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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.

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76 Eglinton ave E.
Toronto, Ont.
Feb. 15, 1948

Dear Uncle Willie,

Kathleen and I were particularly delighted to hear that a positive diagnosis and subsequent operation has done so much to give aunt Jennie a reasonable opportunity for improved health. I am sure that the relief to your mind is no less great.

for a year yet before we are forced to consider how far we must dive in.

Mother seems well and happy back in Denver and says she enjoyed her little stay here as much as we which was indeed considerable. My admiration of mother was increased more that I realized possible after her visit here and I don't believe she realizes herself to what great degree her own control has brought this about in all of us.

Kay joins me in sending you our best of warm wishes and fondest love.

Your loving nephew, Arthur

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increases. I was fortunate in being selected among five from a group of about 200 for a position of supervising capacity with a very welcome salary attached at the first of the year.

We are still crusading for a small house and have started in earnest, but still feel the field of offerings at the present time lies about $1000 - $2000 beyond a reasonable stretch of our means. We are, we know, fortunate that we can wait

We are hoping that the long period of cold weather and great burden you are carrying has not been too fatiguing for you since Christmas. However, we are glad that reports from Europe indicate an easy winter and good crops this year.

I am getting on well at work. I have a sustained interest in it I have not experienced before and it brings confidence and power as my knowledge

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Ottawa,
February 17,
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My dear Arthur:

I was very pleased to receive, this morning, your little letter of February 15th. I shall send it on to your Aunt Jennie to read, as I am sure she will be not a little touched by your kind thought of her.

My sister had, indeed, a very close call. She had been quite ill, as you know, for some months. Then, at eleven o'clock one night, came the necessity for an immediate operation for a perforated appendix. Fortunately, she was very brave, came through the operation all right, and from that hour has enjoyed a more or less miraculous recovery.

This reminds me that you will be pleased to know that Mr.Handy's little boy, who has been on his back for over two years, and in the hospital at Montreal for the past fourteen months, is now home again, with his leg completely restored. Mr. Handy brought him back from Montreal on Sunday, and up to my library immediately following his arrival in the City. He walked into the library on crutches. I was amazed to see him so well and grown up - quite a young man. His recovery, too, has been little short of miraculous.

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Nothing could please me more than the word in your letter that you are getting on so well at your work and find it increasingly interesting; and that you have been selected among five from a group of about two hundred for a supervising position, to which is attached a welcome increase in salary. I can well imagine the pride and pleasure it must afford you to have gained this recognition of your interest in, and close application to, your work. It means that your future is now secured. I am greatly pleased, and can imagine how delighted your mother would be.

If you have sunlight at all in your apartment, I would not be too hasty in deciding upon a house. If, however, as I fear may be the case, you do not get much sunlight, I believe that moving into quarters where much in the way of sunlight could be had, would prove the best of all investments, especially in the case of Kathleen and yourself. It is really marvellous what a difference it makes to health to have as much in the way of sunlight in one's quarters as possible.

I am also pleased to have the word your letter brings about your mother. I had the same feeling you did, that she had really gained a new strength and power. How are the vitamins holding out?

The little pictures that came from you and Kathleen at Christmas continue to give me great pleasure each time I have a

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meal in the little sun-room near my library.

To Kathleen and yourself, I send,
as always, my fondest love and best of wishes.

Arthur King, Esq.,
~~384 Park Street,~~ 76 Eglinton Ave. E.
~~Peterborough, Ontario~~ Toronto, Ont

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Ottawa, March 27, 1948

Arthur King, Esq.,
76 Eglington Ave. East,
Toronto, Ont.

Affectionate Easter greetings, dear Arthur, you and Kathleen.

Mackenzie King

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28 Southvale Drive,
Leaside, Ont.
May 11th. 1948

Dear Uncle Willie,

Arthur and I enjoyed
our visit with you this afternoon
so much that we would like you
to know how much it meant to us.
It was a real pleasure

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to both of us to see you again
and particularly to see you looking
so well. On such a brief visit to
Toronto it was sweet of you to
share so much of it with us
and it was a very bright spot in the
week for us both.

Arthur joins me in sending
all our love

Kathleen

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Personal

Ottawa,
May 21, 1948

My dear Kathleen

I was very pleased to receive your little letter of May 11. Many thanks for it.

It was a particular pleasure to me, when in Toronto, to see you and Arthur again, and especially to see you looking so well. I am sure that having a little house of your own has been responsible for that in large part. I hope it is making a very happy home for you and Arthur.

If I recollect aright, it was about this time some years ago that you and Arthur were married. May I send warmest congratulations and best of wishes upon the anniversary.

As the vitamins must be running low, I am sending another bottle under separate cover.

With love to Arthur & yourself
Yours affec.
WLMK

Mrs. Arthur King,
28 Southvale Drive,
Leaside, Ontario

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28 Southvale Drive,
Leaside. Ont.
June 2nd. 1948.

Dear Uncle Willie,

This is just a little note to thank you very much for the bottle of vitamins. I know that these will be of great value to Arthur and me during the coming months, as they have been for such a long time now. It

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really is kind of you to make them available to us.

Arthur and I are enjoying our new house more each day, it is such a bright, cheerful little place. We do hope that it will be possible for you to see it when you next visit Toronto.

Arthur joins me in sending all our love,

Kathleen.

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28 Southvale Drive
Leaside, ont.
Aug. 10, 1948

Dear Uncle Willie,

Kathleen and I do not want the tremendous historic events now occurring to take place in your life as they are without a word of congratulation from us.

The tremendous and far reaching achievements which you have accomplished are, we know, unequalled throughout the whole world in wisdom and integrity others may have, for a time

have tasted better if a gift from the King.

Kathleen joins me, as always, in sending to you our warmest of heartfelt good wishes and fondest of love and affection.

Again, dear Uncle Willie, our heartiest of admiring congratulations and warmest love.

Your loving niece and nephew,

Kathleen and Arthur

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a degree such that your life and time may become more your own.

We have just returned from our three week's holidays in Muskoka and are feeling very fit and energetic once more and well prepared for a hard winter's work ahead. We are so much enjoying and loving our little house which is like a release from prison after the small apartment. Our vegetable garden supplied our supper last night and couldn't

affected more people in their judgement or misjudgement, but no one has so consistently and unswervingly adhered to christian and good moral principles than you have. Now that the time has come when you must relinquish the leadership, in name at least, to younger men, we can only hope that this may begin for you a life wherein you may be considered by yourself first and those terrible burdens of responsibility cease to

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Ottawa,
August 20, 1948

Arthur King, Esq.,
28 Southvale Drive,
Leaside, Ont.

My dear Arthur:

I was delighted to receive the letter which came from Kathleen. I would have answered it sooner but I was getting ready to leave for a few days' visit with Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., at his summer home at Seal Harbor, Maine.

As you know, Mr. Rockefeller and I have been friends for one-third of a century. When Mrs. Rockefeller passed away in the Spring, Mr.Rockefeller wrote and asked if I would not come and spend a few days with him during the Summer. I am now just returning from that visit where we shared many memorable hours together, and where I had an exceptionally good chance to rest.

It looks now as if, in another three weeks, I shall be starting off for Europe. That means more in the way of work meanwhile. I am now relieved of the leadership of the Party. On my return, I expect to be giving up office as well.

The Convention was a great success. I wish you and Kathleen might have been present to witness the ovations. Perhaps you heard them over the radio.

I am so pleased about your little home; that it is so charming in itself, and that you both find it so completely to your liking. I was sorry not to have been able to see it or to see you and Kathleen the day I was in Toronto for the opening of the Sunnybrook Hospital. On that day, I did not, ever, have a moment to myself.

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You may be sure I shall pay a visit to Southvale Drive the first chance I get. What pretty names: "Southvale Drive" - "Leaside"!

I hope you and Kathleen are both keeping very well. Your letter sounds as if you were.

With fondest love to you both.

Yours affectionately,

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28 Southvale Drive
Lirside, Ontario
December 16, 1948

Dear Uncle Willie,

Heartiest congratulations and many, many happy returns of the day! This will be your first birthday for a long time that is yours alone and does not bring with it added burden and responsibility. Kathleen and I are hoping that it may be the happiest you have ever had.

as and we have never regretted for a moment getting it over under the difficult conditions under which we were forced to live.

Again, dear Uncle Willie, we would like to wish you greatest happiness on your birthday and for the future and send our warmest love and affection.

Your loving nephew,

Arthur

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We are expecting to have Kathleen's family at our house for Christmas dinner this year as it is the first time we have been able to have this family function.

Mother will be coming here again this year and we are hoping that we may have her under our own roof for a few days for the first time also.

The little house continues to be a joy and satisfaction to

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and her future one.

Once again, Uncle Willie, Kathleen joins me in sending to you this christmas our sincerest expressions of affection and regard together with our warmest wishes for a very merry christmas and a long, prosperous and happy New Year.

With fondest love, we are

Your loving niece and nephew,

Kathleen and Arthur

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28 Southvale Drive
Leaside, Ontario
Dec. 21, 1948

Dear Uncle Willie,

Kathleen and I are hoping that this christmas particularly may be for you the freest and happiest christmas that you will ever have had. Now that some of the heavy burden of responsibility and the excessive drain on your time may in some measure be alleviated, we do indeed wish you a christmas day and a coming year of peace and added

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no doubt you have enjoyed this pressure in bygone days at home in Berlin and we hope that a renewed taste will serve to recall pleasurable memories in that connection.

We expect to have Mother with us on the 31st of December at our house for a few days and both she will stay with Harold and Wilda for a little time. Naturally we are eagerly anticipating her arrival and it will be with much real joy that we will greet her for the first time in adequate circumstances in our own home

rest.

We are forwarding under separate cover a different sort of a little package this year. We hope that it may give you as much pleasure in having it as it given us in preparing it for you. Our package contains some jars of wild strawberry jam. Kathleen and I collected the berries ourselves and she has preserved them in accordance with a recipe handed down by her mother which finds great acceptance with the natives of Muskoka where the berries are much sought after in season by the natives.

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December 22, 1948

My dear Arthur:

I was more than pleased to receive the lovely letter which brought me congratulations and best wishes from Kathleen and yourself on my seventy-fourth birthday anniversary. Let me thank you most warmly for your letter and for all that it expresses.

