Manion or other members of the House

W. L. Mackenzie King

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December 6, 1939

Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Canada

My dear Willy:

I am sorry to bother you about a matter of this kind, but I feel most concerned about it.

You will remember Bob Corey. He and I were on the Coronation Contingent together and I introduced him to you at Vincent Massey's house as "the bad old Kap". In my opinion he is one of the finest militia officers I have ever seen.

It is only recently that he took on the job of Paymaster in the 48th Highlanders and now, due to a pure technicality, the Militia Department wants to put him out. If you will look at the attached letter I think you will agree that there is plenty of ground to allow him to go with his Regiment, and in addition I would draw this to your attention -

The only officer with this Regiment, other than Corey, who has had experience in the last war is the Commanding Officer. He would naturally like to have somebody with him who has had that experience, and although Corey may be a non-combatant officer as Paymaster, nevertheless he is known to every man in the Regiment, and in the event that they should get into really serious trouble Corey would be available as a combatant officer, for he is thoroughly qualified in that regard.

I believe that if you could bring it about that he be allowed to go with the 48th Highlanders you would be doing the army a very fine turn.

The tragedy with regard to John Lay's baby seems to be taking the course that the medical people forecast. It is a ghastly thing and I feel terribly sorry for them. They got some little temporary hope out of the serum which came from Los Angeles, but I understand that they took the baby away from the hospital yesterday with practically no hope.

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I hope you are keeping well. If I can't get into this war pretty soon I am coming down to see you.

In the meantime, we all send our best love.

Yours sincerely,

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Charles L.

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13 Mc Kenzie Ave
Dec 17th
1939

Dearest Willie,

Just a few lines to send you our love and warmest wishes for the Christmas season.

Also, although Birthday greetings will be one day late in arriving by letter, they are yours right here and now — and may you have many many of them!

I hear from Jenny that you are keeping well and strong. That is splendid news, not only for your own sake, but also for the sake of the whole country, for we need your hands on the reins now more than ever before.

Am sorry to say the news of little Dan Jay is not at all hopeful this morning. It is all so pitiful for poor John & Mary,

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and they are being so brave and sensible. Jenny is, as usual, a tower of strength to the whole family.

I am enclosing a copy for the Earl of Athlone's broadcast of Dec 1st, in the hope that you may find a few minutes in which to read it.

I think these days we are finding our fortitude in the truth — "for spiritual power is the greatest force in the world."

The Mater, Charlie, & myself will be sending our loving thoughts to you on Christmas day and saying "God bless you —

Ever your loving

Wanda

Mrs Charles Lindsey

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RE-MAKERS OF THE WORLD

Radio address by Major General, The Rt.Hon. The Earl of Athlone, K.G., over the British Broadcasting Corporation from London, December 1st, 1939.

Since its beginning here in Britain just over a year ago the call for Moral Re-Armament has encircled the world. It has become a source of fresh hope for millions of men and women.

Heads of States, national, civic and industrial leaders, all classes, creeds and parties have welcomed it as a cure for that deep disease of the spirit from which civilization is suffering.

In all parts of our Empire there has been the readiest response. In the United States President Roosevelt has urged that Moral Re-Armament should receive support on a world-wide basis.

A year ago on Armistice Day I was one of those who used these words:

> "Moral rearmament must be the foundation of national life, as it must be of any world settlement. The miracle of God's Living Spirit can break the power of pride and self-ishness, of lust and fear and hatred; for spiritual power is the greatest force in the world."

This is true as never before today.

Moral Re-Armament stands for a change of heart, for that new spirit which must animate all human relationships. Its purpose is the practical application by everyone everywhere of the standards of honesty, purity and love. It calls on us to make the Will of God the guiding force, as for individuals, so for homes and nations.

Surely these living principles have ever been the true strength and security of our nation and Empire! In fresh whole-hearted acceptance of them now lies our moral strength for these dark days - the answer to our fears and to our griefs, our one sure hope for a new world.

In all of us there is that deep longing, however humbly, to be builders of a new world - a world where man can cultivate the arts of peace and achieve that moral and spiritual progress which will alone insure that industry and science be used for the enrichment and not the destruction of mankind.