I was glad to know that you are having Christmas dinner at your own home, at which time members of Kathleen's family are to be your guests. When the party gathers for this Christmas meal, please extend my good wishes to all present.

I was particularly pleased to know that your Mother would be spending Christmas with her sister, and that she will be coming on to Toronto to spend a few days with you and Kathleen. What a joy it will be to you both and to her, to have your mother as your guest in your own little home and under your own roof.

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I can imagine the joy your own home has given to Kathleen and yourself.

I am enclosing a money order, with which I would be pleased if you and Kathleen would secure something you would both like as a gift from myself. What I personally would most wish is to have you secure something that will add to the silver which I gave you at the time of your wedding, that is provided anything worth while can be secured for so small an amount. If there is something else that you would prefer to purchase, feel free of course to do as you think best. I know your expenses have been a little heavier than usual this year. I have thought, in the circumstances, that I should improve a little in my remembrance in former years.

You know how many are the good wishes and how deep the love I send to you both with this little gift.

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Leaside,
Ontario.

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28 Southvale Dr.
Leaside, Ont.
Dec. 26, 1948

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thank you very very much for your most kind and generous Christmas gift. It is really good of you to remember us so kindly this year and we are most grateful.

Kathleen and I are wondering if we might have your permission to

would add much to our pleasure in our home and the things in it.

However, you would prefer that we extend our silver, please say so, as we would be equally grateful. You may be sure for such an opportunity as well.

Kathleen joins me in sending you, as always, our fondest of good wishes for the New Year and all our most devoted love and affection.

Your loving nephew.

Arthur

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this item has now become a necessity and indeed we would be pressed to obtain it now ourselves in any event.

The little red "Harvard" rug has been so useful and lovely in our hall and has served as a most pleasant association, together with our precious desk, to remind us of our good fortune in having your help in setting up the house In the same way, the addition of a bed-room rug

aptly the fifty dollars to a rug for the bedroom instead of more silver?

We have obtained silver each christmas with your kind gifts together with those of others and our collection is now complete at six place settings.

However, we are badly in need of a rug for the bed-room as we have not acquired sufficient furniture of this type since buying to complete our arrangements. Further, with the cold weather and bare floors,

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December 28, 1948

My dear Mr Mac

I had begun a letter to you yesterday afternoon which I had meant to conclude this morning. First, however, among the letters I received this morning was the one from you written on the day after Christmas for which I cannot thank you too warmly.

Before, however, answering the question raised in your letter, may I thank you and Kathleen most warmly for the letter you wrote me on December the 21st and the most welcome of Christmas gifts which accompanied it.

I wish I could tell you how much I appreciate both your gift and your letter. It pleases me beyond words to think that when you and Kathleen were in Muskoka, you were gathering wild raspberries wherewith to make jam for yourselves, and possibly one or two others, and that among the latter, I was in your thoughts at the time.

The jam is a very welcome addition to the Laurier House supplies, particularly so as I expect, in the New Year, to have a little more of a chance to see something of my friends at afternoon tea, either here or at Kingsmere. I intend to see that your gift is reserved for those special occasions. I remember when Lord Athlone and Princess Alice used to come out to Kingsmere occasionally for a walk, there was nothing they both enjoyed so much as some of the strawberry jam which I had there. Jam made from wild strawberries is, of course, the most delicious of all.

I shall make it a point of telling those who are fortunate enough to share it that the berries were gathered by you and Kathleen, preserved by Kathleen, and sent on by you at this Christmas Season with love and good wishes from you both. Please tell Kathleen I know all the time and work as well as thought involved in preparing so welcome a gift. Your box and a box received from Barrie were the first I opened on Christmas Day.

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Now about my little gift to you. I am glad it was received in time for Christmas Day. Nothing could give me more pleasure than that you should use the cheque toward the purchase of a rug for one of the rooms in your little home.

My suggestion about silver was only the thought that you might still be far behind in having some of the additional pieces you would like to have to make your set complete. I should be equally pleased with your using the amount toward the purchase of anything that will add to the comfort and beauty of your home. I am indeed delighted that you have that thought in mind.

You will now be looking forward to the visit of your mother who will be with you before this old year is out and at the beginning of the new year. I know that nothing could give both her and you and Kathleen more real pleasure. When she comes, I hope you will tell her how glad I was to receive her letter and the books she sent me for Christmas. I sent a brief acknowledgment of both to your mother in care of the President and Mrs. Davis. I was sorry not to be able to write your mother at greater length but she will understand.

I have, however, had to take things more leisurely this Christmas than in other years, and to conserve my strength as much as possible. While I am feeling well, I have to take great care not to overdo. It is hard for me to realize that I am now in my seventy-fifth year. I see, however, how wise I was not to continue a day longer in office than I did.

I am wondering whether the vitamins must not have run out long before this. As I am pretty sure they have, I am sending, under separate cover, another small supply of Kathleen which I hope you and she will accept with my best of wishes for 1949.

Arthur King, Esq.,
28 Southvale Drive,
Leaside, Ont.

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28 Southvale Drive,
Leaside, Ontario.
January 6th. 1949.

Dear Uncle Willie:

I do appreciate your kindness in sending me the bottle of vitamins, and wish to thank you very much. I find them of great value in balancing my diet and keeping me well.

We have had a very enjoyable visit with Arthur's Mother during the past week. She is now staying with her brother, Harold, for a few days before she leaves for Denver on Saturday evening. It has been

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a happy time for her seeing her family again and particularly happy for us being able to have her stay with us in our own home.

Both Arthur and I would like to thank you again for your generous Christmas gift. As Arthur told you, we have purchased a rug for the room which his Mother occupied during her visit with us and were able to have it ready before she arrived. So your gift added materially to her comfort and pleasure as well as ours.

Your telephone call at the beginning of a new year gave us all a great deal of pleasure. It was good to hear your voice again.

Once again I would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending the vitamins.

Arthur joins me in sending all our love and best wishes for this new year.

Kathleen.

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January 8, 1949

My dear Kathleen:

This line is just to let you know that I received, this morning, your charming little letter, and am glad to know from it that the vitamins reached you safely.

I have been secretly sharing the pleasure which I know Arthur's mother's visit will have brought to you both. I am sure it is one which has left no end of cherished memories.

Mrs. Arthur King,
28 Southvale Drive,
Leaside,
Ontario.

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Ottawa,
March 22, 1949

I received, this morning, from your friend Wilmot Gordon a telegram to the effect that his father had passed away earlier in the day. I have since telephoned Wilmot conveying an expression of my sympathy.to him. His mother, as you know, passed away about one year ago.

In the course of our conversation, Wilmot enquired about you, saying that he had not heard of or from you for some little time past. I was glad to be able to tell him of your being in your own little home in Toronto, and how well, I understood, you and Kathleen are. I said you would be very sorry to learn of his bereavement, and was sure you would send him a line yourself. You, of course, know his address. I am sure he would be glad to hear from you.

I too had been without news of you and Kathleen for some little time.

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I hope you are both well and that all
is going well with you.

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Leaside,
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28 Southvale Dr.
Leaside, Ont.
March 27, 1949

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thank you for your kind letter of advice that Mr. G. N. Gordon had passed on. I saw the announcement of it in the Toronto press and had written Wilmot that evening.

I have been away on a short trip since and that is why I am a bit later than I would wish in replying to you.

happy that spring is coming also she seems to have had a good year and her visit at Christmas was a real uplift.

Kathleen joins me in sending you, as always, our warmest of good wishes for your best of good health and happiness and all our fondest love.

With the best of warm wishes again and all my devotion, dear Uncle Willie, I am

your loving nephew,

Arthur

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in the evenings.

The pressure of work is very heavy as you can imagine when you think of the broader situation in Ontario. I have about 3½ to 4 times more than I can handle, but thanks to many an example from you, we are working out a steady philosophy and an adequate program of consistent rest that seems to handle it to the satisfaction of those concerned.

Letters from mother indicate that she is well and

Kathleen and I are both in the best of health and looking forward to the spring and summer with great enthusiasm. (I particularly as I can stop running the furnace.)

Quite by accident a few days ago we acquired a dog. It is a little honey coloured cocker spaniel and since she came we've had more fun around here than a barrel of monkeys. She's great company for Kathleen while I'm away during the day and a joy to me

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March 29, 1949

My dear Arthur:

I was glad to receive, this morning, your letter of March 27th. I was not surprised to learn from it that you had already written Wilmot Gordon. He will appreciate your letter very much.

I was also pleased to know that you had acquired a dog. I hope she is well behaved. If so, I can imagine the happiness you will derive from her company.

I hope you are not allowing yourself to be overworked. You must guard against that. The Company should see to it that you do not undertake in a day more than you should.

Arthur King, Esq.,
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April 17, 1949.

Mr. [redacted] Arthur KING,
28 Southvale Drive,
LEASIDE (TORONTO)

/A HAPPY EASTER WITH LOVE TO YOU AND KATHLEEN.

UNCLE WILLIE.

Charge: Mr. King's account.

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28 Southvale Drive
Leaside, ontario
april 19, 1949

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thank you so much for your joyous Easter greetings telegram. We received it on our return home on Sunday after a visit to Muskoka over the week end.

I very much enjoyed the opportunity to get out after the winter and, in spite of bad weather, benefitted a

and found them all well and happy. I expect they were in Barrie over the week-end, it must be nice to have one's mother so close at hand.

Kathleen and I send you again, our fondest of best wishes, as always, but particularly at this Easter season together with our deep devotion and warmest love.

We do hope the coming summer may afford some opportunity of our being together once again.

Again, with our best love,

your loving nephew,

Arthur

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portion of it. I sound like I had it all to do, but despite my undoubted indispensability, it can be readily seen that I get help.

It has been a good winter for us, all in all, and we have been fortunate to have the little house and our health and happiness. We're starting to get busy outside again getting the garden into shape and as soon as the weather warms up a bit, we shall get our vegetables planted.

We see John and Mary occasionally. Last week, in fact great deal from the change.

We took the dog up with us and she adapted herself immediately and thoroughly and enjoyed the time immensely. The only trouble was she ran herself to a shadow and it's taking much sleep and vast quantities of food to get her back in shape. To a limited extent, the same applies to us.

We are still very busy at work but I have managed to "break the back" of the task of the fall program which comes into operation this spring. At least, that is, my

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Tel. No.