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This is the same conviction which is so clearly expressed in a message which I have just received from the recent Chairman of the Trades Union Congress, Joseph Hallsworth:

> "Everywhere we see the failure of human wisdom to find that supernational plan which could unite nations in a common purpose for the establishment of universal brotherhood. Moral Re-Armament is now calling men and women everywhere to listen to God for His Plan."

As I speak to you tonight I think of millions in Britain and throughout the Empire and other countries who are striving to listen to the Voice of God. From our common obedience to His direction there can yet be born a world which is free, united and at peace.

In our own country civic leaders have today issued a call to our citizens which I should like to read to you. It bears the signatures of 350 Lord Mayors, Lord Provosts, Mayors, Provosts, Chairmen of Councils and other civic leaders from all parts of Britain. These signatures include the Lord Mayors and Lord Provosts of Aberdeen, Belfast, Cardiff, Dundee, Edinburgh, Elgin, Glasgow, Hull, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Nottingham, Perth, Portsmouth, Sheffield, York. The call runs as follows:

> "Today, when our whole world is threatened with ruin, we feel more urgently than ever before the need for that new force of Moral Re-Armament which can create a new world, a world of sanity and order, a world of plenty and of peace.
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> "We cannot live forever from one crisis to another, from one war to the next. We seek a hate-free, fear-free, greed-free world, where every man has his work to do. This, not recurring crises and destruction, is the God-given destiny of mankind.
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> "Amid the failure of human wisdom, there is still one Supreme Source from Whom all can draw new power, new hope, new illumination. God speaks directly to the heart of every man and woman who is prepared to listen and obey.
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> "And now millions all over the world are seeking God's plan for themselves and their countries. The aim is for one hundred million people listening to God. Here is the world force that will make future war unnecessary.
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> "We deeply need the leadership of God-led men and women who

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"base their lives on the Christian principles of honesty, unselfishness and faith. Such men and women will not only make the morale of the country impregnable; they will today create and spread that spirit which will ensure a just and lasting peace.

"This new spirit must come. We owe it to ourselves, our children and our children's children. One hundred million listening to God across the world can realise the words of the Prophet of old: 'All thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children.'

"All over Britain, civic authorities are summoning their fellow-citizens to share with them in this world-wide plan of listening to God.

"We call on you to play your full part in this highest form of national service. May our own community be in the vanguard of this advance, to lead the world on to sanity and peace."

May I add one further word? Our thoughts go out tonight to all who are facing special sacrifice or danger. We are grateful for their courage and devotion. We pray their labour may not be in vain and that their victory will open the way towards the new world we are endeavouring to build. For all of us alike the guiding Voice of God is ever available, strengthening and directing.

There is today a deeper struggle which faces mankind everywhere - a struggle against the menace of human selfishness in ourselves, in our nation and throughout the world. On the issue of this struggle the future depends. Victory in it will surely bring that enduring peace and prosperity, that hate-free, greed-free, fear-free world for which everyone of us longs.

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Day Letter

Ottawa, March 12, 1940

Major Charles B. Lindsey,
80 King St. West,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Charlie: I greatly appreciate kind invitation extended your wire just received. Unfortunately, I shall not be able, until after reaching Toronto, to begin to prepare address for that evening. I must have the day as completely free of engagements as possible. I Have advised committee in charge of meeting kindly to see that I have as much time for rest and preparation for meeting as possible. In circumstances, fear I shall have to forego attempting to see anyone wile in Toronto this time. Hearty congratulations upon your radio broadcast, which I read with great pleasure last night.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

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Prime Minister's Office.

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Mr Lindsey

Dear Billy,

This for your info.

We are looking forward to seeing you 14th. All the family in Toronto + Jean & Harry will attend.

I am still looking for a job in the Army, Air Force or Purchasing Board.

Good luck Charlesh.

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FROM THE PRIME MINISTER file

TO Mr. Heeney:

Please send to Mr. Rogers, confidentially, extract from letter marked, giving date and from whom received. Say that I asked this be sent.

Sent to Mr. Rogers Feb. 3/40

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January 29, 1940

Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.,
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

PERSONAL

Dear Willie:

I am glad of what happened last week - congratulations!