28 Southvale Drive
Leaside, Ont.
June 13, 1949

Dear Uncle Willie,

Kathleen and I expect to be leaving next Friday for Denver. We are driving out to see Mother there and expect to have about 10 days with her. We are due back in Toronto for work again on July 12th.

Naturally we are looking forward very much to the trip and we will have 3 weeks holidays in which to

less active part.

We send all our warmest of love and best of good wishes, as always, dear Uncle Willie. We hope that too much time may not elapse before we can once again have the privilege and great pleasure of seeing you again.

With fondest love and best of warm good wishes again, we remain.

Your loving niece and nephew

Kathleen and Arthur

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enjoy it.

We felt that now is the proper time to go as the car and tires will need alteration by next year to be secure for such sustained travel and mother may not be in Denver very much longer, for all we know.

We are both hoping that you are well and happy and not missing too much the life and excitement of the dominion elections in which, for the first time for a long period you are taking a much

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Dictated at Kingsmere, P.Q.

June 14, 1949

Arthur King, Esq.,
28 Southvale Drive,
Leaside,
Ontario.

Dear Arthur:

I was pleased to receive this afternoon a letter from Kathleen and yourself telling me that you were going to Denver for a little holiday with your mother. I am sure that will give you all very great pleasure.

Be careful not to attempt too much driving in any one day or to drive too fast. The more leisurely you take the journey, the more, I believe, you will enjoy it.

I am now at Kingsmere for the summer, and though the heat is trying, it is pleasanter there than in town. Some day, I shall be glad to have you and Kathleen see Kingsmere again.

Your aunt Jennie and Rosabel are coming down for two weeks in July.

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28 Southvale Drive
Leaside, Ontario
Dec. 20, 1949

Dear Uncle Willie,

Kathleen joins me in sending to you our best of good wishes for a warm and joyous Christmas and a happy, fruitful and prosperous new year. We wish, indeed, that you could be as personally included in our Christmas activities as you will be in our hearts and thoughts while you are reading this and all

Denver this year after her longer stay last summer.

We hope that this letter may find you in improved health, dear Uncle Willie, and have been very pleased to note that reports in the paper indicate that you are feeling stronger than you did a year ago.

Again, we send our fondest love and best of good wishes for good health, happiness and continued prosperity.

Your loving nephew.

Arthur

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Lyon while he was with us. This, I think, must be a reaction of instinct as I find it very difficult to define what quality about it causes so strong an effect.

In any event, I do hope that you will enjoy as much as we reading it or rereading it again as we have from reading it aloud together.

We expect to spend part or all of Christmas afternoon and evening with Kathleen's family at George's home in Mimico. We will miss seeing mother, I expect, at this season, but I think she would rather we in during the day and season.

We are forwarding under separate cover a little Christmas present which is but a tiny token of our unlimited regard and love and appreciation. It is a book:- "By the Beloved Country:" you may have it and may have already read it, but I was anxious that you should have a copy of it from us because we each both impressed strongly with the deep sincerity and moving beauty and eloquence we found therein. I personally sensed strongly throughout it a clear characteristic identifiable with the personality and life of

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December 20, 1949

My dear Arthur:

I thank you and Kathleen very warmly for the congratulations you have sent to me on my 75th birthday anniversary. I am afraid I found it impossible to keep track of the birthdays of the family generally. That, however, makes me the more appreciative of remembrance of my own birthday on the part of others.

This little letter is to bring you and Kathleen not only my thanks for your birthday greetings and wishes but also a little remembrance for the Christmas Season. Instead of delaying to select something myself which I have felt you and Kathleen might wish to have, I am enclosing a bank draft, the proceeds of which I should like you to feel free to use in whatever way may give you the most pleasure. I would be doubly pleased if, with the enclosed, you might find it possible tp purchase something for your home which you will be glad to have, as a gift from me. The little enclosure carries with it my fondest love and best of wishes to you both.

I have just finished a long letter to your mother. While I am sure she will miss your aunt Gladys at the Christmas Season, what may be lost in that way will be more than made up in the remembrance of the happy visit she had with you and Kathleen as well as Gladys in the summer time.

As my Christmas mail is very heavy, I shall not write more at this time except to

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express again the hope that Christmas Day
will be a very happy one for you and Kathleen,
and that much happiness may be yours in the
New Year.

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Leaside,
Toronto, 17, Ont.

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25 Southvale Drive
Leaside, Ont.
Dec. 27, 1948

Dear Uncle Willie,

It was indeed a warm pleasure to hear your voice again over the telephone last night. We were both sorry to know that you were forced to have so quiet a Christmas Day, but are hoping that the rest and renunciation may quickly give you more strength and returning vigour.

Kay and I are most grateful indeed for your most generous and kind Christmas present cheque.

situation becomes to some degree relieved, some respite may be forthcoming.

Kathleen joins me in sending you once again, dear Uncle Willie, our warmest wishes for renewed health and happiness, our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your great kindness, and our deepest love and sincere devotion.

Your loving nephew,

Arthur.

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of a surface for resting a cup, book or ash tray without getting up that we think that such as gift would be most useful and practical as well as serving as another endearing reminder of yourself and your loving kindnesses which have been so frequent and of which as many of our nicest and most precious possessions bear witness.

We are both well and very happy together. Work seems to proceed at a rather heavy pace, but when the leaves

you have always been so particularly kind to us and each generous act has received an appreciation and gratitude that I cannot begin to express. naturally, if we could ever be of the slightest service to you, we would. Of course, deem it a privilege to be so honoured.

We have in mind using the money to acquire a little "nest" of tables which we find need of with our present arrangement of furniture. So often we find a chair so placed as to be independent

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January 6, 1950.

When I phoned to you a day or two after Christmas, it was to send my good wishes to you and Kathleen for Christmas and the New Year, and to let you know the reason you had not heard from me on Christmas Day. I did not at the time make mention of your loving letter, written for my seventy-fifth birthday anniversary, and the exceptionally welcome gift which came from you at the Christmas Season - the copy of "Cry, the Beloved Country". Up to that time I had not, as I think I told you, had a chance to open any of my Christmas gifts, and yours carried with it, on the cover, a specific instruction that it was not to be opened until the Christmas Season.

Now to let you see how doubly welcome this present from you both is to me, let me tell you of a little incident which I have mentioned in a letter to your Mother, who sent me a copy of Schweitzer's "Out of My Life and Thought", and to Margery King, who sent me a copy of "Lead, Kindly Light". When Mrs. James Carruthers (Violet Markham) paid me a week-end visit a month or two ago (she is a very old friend) there were a few books she suggested I should seek to acquire and read. One was Schweitzer's book, another was "Lead, Kindly Light", the story of Gandhi's life, and "Cry, the Beloved Country". It is extraordinary that the three books should have come at this Christmas Season from three members of the family circle.

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I think I told you over the phone that I had not been well for some days, and that I had at the time a night nurse, as well as a day nurse in attendance. Not that my condition was very serious, but the doctor thought it advisable to take no risks. One nurse goes off tomorrow. The trouble, as you know, has been the difficulty in sleeping and not getting too much out of breath as a result. I mention this again as the day nurse whom I have has read through "Cry, the Beloved Country" in the time she has been here, and, like you and Kathleen, thinks it is one of the most beautiful stories she has ever read. I naturally am looking forward to the reading of it, and you may be sure I shall derive an extra pleasure through knowing of the pleasure its reading has given to Kathleen and yourself.

I can share your disappointment at not having had your Mother with you at this Christmas Season, but I think she was wise in not making the two trips last year. It will give her an extra reason for coming to see you both some time this year. We have had quite a little exchange of letters together. I was not surprised when she told me that the telephone lines did not permit of your exchanging greetings until a day later than you had hoped might be possible.

I am very pleased to know that you and Kathleen are using my little remembrance to acquire a nest of tables. I know from experience

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how many useful purposes they serve. I am wondering, however, if you can secure for the amount I sent you what would be most suitable as a Christmas gift and as an acquisition to your home. If you can't, do not hesitate to add a few more dollars, and let me know what they come to. I would like you to get something that you and Kathleen yourselves would really appreciate. [redacted]

Both your letters have given me exceptional pleasure. They reveal true insight and much thought. I wish I had a little more time for the latter. This year, however, I shall have to make all my communications shorter than usual. Be assured, however, that this one brings to Kathleen and yourself warm appreciation of the affection for me expressed in both your letters, and a very real appreciation of your welcome gift.

It must be some little time since Kathleen's supply of vitamins has run out. I have meant to make inquiries before this. However, to avoid any extra communication, I am sending, under separate cover, a slight addition to the supply which I hope you will ask Kathleen to accept with my love and best wishes for the New Year. I send the same to you, dear Arthur, with the expression of my very deep affection for you both, and the hope that 1950 may be the best of years, thus far, for each of you.

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28 Southvale Drive
Leaside, Ont.
April 2, 1950

Dear Uncle Willie,

It seems a long time since we had the pleasure of hearing your dear voice at Christmas and so full are the days that it is incredible that Easter can be nearly here again.

Kathleen and I have had a good winter - extremely busy, but nevertheless one of growing knowledge and increasing responsibility. I was home three or four days in early March with a form of this flu that has been making the rounds, but am now back to

coming summer may allow in greatest measure as returns of vigour along with increasing happiness and further honours like those congratulations recently made to you by some of the Caribbean countries that can be nothing else than a warm expression of what they feel in their hearts for you.

Along with our best of good Easter wishes, we send our fondest love and deep devotion, as always.

Your loving niece and nephew,

Kathleen and Arthur

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appear to be proceeding normally in that quarter and she seems hopeful and contented there still among her many close and devoted good friends. Uncle Harold and Aunt Bessie with all her in Denver later this month as he is to attend a medical conference in Colorado Springs and expects to have two or three days free to spend with them there. I know she has been looking forward to his visit all winter and I am sure it will provide a most pleasant occasion for her.

We are both greatly hoping that you are feeling better and that the winter has not been too arduous for you and that the

normal and feeling quite fit again. Kathleen, fortunately, escaped entirely.

We have been quite fortunate and tremendously pleased to be able to acquire an oil burner for our furnace this spring which has relieved us from the dust and dirt of coal and ashes as well as providing a regulated temperature which was becoming more difficult to obtain with the present quality of coal and widely variable spring temperatures outdoors. In a country where heating is as important as it is in Canada, I feel our burner is a wise investment in terms of health alone to not mention the pleasure and ease it provides.

From what we hear from mother from time to time, things

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Easter Sunday,
April 9, 1950.

My dear Arthur:

I thank you and Kathleen most warmly for your loving letter of a day or two ago. I, too, have missed in hearing from you or finding it possible to write as often as I would have liked. I have had a bad attack of a trouble which makes both sleep and the securing of breath difficult, and have had to stay in bed a good part of the time since the end of last year. I have not been out of doors, thus far, this year, but I am now feeling so much better that I hope to get out in the course of a few days. I am, indeed, sorry to learn that you, Arthur, have had an attack of the flue. Perhaps it is just as well I did not know at the time as I would have been most anxious. Whatever you do, take good care of yourself from now on. There is a danger of fresh infection after one has been laid out with that particular trouble.

I was pleased to learn that you have acquired an oil-burner for your furnace. I have not one myself, but have been told enough about their many qualities that I am sure the investment will prove a good one. Some time when you are writing, let me know what your oil-burner cost. I would like to make comparisons with mine in Kingsmere. Perhaps you got yours at a bargain. I am afraid what we now have to pay for oil makes the cost of running it equal to that of coal which has got to be very high. I am glad to hear that your uncle Harold will be seeing your mother in Denver late this month. I have had one or two Easter letters from her.

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Let me thank you, too, for your congratulations on the Royal Honours recently received, the Grand Cross of the Order of the Netherlands Lion, and the Grand Cross of the Order of Leopold from Belgium. These honours, of course, belong to the nation, but it is nice to have been the recipient of them, especially as they represent the highest honours that these countries can bestow in recognition of Canada's services during the war. This reminds me that I received yesterday, a copy of Vol. III of Mr. Churchill's latest book on the second World War entitled "The Grand Alliance". I am most pleased in running through its pages to find a letter from him to me which is quoted at page 739, in which Mr. Churchill says: "What a pleasure it is to see the whole empire [redacted] as one man, and believe me, my friend, I understand the reasons for your success in marshalling the grand war effort of Canada." It is a nice tribute from the one who, more than any other, had to do with the direction of affairs at the time of the war.

feeling

I have, still, to begin on my Memoirs or rather to make much headway with the book of books I hope to be able to write. However, with Mr. McGregor and also Mr. Handy along side of me, and being up-to-date in practically all other work, if my health keeps on improving, as I believe it will, I hope soon to make some headway with that venture.

I am, still, looking forward to seeing your little home in Toronto. The first time I am in the city, I shall seek to pay you both a visit. Once again, thanking you for your Easter letter and its loving greetings, believe me, dear Arthur and Kathleen,

Yours very affectionately,

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28 Southvale Drive
Leaside, Ontario
May 24, 1950

Dear Uncle Willie,

I had hoped to get a line off before now, dear Uncle Willie, in connection with the opening of Mackenzie House, but I have been out of town on commission business for the balance of the week.

It rained rather hard for the afternoon opening, but Mr. Frost spoke inside instead. The substance of his remarks we greatly enjoyed the entire proceedings and I was most glad of the opportunity to be there thanks to your great kindness in seeing that we were included.

Kathleen joins me in extending every dear loving good wish for your early return to the best of health, dear Uncle Willie, and we both hope that it may be measured in quantity and quality no less than our deep devotion and love for you.

your loving niece and nephew,
Kathleen and Arthur

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part would have sufficiently dramatized the situation as it did with its resulting favourable resolution as far as Canada and responsible government was concerned. It would have been easy to have accepted the proffered cabinet post in the hope of greater opportunity for a wider voice, but he judged, and rightly as it could well be, that such a position could become a muzzle instead of a platform.

appeared to be a general indication that in his opinion the majority sided with Baldwin and the moderates at the time of the rebellion, and I gathered that he favoured this position personally, were he required to choose, but at the same time I suspected that, if pushed, he might have found it easier to stomach the family compact rather than the discomfort of violent reform.

In spite of W.L.M.'s regret and subsequent repentance over the rebellion, it certainly appears often to question whether a less violent action on his

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May 17, 1950

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Leaside,
Toronto, 17, Ont.

Few letters have given me more pleasure than the one received from you a little earlier in the week. I thought your sizing up of the Premier's speech at the Opening of Mackenzie House was well to the point. I am indeed glad to know you and Kathleen were there to hear it. It really was a remarkable fact that matters should have so turned out, not only that the Premier of the Province and the Mayor of the City should have taken leading parts in the Opening ceremonies but that both should have happened to be Conservatives. To my mind, that disclosed a fine spirit and one which would have brought great happiness to Mackenzie's heart.

I was surprised, however, to see no mention in your letter of the dinner at the King Edward. I had thought I had made it very clear to Kathleen and yourself that I would not only have liked you both to be present to hear Mr. Brockington speak, but that I would be happy to make that part of the proceedings "my treat". If, by any chance, you were present at the dinner, please let me know the amount of the disbursements and I will send you a covering cheque. The next best thing would be to send you a copy of Mr. Brockington's speech when it is printed. It is one of the finest tributes to a public man I have ever heard; one of the finest speeches Mr. Brockington himself has ever made, and that is saying a great deal.

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28 Southvale Dr.
Leaside, Ont.
May 22, 1950

Dear Uncle Willie,

I cannot imagine how I happened to omit reference to the evening dinner and subsequent speech by Mr. Brockington which was, without doubt, the highlight of the functions in connection with the opening of Mackenzie House.

It was indeed and most pleasant evening and Mr.

the outdoor contact, increasing strength and vigour may be gained.

Together with our best of good wishes in this respect we send our warmest love, as always, and truly hope that we may soon have an opportunity of seeing you in person once again.

Again with best of good wishes and fondest love,

Your loving nephew,

Arthur

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I mentioned how much we all liked and appreciated his fine address and told him as well as I could how much you would have liked to have been present to hear it also.

The dinner was at the King Edward and we asked Margorie to go with us to that part of the functions. The total cost for the dinner was $7.00.

Now that the weather has moderated, we are hoping that you will be able to get out again and that with

Mr. Brockington's address was, as you say, an extremely beautiful tribute to William Lyon Mackenzie and was as beautifully delivered as it was well written.

Kathleen, John, Margorie, myself and Mary sat together in that order around one side of a large table with four or five other people and being near the head table, we had an excellent position from which to view and hear Mr. Brockington speaking to him afterwards

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May 25, 1950.

My dear Arthur:

I thank you for your letter telling me of your enjoyment at the dinner at which Mr. Brockington spoke.

The tickets as I recall it were $3.50 each, and together from your letter Marjorie King was your guest and should be included in my invitation to you and Kathleen. I had 'phoned Marjorie to say that I hoped she would be present at the dinner. As the tickets $3.50 each, I enclose my cheque for $10.50, amount to cover the $ of you. I understand that John and his wife Mary were to go on their own.

I am so glad that you were present at the dinner and had a talk with Mr. Brockington afterwards.

I am happy to say that I have been able to get out for a drive or two, and expect to get out to Kingsmere within a week or two. I have had a pretty poor time of it since the beginning of the year. I hope you have come quite free of any influenza or other attack you may have had this year. None of us can be too careful of our health and strength.

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Please allow this letter with its enclosure to bring, as always, my fondest love to Kathleen and yourself.

Yours affectionately,
Uncle Willie

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Leaside, Ont.

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28 Southvale Drive
Leaside, Ont.
May 30, 1950

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thank you very much for your very kind letter enclosing a cheque to cover the cost of the dinner at the King Edward Hotel in connection with the opening of Mackenzie House.

Since the weather has become warmer, we have

possible.

Kathleen joins me in sending you again our warmest wishes for strength and health and we are hoping that a good session of Kingsmere may soon be more effective than the indoors winter restraint at Laurier House.

With fondest love and best of good wishes, as always

Yours loving nephew,

Arthur

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be done properly this time when mine finished.

Mother writes yesterday that she has secured her re-entry permit, which was causing her some concern, so nothing now stands in the way of her having a trip overseas this summer with Gladys. I can imagine how keen she must be to go. She has loved Hanel and with her sister she should have the happiest holiday

been busy getting the outside of the house prepared for a new coat of paint I have found it in rather bad shape since the builder who sold us the house apparently didn't take the trouble of cleaning the surfaces first when he last painted it. This makes the job more difficult, but it will

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June 19, 1950.

My dear Arthur:

I hope you and Kathleen had a pleasant day at Buffalo, and found your Mother looking well and happy.

I enclose the cheque which I mentioned I would send to you for her. I shall leave it to you to have the transfer made at the appropriate time and place.

I am so glad your Mother is going to have this delightful little holiday. It will do her an infinite amount of good.

With fondest love to you and Kathleen,

Yours affectionately,
Uncle Willie

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July 5, 1950

My dear Arthur:

I thought you might be interested in seeing the letter which I have just received from your mother in which she makes acknowledgment of the gift I made to her through you. You may wish to keep the letter as a receipt.

It would look as if your mother were going to have a well earned holiday and rest in Britain. That would be a great comfort to you and to all of the family.

I am so glad that you and Kathleen had such a happy day with your mother before she left for England.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

Arthur M. King, Esq.,
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suits. I wish I could see your cottage in Kingsmere sometime.

Your own nephew
Lyon King.

966 Washington St.
Denver, Colo.
February 15, 1926

Dear Uncle Willie,

Mother has read to arthur and myself "The Making of a Premier" and I like it very much. I was very proud of you to think that you made that law both for Canada and Colorado. I liked what Sir Wilfred Laurier said about you, and the way you got the government to pay the women more money for the postmens

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966 Washington St
Denver, Colo.
January 18, 1924.

Dear Uncle Willie,

I just love the lovely little picture of Granny Grey Curls that you sent me, and I shall look at it often. And oh boy! Uncle Willie do you know that I was promoted

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to 7B Morey Junior High School. There is a lunch room a boys gym., a mechanical engineering shop, a swimming pool, and lots of lovely rooms. The subjects are Social Science, English, and then Combination subjects which are gym., assembly, and music or drawing.

We get gym. once a week and swimming once a week. We get shop work every day and Social science every day. I think I am going to enjoy it very much. I hope you are feeling well with much love.

your loving nephew
Lyon King.

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966 Washington St.
Denver, Colo.
August 27, 1924

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have had a wonderful time up at Camp Chief Ouray, and I want to tell you all about it.