On Saturday I went up to Camp Borden and spent all yesterday there, seeing a great many things of immense interest. Here is something you should know about, and I dare say you will take action on it -

They have a tank hangar, and the nearest petrol supply tank is 2-1/2 miles away, which means 5 miles of travel for 1-1/2 gallons of gasoline to fill a tank.

Two of the oil companies have volunteered to put in a tank at any point desirable, at their own expense, and have stipulated that it was not encumbent to buy their product. This information was forwarded by the officer commanding the tank section to Ottawa four months ago, and so far he has not received any authority to have the petrol tanks installed, nor has he been given any explanation as to why they should not be installed.

This looks to me like the kind of gross foolishness that should be stepped on. I could give you several other instances, but this is a concise one and you can be sure the facts are correct.

Are we going to see you up here for the wedding next week?

Yours sincerely,

Charles. (Lindsey)

CBL:MF

P.S. Earl Rowe was round there yesterday picking up things like this from the Air Force.

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March 19, 1940

Arnold Heeney, Esq.,
Secretary to the Prime Minister,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Canada

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Heeney:

I think I told you that I have made application through the proper channels for an administrative position in the Royal Canadian Air Force under the Empire Training scheme. All the necessary requirements were complied with and my file went forward to Ottawa about two weeks ago. I am quite sure that my record will stand up with those of any others who may have applied.

I have been in touch with the R.C.A.F. people here and have secured a definite statement from two of the senior officers to be in charge of the Eglinton Training School in Toronto that they want me on the staff. I understand they are to make the request today to the Air Officer Commanding. If this goes forward to Ottawa I can see no reason why I should not be given the appointment.

Do you think the Prime Minister would agree to have you pass this information to Mr. Rogers for any action he might choose? I would like it to get to the Minister personally, but if it should turn out that you are not able to comply with this request I shall, of course, understand why. It really seems to me, however, that when a definite request for a person is made and that person is as well qualified as anyone else applying for the position, ~~it~~ reasonable to appoint that person.

I note in yesterday's press that you are likely to be appointed Secretary to the Privy Council, and on this appointment please let me offer you my congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

CBL:MF

C. B. Lindsey.

P.S. I understand the appointment will be made almost at once. CBL.

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April 4, 1940

Right Honourable W.L. Mackenzie King, P.C.
Laurier House,
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Willie:

This is just a line to thank you for the telephone call which you sent through to the mater on Sunday. She passed the information along to me and of course I can quite see what you have in mind and can appreciate your position. Nevertheless it is a matter of great disappointment to me that I have not been able to catch on in either the army or the Air Force. I cannot see why this is. An appointment to one of the Boards mentioned, of course, comes within an entirely different category.

However, I still have hopes in all these directions and for many reasons would be most appreciative if something were to develop soon.

I am enclosing another letter which speaks for itself. I think the subject contained therein should receive immediate attention.

Am glad to report that we are all well and send out love.

Yours sincerely,

Charles L.

CBL:MF

P.S. I just got word that Odlum gets the 2nd Div. — an admirable appointment. I only wish I could be with him. Chas.

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Ottawa,
April 6, 1940

My dear Charlie:

I have just received your two letters

I have had a word with the Minister of Defence this morning concerning both. While for reasons which you understand, it is not possible for me to attempt, either directly or indirectly, to influence any of the Ministers or officials, with respect to appointments or course they should or should not adopt, for which they themselves are responsible, there is no reason why you, yourself, should not make known to any of them your own wishes or desires in any matter.

I, for example, know of no reason, if you wish to do so, why you should not feel free to communicate with General Odlum with respect to any way in which you think you could be of service to him.

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Please regard this letter as strictly confidental and personal.

With love to all,

Yours affectionately,

Major Charles B. Lindsey,
Bongard & Company,
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Toronto 2,
Ontario.

MK:EH

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C. B. LINDSEY
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Dear Billie,

Thanks so much for your letter of the sixth. I understand exactly, I think, your position and to hear from you in the strain of your note was soothing.

Odlum sent for me the night he was in Toronto. I told him I did not want any senior staff job at the start anyway but would like to go with him as his senior personal staff officer. He needs one with some savvy as I know from previous experience. He seemed keen on the idea. He reiterated that he would not have the making of any appointments. However he agreed that that might not apply in the case of a personal appointment but went on to say that he must give deference in that regard to any suggestion that

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