I have learned to swim very well and Art. also learned to swim.

They have Nature study classes, Campcraft and Woodcraft classes and also First Aid classes.

Once I went on a Snipe hunt but didn't catch any snipe and when we came back I

you are a good camper in every respect.

The bar which you see on arts emblem is an emblem represented by a bar which is given for the same good camp spirit.

If you stay over another section the bar is awarded instead of the emblem.

With love from your loving nephew,
Lyon King.

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found out that it was all fake.

Track and Aquatic meets are run off every section and ribbons are given to men placing in the different events.

Auntie Glad sent us two beautiful Scout knives with a plate to have our names engraved upon.

Mrs. Roche (a friend of Mother's) sent us five dollars between us.

Mother bought us each a Brownie Camera No. 0 with the money Mrs. Roche sent us.

The first hike we went on was soaking rain. I think the whole distance we went was about 26 miles.

All the hikes I went on were all very good except I slept kind of cold.

I am inclosing a couple of pictures that Mother took.

One is of the cabin square. The place where the cross is is our cabin where we slept.

The other picture is one of Art. and I in front of the lodge.

Those triangles you see on our sweaters are the Emblems you win for good camp spirit and for passing certain tests, and show that

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Ottawa, September 10,1924

Master Lyon King,
966 Washington Street,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Lyon:

I must thank you for your welcome letter telling me of the wonderful time you and Arthur had at the summer camp. I have read with the greatest interest the account of all your doings, and also viewed with a great deal of pride the emblems on your sweaters indicating the awards you had won.

In a letter I received from your mother she told me of how, after undergoing an operation, you had told her that some day you hoped to practice general surgery yourself. I was delighted to hear this, as I know your father would have been delighted to see one of his boys take up the practice of medicine and surgery. I hope you will keep this idea before you, for I am sure that if you do and are spared to enter the list of that noble profession, you will become a great physician.

Whenever you have time and inclination I hope you will

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write me a little letter. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and Arthur and to know how you are getting along.

With love and best wishes,

Believe me, dear Lyon,

Your affectionate uncle,

W. L. Mackenzie King

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966 Washington St.
Denver Colo.
December 28, 1924

Dear Uncle Willie,

I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and also hope you have a Happy New Year.

I thank you very much for the beautiful structo and mysto magic sets you gave me. The structo set is a set with all the different parts of an auto that you put together your self. When the auto is made you wind it up and it runs. I am enclosing a picture of it after it is finished.

The mysto magic set is a set of different things that you do magic tricks with.

I also thank you for the pocket diary you gave me.

I got a canteen and scout kit, poket scope, soccer football five books, and a beautiful dressing gown and slippers which Mother gave me.

I am glad to telle you that Art is much better, and is coming home to morrow.

On Christmas Eve we got Art a christmas tree and took his presents down to the hospital for him.

I hope you are feeling well

With love.

From your loving nephew
Lyon King.

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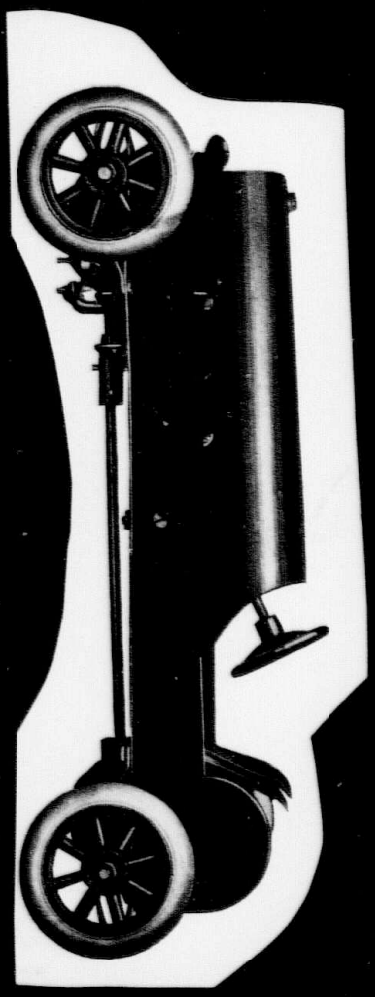

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466 Washington Street
Denver, Colorado
June 25, 1926

Dear Uncle Willie,

I am just writing to tell you that we are leaving for camp to-morrow and to say good bye. We have been busy all week fixing up for camp, and as soon as to-day has passed it will be life itself in the mind's eye of a boy. Mother has been very good to me in the way that she has bought me a lot of new clothes and the most beautiful pair of hiking boots you ever saw.

The little dog "Patters" is a very sociable little fellow and he certainly is lovable.

I passed in all of my studies with fairly good marks. As you know we were all glad to hear at last the little poem:

"No more Latin, no more French,
No more sitting on a hardwood bench."

I am going to try for some merit badges at camp this summer and also for "Eagle Scout" by the time I am fourteen.

I hope you are feeling well and are in as good a humor today and every other

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day until school starts as I am.

With much love and many remembrances of Canada I will remember you always.

your loving nephew,

Lyon King

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966 Washington St.
Denver, Colo.
Sept. 26, 1926

Dear Uncle Willie,

I am so glad that you won the election that I can hardly stand up. Mother, Art, + I have got all your letters and telegrams safely and they have certainly added joy to all our hearts. Mother woke us up on the night of the election at 10 o'clock to tell us that you had won. Father is not here to tell you how glad he would have been that you had won, so we are writing in his place. Patters is coming along finely, and I certainly had a great time up at camp. I was never so glad to see Mother, when I came home from camp, in all my life. I have settled down to the regular grind of school life now. Granny is very well as also Mother Art and I are. With much love I will always be thinking of you

your loving nephew,
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December 26, 1926

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have certainly had a very jolly Christmas this year. We had a lovely tree with the presents piled beneath. We had a strenuous time trying to get Mother to drink one last cup of coffee so that we could get in to see our Christmas presents. I got many beautiful presents which were a .22 from Mrs. Welborn; a pen, typewriter, and candy. Mother got me a peach of a football with 10 dollars of the money which you sent me. It is one of those that you pump up by means of a little hole in the side which is extended with a little steel pipe in which the air goes through. I certainly thank you for it for it will give me a great deal of pleasure in times to come.

The typewriter is the one that father used to write his books with in former times. Mother had it fixed over again so that I could use it in my school studies in the future.

Art has learned to skate very well in literally two weeks. We each have a pair of shoe skates now and have a heap of fun skating onCity Park lake. This afternoon Mother came to see how well we could do on the ice.

Mother told us about the wonderful time you had in England and the picture of all the premiers and the King looked so funny because of the dress you wore. We looked so surprised one day when we saw your picture thrown on the screen one day in a theatre. We were very elated and happy.

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I appreciate very much the 50 dollars and surely intend to put some of it in the bank. I also love that beautiful little card that you sent me.

I wish very much that you could find time to come out here because there are such a lot things that I want to show you so please come if you can.

I sincerely hope that you have had as fine a Christmas as I have and will have a bright and happy New Year. With much love---

Your loving nephew,
Lyon King.

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Le dix-huit décembre 966, rue Washington, Denver

Mon cher oncle Willie,

Je tâche écrire cette lettre en français, pour vous vouloir un heureux Noël. Elle est une chose qui je n'ai jemais fait devant. J'ai peur that je ne puisse prendre le français ~~avant~~ après cette année. Je pense que je prenne le Physie en place de cela. J'ai été au lit parce que d'un mauvais doigt de pied et j'ai eu rien pour faire.

Je souhaite certainment que vous ayez les bonnes temps cette Noël. À le fin d'octobre j'ai obtenu la travaille et bien j'ai maintenant $29.50. (Igitur) j'achète les bonnes presents pour ma mère et mon frère quand Noël arrive. Avec beaucoup d'amour--

Votre neveu,

Lyon Esq. & Co.

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Denver, Colo.
Dec. 29, 1927

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have had such a nice Christmas this year because I was able to buy Mother such good Christmas presents. I got a job at the beginning of November and so by Christmas Eve I had earned $29.50.

I got Mother a bridge lamp, fire screen, and fire irons, and

Art a set of electricians tools

I was able to get a beautiful leather coat, sheepskin lined with the first half of the money you sent me. The other went into the bank. I got, also, a red and sweater & cap, skates, and arrows.

I have been doing satisfactory work at Cast and Mother is satisfied with it.

There is not much skat-

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ing here because of the semi-warm climate in the winter. But there are plenty of things to do, my job being the main thing. I was very glad to receive your book on "The message of the Carillon and other addresses" which I think, will be very interesting. I loved all your lovely cards, especially the one to Walters. Thank you so much for the check for fifty dollars,

for it helped me out of many difficulties. I will write you often as you have asked telling you of my daily doings. With much love and wishes for a very happy New Year

Your loving nephew,

Lyon

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Denver, Colo.
August, 20, 1928

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have been wanting to tell you for some time about several things in which I know you would be interested.

As you probably know, as soon as school closed in the spring, I took college board examinations in French & Plane Geometry. I passed

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them both. Then I started work on the kitchen, entirely repainting the woodwork. Also I re-varnished the front stairs.

Then, work done on the house, I started in to work at the Colo. Fuel & Iron Co. of which Mr. Welborn is the president. I made a contract earlier in the season to work during the summer and then go back to school.

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To-morrow I am to stop work
During the course of the sum-
mer I have made many
friends in the company, and
learned a lot about office
work. I am working at 45
dollars a month. This makes
a total of 90 dollars, 70
of which I put in the
bank. I have been thus en-
abled (by the other 20) to buy
a new "Winner" tennis rac-
quet and birthday presents
for Mother. Though I am

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getting off the subject I wish to add that Mother had a very lovely birthday. I got her a brown, English-leather purse and a set of lemonade glasses.

One particular event of the summer which I shall always remember was the C. F. & I. Picnic to Colo. Springs. I met many nice people there. There were contests in the morning

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this summer, and I am ready now to go back to school in perfect health and to work hard for that great profession I have in mind: that of a surgeon.

I wish to thank you sincerely for the cheque for 50 dollars you sent me* on your departure, and it will be deposited safely in the bank with the rest of my summer's

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and I played tennis & horse shoes in the afternoons. I enjoyed the train ride exquisitely. I entered the C. F. & T. tennis tournament but got eliminated in the semi-finals 4-6, 1-6, 8-6, 6-8. The match was played for 3 out of 5 sets. I have made a very nice friend out the fellow who beat me. I feel that I have practised pretty

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earnings making a total of $253.21 to put away for the day when I shall go to college.

Mother & Art are both very well and Tatters is even better, and I am confident that the coming fall will be a success for all. With much love

Your affectionate nephew,

Lyon

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December 18, 1928

My dear Lyon:

Once again, Christmas has come and with it all the glad re-unions of this joyous season. I have just written your mother to say how much I wish I could be with her and with Arthur and yourself on Christmas morning, but this year that is impossible. Perhaps some other year I will have that chance, or you will be spending a Christmas with me.

Since I cannot come in person, I am sending a little gift to you and Arthur which I hope will serve to bring to you my best love and best wishes for Christmas Day and the Christmas Season. On account of the difficulty there sometimes is with Customs and the delay at the Christmas season, I have thought it best to send my gift to each of you in the form of a bank draft, and in this letter you will find one on the First National Bank of Denver for $75.00, with $25.00 of which I would like you to buy something for yourself which you would like very much to have. The other $50.00 is intended as part of the gift as well, and of

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course I would like you to feel free to spend that amount in any way you think best. I would like it to be in some way that will be helpful as well as pleasurable. It has occurred to me that you would perhaps like to put the money in the bank first, and perhaps draw out part of it from time to time as you may think best.

In another envelope I am sending you a crocodile leather purse which I purchased for you when in London. I got one for Arthur of the same material, but the two are a little different in style. It is one of the nicest purses that I have seen, and I think will wear very well. I shall be glad if you and Arthur will carry them in your pocket when you have shopping to do. They form a sort of association with your bank account.

I am sorry that my time is so occupied at this Christmas Season that I have an opportunity only for a very short letter just now. It must get off to you tonight if it is to be sure of reaching Denver in time for Christmas, and for that reason I must hasten to a close.

I hope you will write and tell me of your Christmas Day, and also of other things in which you feel I may be interested Indeed, I would be glad if you would write

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just as often as you find time to do so. If I were not the very busy man I am, I can assure you I would write to you all much oftener. Though I do not write, you are constantly in my thoughts.

Once again, dear Lyon, let me wish you a very Happy Christmas, and with fondest love.

Master Lyon King,
946 Washington Street,
Denver, Colorado.

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Denver, Colo.
December 27, 1928

Dear Uncle Willie,

I am writing this little note in appreciation of your lovely gifts to me this Christmas. I put the whole amount of money you sent into the bank to go towards a car when the time comes that we can afford it. The crocodile leather purse was the most wonderful I have ever had & I shall certainly use it on every possible occasion. I enjoyed your letter & card greatly. I am writing this

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letter with a Schaeffer lifetime pen which Mother gave me. I shall use it everyday in school. I also received, together with Art, an Erector Set from Mrs. Welborn.

Art & I gave Mother a set of dishes with 50 pieces & a dozen glasses. I gave Art an electric motor. I had the finest Christmas I have had for many years.

Our Scout Troop is proceeding extremely well indeed. Many tests are being passed. We hope that Art will receive the life award at the February Round-up which is an honor meeting held once a year for all the troops in the city.

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Mother is very well and we have managed to escape the "flu" entirely so far. We received a great many lovely presents and we all of us had a very merry Christmas and I shall write you again on my birthday.

I hope you, also, have had as happy a time as we and I wish you sincerely the best New Year. I shall indeed try to write you oftener during the coming year. With the greatest love

Your loving nephew.

Lyon

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I am to receive my Eagle award which is the highest award obtainable in Scouting.

We have erected a basketball standard in the Sunday-School room of the Church and at Scoutmeeting we practice shooting baskets.

My school work is progressing and at the end of January I will be a senior at East. I have already taken two College Entrance Board Examination for some day I hope to enter the Toronto Medical College.

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very pleasant memories of two or three years ago.

There has been fine skating at Washington Park this season due to exceptionally cold weather. Arthur & I, with the help of some other boys, made a rink out in the back yard, & a couple of nights ago we had the McLean girls all down skating on it.

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January 2, 1929

Dear Uncle Willie,

I said in my last letter that I would write you again on my birthday. Many things have happened since then.

In regard to the little cigar lighter which Art & I sent you, — we thought that, although you are not a smoker yourself, perhaps you could

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use it when entertaining
your gentlemen friends. There
was nothing like it before
in Denver and as it was
quite the newest thing in
that line, doing away en-
tirely with matches & the
like, we thought that you
would not have one and
that you would like to show
it to your friends.

Last Friday night we
attended a dinner-dance
given by Dudley Strickland.

I wore a tuxedo for the
first time and I had a
perfectly enjoyable evening.

The evening before that
I attended a dinner given
every year by the Laga-
more Athletic Club of
which I am a member.
I met some of the old
fellows who are away
at Yale, Harvard &
Princeton the rest of the
year. It brought back

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for a present gave us a promise to get a car as soon as possible, as we are now of age to drive.

We did not do much out of the ordinary on Christmas day. We had some people over to dinner and they stayed all afternoon. The furnace fire went out twice that day and Fathers

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all the other boys of the neighborhood come over and we play ice hockey. The rink is just large enough for that. Monday night we went skating at the Park and we saw the old year out & the new year in. Art got a fearful crack on the nose just before 12 o'clock which rather

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spoiled the party.

The next morning we stayed in bed till 11 o'clock in the morning. We then went out to dinner at the Stricklands. Mr. Strickland took us out shooting in the country. Once we got stuck in a snowdrift and we had to get out & push.

We shot .22's and a 12 guage shot gun and a .38 revolver. Of course Mr. Strickland was there so it was all right. After we got home we went to a little Sunday School social. There we played simple games and had hot dogs & coffee.

And now here it is school again and on our birthday too. But I am rather glad to get back, and Mother,

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gave Mother. She enjoys them keenly.

I hope that you have had a nice Christmas season and that you have been as well as I have. With the greatest love & affection

Your loving nephew,

Lyon

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got his hairs allover the rugs.

As I said before I had the happiest Christmas I have had for many a long year.

I don't know whether you know much about Scouting. but I am going to get my Eagle badge at the old City

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Roundup. "This badge is given for having obtained twenty-one merit-badges of which 11 are required & 9 are elective. Also you must have been a Dist Class Scout 1 year.

A merit badge is an award given for work done on the subject for which this badge is given. For example: Bird Study — you have to

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build bird "houses and know all about 40 different species of birds, etc.

Firemanship - you have to know just what to do in case of fire.

There are 96 of these which may be obtained. Some are easy & some are hard. At present I have 42 & Art has 7.

We have been using steadily the dishes we

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DENVER, COLO.

July 23, 1929

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have been in a trance ever since the receipt of your letter of the fifteenth. Go to Canada! — there is nothing I have been wishing more ardently for these last few years. If I could start tomorrow it would not be soon enough. Oh, how I would

scouts and football and countless other things.

Mother is sending, in her letter, information concerning railway fares and all the other disagreeable money matters. Alas! we are no longer infants but adults, so they say.

Yes, as I said before, the longer time spent with you, the much more better. With much love

Your loving nephew
Lyon

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love to come.

I regret very much to say that Dear Mother would be unable to come to Canada as her mother – our "granmie" is here for the summer and has to be taken care of. Nevertheless, notwithstanding, Mother says that we might come on alone providing you can have us. (The longer, the better.) I am sure it would be a most wonderful experience for us.

I was very interested in the account of your address to the Canadian Boy Scouts. I would have liked to have been there.

I look forward keenly to happy times with you and an exchange of news piled up by years. I long to tell you of our own Boy

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Barrie, Ont.
Thursday. Aug. 15

Dear Uncle Willie,

As I sit looking back over my experiences and good times at Kingsmere, I wonder whether it was all a dream. When I think that three weeks ago I had no more idea of going to Canada than of flying over the moon, I cannot help but so wonder. You have given us more pleasure and experience than we will get for some time. But I guess you would like to hear all about it.

After leaving you I passed rather an uncomfortable night aboard the train, due to a stomach-ache contracted by too heavy a dinner and a lot of truck afterward. Yesterday morning, we met Uncle Len at the station. As I

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didn't feel much like any breakfast, Uncle Ben ate it for me. Then we bought a ticket and checked the trunk.

We said good-by to Mr. Perryman and gave him the money. Shortly before getting on the train for Barrie we met Uncle Harold. He and Uncle Lex both left soon after, and we started for Barrie. Uncle Harry, Jean and Harry met us at Allandale and we drove home.

Aunt Jenny is looking splendid and so are the others. Peaches was sick with the same sort of thing as I was. So she and I crammed it to-gether. I read to her for a while. We went out to see John at Camp Borden and he is looking pretty husky. We got everything

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It is useless to try to thank you adequately for the lovely visit but I will try to show my appreciation by doing what I know you would approve ~~of~~ of and wish, and I will also try to follow with my best effort, your policy of saving small amounts and the big will take care of themselves.

I will soon have another fixed up last night and I had a good sleep. This morning I was a new man, feeling quite myself again. Peaches was also much better.

It has been raining a little to-day but I have had a swell time. I like Aunt Jenny very much & am much attached to Rosebel. I am sure Art & A will have a good time.

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letter for you, telling of further experiences. With a heartful of love and gratitude

Your loving nephew

Lyon

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TELEPHONE
HUDSON 4624

August 23, 1929

Dear Uncle Willie,

A lot of things have happened since I said good-bye on the private car. I have been to Aunt Jenny and Uncle Ben and I am now with Uncle Harold. I had a dandy time at Aunt Jenny's and the same with Uncle Ben. I certainly was glad to see the cousins. It was a real treat. I have written Aunt Jenny thanking her for the lovely time I had and I would like to send them some little gift if I can. Uncle Ben took us over to Niagara Falls and we came back alone on the boat. Uncle Harold is going to take

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us to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery to-morrow. I have not yet seen Miss Petrie but I will soon. I have not yet received those other films either and I have been aching to show them around. Aunt Jenny was very interested in the pictures of Kingsmere that I had. I am looking forward to seeing the rest too. I got a letter from Mother saying that she had received your long letter. We sent her a night letter from Aunt Jenny's and she was tickled pink to get it.

I hope Pat is O.K. again and that you are alright yourself. Remember me to Mrs. Patterson and with a heartful of love to yourself, I am

Ever your loving nephew,

Lyon

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Ottawa, August 24, 1929

Master Lyon King,
946 Washington Street,
Denver,
Colorado.

My dear Lyon:

-- I am enclosing herewith the photo films and prints which were taken by you when you were at Kingsmere, but whihh were sent to the photographer for development only on the day on which you left. You will notice that, while I have sent all of the prints I have not sent all of the films, as I wish to have printed off for myself one each of those which, for the moment, I have retained. As soon as the prints are made, I will send on the additional films to you. I am sorry that they were not printed off in time to send you while you were at Barrie. Not having heard from you or Arthur as to the address you would be at in Toronto, I did not wish to risk sending them to the wrong address there, so thought it best to forward them direct to Denver, where I hope they will reach you satisfactorily.

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If you look over the films you will see what I was saying to you about the care that has to be exercised in taking photographs, treating each one as a subject of special study. I am sorry that, for example, the pictures of the "Kennistom" do not appear to have come out very well, nor those of you boys and myself. I think perhaps some of these pictures were taken by Allen who certainly does not understand how to hold a camera when taking a picture. One usually finds that the best amateur photographers give a lot of time to studying light and shade, and also the exact setting of a picture, as all these features add to the beauty and effect in other particulars. I am keeping the camera for the purpose of taking some photographs myself, which may help to illustrate what I have in mind. I will send you copies when the photographs are taken and reproduced. I much hope they will serve to remind you and Arthur of our happy days together here.

I was very pleased to receive your letter from Barrie, telling me of your safe arrival there and speaking so nicely of your visit to Kingsmere. I am sorry that I have had no further word from you about your stay in Toronto and no word at all from Arthur since he left. If, before leaving Toronto, you have not

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received a farewell message from me, you will know it is because I have not heard from either of you just where you were staying, or when you were leaving. If I do hear before you leave, I will not fail to send you word of some kind. I hope you will have a safe and pleasant trip back to Denver, and that when you reach home you will find your mother very well and have lots of interest to tell her.

With love to Arthur and yourself,

Believe me,

Your affectionate uncle,

WLMK/C

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Sept. 2, 1929

Dear Uncle Willie.

Upon my immediate arrival at home, I was very happy indeed to receive your long, lovely letter with the photographs. I see what you mean by looking over the object in mind before taking its picture. The trouble with me in most cases was that I did not have enough time to in which to decide about light and shade.

I had at very happy time at Aunt Jenny's and all the others. But I think that of genuine pleasure & happiness, I derived the most from my visit with you.

Granny and Mother, not to Mention the car, are looking exceedingly well.

P.S. Please excuse me but I forgot to mention how beautiful the stone was on Father's grave. We went with Uncle Harold to see it.

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Father's seemed a veritable giant when we got home only I suppose he's just the same as before we left.

Before leaving for Canada, Mr. Spittle, the assistant principal at East High sent me a note saying that he could not arrange for me the program I wanted and for me to come up a week before school started to see about. When mother saw that I would not be home on time, she asked herself and I am to take German, Latin, Chemistry, English and Shorthand which, I think, is very good. I will soon write you again, dear Uncle Willie, and will always remember my lovely visit.

Ever your loving nephew,
Lyon

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take it off. It's so hot you can hardly sleep at night.

Mother and Gran are both looking very well indeed and I am sure Mother has had a good rest. She has been for drives continually in the afternoon which Gran has enjoyed to perfection.

We went with Uncle Harold last Friday to see Father's grave-stone. It was beautiful.

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946 Washington St.
Sept. 2. 1929

Dear Aunt Jenny,

We got home Sunday afternoon and you were certainly right about the heat. In those blue suits — you can imagine how we felt. That very afternoon I went out to play tennis and my shirt got so wet I had to

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Uncle Willie couldn't have chosen a more beautiful monument had he tried. It is perfectly adequate. Anything more I think would be superfluous.

We have to go back to school tomorrow for which I am heartily thankful. I feel like getting down to business now and working harder than I have ever worked before.

Bill teaches that she will soon have a chance of putting her baseball knowledge to the test. I hope she'll be the captain of her team. I wonder how Jean would have liked to have been in the Exhibition swim. I wonder!

I hope you are all well and will stay so throughout the school year. Love to yourself, Uncle Harry, and all the cousins

Over your loving nephew Lyon.

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MRS. MACDOUGALL KING
946 WASHINGTON STREET
DENVER, COLORADO

Sept. 11, 1929

Dear Uncle Willie,

I was very glad to receive your letter of the thirtieth. I am sending you the prints you asked for in your letter. I have been showing these pictures to Mother and her friends and they are delighted with them. I think it was very kind of you to buy that camera for my use.

I am now well started in

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my school work. It is quite a load, more than normal, but I think that I can easily manage it. I find that talking over my Chemistry with you has helped wonderfully to keep it in my mind. I am playing football a lot and as a result I am quite stiff & sore at this minute. I hope that you are very well and that your affairs are running smoothly. Mother, Gran, & Art join me in sending you my love

Your loving nephew,
Bron.

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946 Washington St.
Denver, Colo.
November 3, 1929

Dear Uncle Willie,

It seems a long time since I wrote you, but I can assure you that I have not forgotten the happy times spent with you at Kingsmere. I can imagine what an interesting visit you must have had with Premier MacDonald. Grannie sent us some

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pictures of you and him which I thought were very good. If you have had as much snow in Canada at this time as have we, Kingsmere will probably be all shut up for the winter. I'll bet Pat, if he is anything like Patters, is very glad to get in the house when it's cold.

I am working as hard as I can in school to see just what record I can make before I'm through. I get a lot of

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pleasure of the English and German courses. English, because I get a look-in on the great poets and playwrights, novelists and essayists; German, because it is a new foreign language and quite tongue-twisting.

Football at this season is of primary interest to almost everyone. Of course I am thickly enveloped in its enchanting folds. There is nothing I get quite so much pleasure out of as that one

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thing. The only trouble is that hard snow has come ~~prematurely~~ unusually early this fall and football is, for a time, suspended.

Mother and Art are both very well, and, as yet, I have had no serious results in respect to my sinus from the swimming. Mother and Art send you their love, and I am, as always,

Your loving nephew,

Lyon

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December 16, 1929.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! This is the wish I send you with my fondest love, and the Christmas box in the form of a draft, which I enclose with this letter, and the proceeds of which I hope you will be able to place to good account.

I remember your telling me of your bank account and the useful purpose to which you hoped to put some of its contents. Might I suggest that of the enclosed draft you deposit two-thirds in that account, to be used later on in connection with carrying out some of your purposes and that with the balance you get something which you may wish very much to have, but would hesitate to secure except for its being in the nature of a gift. I want you of course to feel free to do with the draft what you think best; but I shall be interested in hearing from you and Arthur how you have thought it could best be applied.

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I was delighted to receive the letter you sent me on the 3rd of November, and to learn from it that you were enjoying so much your study of English and also German. I was glad, too, to learn that you were geeping a lot of pleasure out of football, but I hope you will be careful not to overdo in the matter of the latter sport. Foot ball is a first-rate game if not played too vigorously or roughly. I sometimes think, too, that American colleges go too far in their efforts to win, no matter how the victory is brought about. The great thing to learn in sport is that it is sport, and that as such it should be governed by rules that gentlemen are always glad to obey.

Your letter came to me when I was on my trip in the West. That was a very busy journey, as I was speaking almost every night (not spent in travel) for the period of about a month, and on practically all occasions over the radio. What a wonderful thing the radio is! Your Aunt Jennie and the children in Barrie heard every word of my speech in London a week or two ago. I spoke

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for about two hours, and they told me that they heard every sentence as clearly as if I had been speaking to them in the house.

I shall look forward to hearing of your enjoyment of the Christmas holidays, and also from time to time of the progress you and Arthur are making in your studies, and how near you are to the University stage. That time, I imagine, will be coming now pretty soon, and it is something, I am sure, that you are looking forward to with the greatest possible interest. Never forget that all that you learn before going to the University will help you more than all else. I am quite sure that it is better for a boy to take a little longer in getting into University through being well prepared when he arrives there, than to just get in and have to struggle with his studies all the way. The big thing is to be just a little ahead of the game all the time.

I am sorry that my time just at present is so filled with important obligations that I have not time to write at greater length. This letter, however,

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I hope will serve to revive some of the happy memories of your trip to Canada during the summer and of our talks together at the time, and thereby to bring us much closer together at this Christmas season than has been possible in many years of the past.

With renewed good wishes and fondest love.

Believe me, dear Lyon,

Master Lyon King,
946 Washington St.,
Denver, Colorado.

P. S.: Since writing this letter, it has occurred to me that, as you and Arthur are now preparing for college and have been saving up towards this end, it would perhaps be better if I were to ask you to place the whole of the cheque in your bank account to help in completing it into the necessary amount, and send an additional $25 to be used in connection with Christmas and for some things you may wish to have at this time. Accordingly, I am enclosing two cheques, one for deposit of $75, and the other for $25, Both go to you with my best love.

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December 26, 1929

My dear Lyon:

I was very pleased to receive, a day or two before Christmas, the letter which you sent me with your love and best wishes for Christmas.

I thank you very warmly for it and for the interesting account it gives of some of your studies and of other things. I was very pleased to receive, as well, the copy of "The Spotlight," with the marked paragraph concerning the "foreign born," and especially pleased to gather, from its account, that you are at the top of the list in your classes at the school. Nothing could give your mother and all your relatives and friends more pleasure than that you should do well in your studies, for that means that you are not only reflecting honour on them, as well as on yourself, but that you are also obtaining the finest kind of

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preparation for your future work and career. I am really greatly pleased with this success.

In my letter to Arthur I made mention that this letter would be reaching you about the time of the birthday of the New Year, which was also about the time of his birthday. That reminds me that it is equally the time of yours, so I would like to extend to you, as well as to him, my best of wishes for both anniversaries, and the hope that of both there may be very many happy returns.

With lots of love,
Your loving uncle,

Master Lyon King,
946 Washington Street,
Denver,
Colorado.

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January 4, 1930

My dear Lyon:

I cannot tell you how much pleasure your letter, written on December 29, has given to me. I was delighted to know that your Christmas had been such a happy one and that, also, on it you had had thoughts of Kingsmere and your visit to Canada last summer.

I am pleased, too, that you are keeping so much in mind preparation for the days when you may be going away from home to college. I am sure that what you are doing in the way of putting aside all you can toward that end will give you added satisfaction and pleasure, as you take up the studies incidental to your profession; and I am sure the fact that others know that you are doing all you can, both by what you are saving and the position you are taking in your class in school, to secure success at college, will go very far towards winning their

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support and interest in your career.

I hope the year has opened well for you all and that it is going to be the best you have thus far known.

With fondest love,
Believe me, dear Lyon,
Your loving uncle,

Master Lyon King,
946 Washington Street,
Denver,
Colorado.

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946 Washington St.
February 4, 1920

Dear Uncle Willie,

I was very interested in those accounts in the Ottawa 'Evening Journal' and 'Evening Citizen about Pat and yourself. I sincerely hope you are both able to attend.

I have been getting along very well in my school work of late. January 24th was the mid-year graduation period, so now I am in different classes with an entirely different lesson schedule.

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Patters is fine, altho he has no derby, like Pat, to look forward to. The trouble with him now is that all he will eat is bones & meat.

I hope you are very well, as we all are here, after a somewhat rocky spell. With fondest love, I am

Ever your loving nephew,

Lyon

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MRS. MACDOUGALL KING
~~946 WASHINGTON STREET~~
~~DENVER, COLORADO~~

106 Wells St.
Toronto
July 21, 1930

Dear Uncle Willie,

You can't imagine the thrill I got out of hearing you speak the night before last. It is the first political speech I have ever heard. I enjoyed seeing you greatly and being introduced to all the other chaps on the platform.

We had a particularly fine and beautiful trip here and find Toronto a very lovely city. We plan, in the near future, to motor over to Niagra Falls. We have been put up for membership in the Toronto Cricket

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Club by Uncle Bob. Already I have had many games of tennis there. Mother is very well and is getting, I am sure, a much needed rest. We have been over to the island several times where we played our first game of Badminton. Uncle Harold gave us some pocket-money for washing his two cars and weeding the lawn and path around the house. I am looking forward eagerly to seeing you again when you are not so busy.

With fondest love, meanwhile, believe me ever

Your loving nephew,

Lyon

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106 Wells St.
Toronto, Ont.
September 25, 1930

Dear Uncle Willie,

I wanted to tell you how things are going here in Toronto since Mother left for Denver. I was at the Exhibition three times and saw everything there. I have been doing odd jobs for the uncles these past few weeks, thereby earning a little pocketmoney. I have been at Barrie this past week with Aunt Jennie and the cousins. The town fair was on up there and Uncle Harry had a flower exhibit. Aunt Jennie too had some things on exhibition there.

scholarship. I would like very much to talk with you, Uncle Willie, if it can ever be arranged. I will let you know as soon as school begins what my program is and how I am making out. Gran joins with me in sending you our very fondest love. Ever

Your loving nephew,
Lyon

W. Lyon Mackenzie King

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I am planning to enter the pass course in Arts at University College and I will register with the professors next Saturday. Actual work begins on Wednesday of next week. I am looking forward eagerly to getting back to work and I shall do my best to make a good record in every way. I have in mind the Sir Edmund Walker Scholarship which is given for proficiency in the work and to boys who are really in need of the money (about $150 per year for three years). I am going to put forth my best efforts to try to take this

I had a very fine time playing tennis and going out to the fair with John and the others.

The vacation and rest for Mother this summer did her a world of good and she was only too sorry not to be able to get up to see you. I guess you've been awfully busy with your work in Politics. I am following the papers regularly and Grannie especially is an ardent Liberal. How is everything at Kingsmere? That is surely one place I shall never forget. I am living now with Grannie at the above address and I think she is very happy.

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106 Wells St.
Toronto, Ont.
October 26, 1930

Dear Uncle Willie,

I was very happy to receive your letter of the fifteenth. I have been very busy with all my University homework. I am getting along very well and am enjoying the work greatly. I have met John Hay several times in the college corridors and he has been over to dinner and has met my grandmother. Most of my lectures are in the morning and in the afternoons I take my exercise in Hart House. The subjects I am taking are English, Latin, German, Mathematics, Greek and Roman History, and General Science. I find the German and History a little difficult as I have had very little preparation for either.

a job which will carry me through June, July, and August. The money will be expended as follows:

Fees $100.00 Books $25.00
Board & lodging $540.00
Clothes & incidentals $135.00

This does not include doctors' and dentists' bills which Mother says she will take care of. Next year my fees will be higher — consequently, expenses will be greater, but Mother says I will have to hold them below $1000 and I think I can. My course is a seven year one, therefore it will cost in the neighborhood of $7000. I have $300 dollars of my own which I mean to use for books at the rate of $50 a year (after this year).

I am very sorry Uncle Harry is having this trouble. I shall go around to see him as soon as possible. I hope you will soon be able to get down, as I should like very much to see you. Fondest love from Gran and myself.

Lyon

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that is past and done with and I am gradually beginning to find my "sea legs". The work which I like least is English and History essay-writing.

You are indeed kind to say that you want to help Arthur and myself and the boy children through college. I know Mother, Arthur, and I are very grateful to you and appreciate it very much. This year, however, we expect to be able to meet all expenses unless something utterly unforeseen turns up.

You ask for particulars about the expenses of a University course. Mother and I figured it out that this year it would cost about $800 to carry me to the end of next May, when I expect to get

However, I think that, with hard work and diligence, I shall be able to cope with them satisfactorily. In Latin there are four departments: Cicero, Horace, sight translation, and prose composition. I have three different professors for this one subject. Science includes Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Botany, and Zoology for each of which I have a different professor. The mathematics includes Analytical Geometry and Algebra. English is mostly literature and essay-writing. Of all these subjects I enjoy the German and Science most.

For the first two weeks I was quite lost and overwhelmed. I was very homesick for Mother and Ark the first two or three nights when I realized what was ahead of me. But now all

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106 Wells St.
Toronto, Ont.
November 30, 1930

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have been waiting, before writing to you, to tell you how that plan of arranging my working hours is developing. I have tried the system of jumping out of bed immediately the alarm-clock rings, and then shutting it off. I keep my dressing gown and slippers ready and go right to the bathroom, and I am usually ready for work at half past six or a quarter to seven. I stop work, no matter what I am doing, promptly at a quarter past

Uncle Ren and Aunt Winifred were over for dinner on Wednesday and Uncle Ren said that he would have liked very much to have seen you.

I am feeling in first rate condition and it is much easier to get up in the morning by going to bed a little earlier. With fondest love, believe me always,

Your loving nephew,
Lyon

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I have gone out for the U.C. indoor baseball team as an extra activity. The practices are on Monday and Thursday.

I got a letter from Mother saying that she and Art are very well and that Art is working hard at his Chemistry.

It was certainly very good of you, Uncle Willie, to go to all the trouble and expense of taking John and myself to the Winter Fair, and I appreciate it very much indeed. Gran was very interested to hear about the dog show, flowers, luncheon, cattle exhibits and the rest.

ten in the evening. This plan has worked very well, but I have still to see whether my mind is more retentive at that hour than at night.

Friday night I went to the U.C. Follies and had a very good time indeed. The week for mid-year examinations is getting dangerously near, and I am working quite hard, going over my notes, learning German and Latin words, etc.

Did you finally get through with the dentist in good shape? I know what a lot of trouble errant teeth can cause one especially when one is as busy as you are.

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Many thanks, dear Lyon, for loving birthday greetings conveyed in your wire just received. Please thank your grandmamma for joining with you in your birthday greetings.

Uncle Willie

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December 17, 1930

My dear Lyon:

As you know, it has been my wish to make some little contribution towards the expenses of your university education. It has seemed to me that perhaps I could not do better this year than to send you a cheque which would cover the amount of your fees. If I recollect aright, in a letter you sent me sometime ago, in reply to one in which I said I would be glad to have any particulars you might care to give me concerning the expenses of the year, you mentioned that the fees would come to one hundred and twenty-five dollars. Accordingly, I am enclosing a cheque for this amount.

I assume, of course, that the fees are already paid, and, therefore, will be glad if you would have the proceeds of this cheque deposited with

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other monies you have in your savings account so that it may be used at some future time in connection with outlays upon your university course. The draft is drawn upon the Bank of Montreal, Toronto, but can be deposited at par in any bank at which you may have your account.

What I think might, perhaps, be best, would be for you to endorse the draft and have it sent on to your mother to be deposited to your credit in the Bank of Denver in which, I presume, you have your savings account. While I am making the draft payable to you, my first thought had been to make it payable to your mother, as she is the one who has arranged for your education at the University. Anything done for you in this way is, of course, intended to assist in lessening the heavy load and responsibility which she has assumed and carried.

I am sending you another letter which you will receive before Christmas, but which I would like you not to open until Christmas Day. I

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am sending another cheque as a Christmas gift. I would like, however, to feel that part of it would be applied, as other cheques at the Christmas season have been applied, in part towards your education, as there is, of course, no greater gift which a man can have than a univereity training. In after life, I would like you to have the entisfaction of knowing that you had helped to educate yourself by using for purposes of education monies which might have been spent in other ways. I am sure this will give you more satisfaction and pleasure in after life than almost anything else.

When I was in Toronto I told you something of your Uncle Harry's illness and what I felt I should do to help him and your Aunt Jennie in meeting the critical situation with which they were faced. This and the additional expenses which I have to meet in consequence of the change in government, having now no longer the use of a private car on the

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railway or the use of a motor in the city, and having suffered as well a considerable reduction in salary, have made it impossible for me to do in many directions much that I otherwise had hoped it might be possible for me to do.

But for this, I should have been glad to make the enclosed amount larger than it is, and would have sent it along somewhat earlier. However, I hope it will be not less welcome to all, coming at the Christmas season.

I send it with my love and very best of wishes.

Believe me, dear Lyon,
Yours affectionately,

Mr. Lyon King,
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Toronto, Ont.
December 21, 1930

Dear Uncle Willie,

It was very kind of you, indeed, to send me that liberal check or rather draft to help with my college expenses and fees. I am sending it on to Mother, payable to her, and she will know best what to do with it.

I am now safely through the term-examinations that come before the vacation. I found that in preparing for them, the scheme of early to bed and early to rise was by far the best both for the way I absorbed the kind help and thought, and let me wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Gran joins me in sending you our fondest love,

Ever your loving nephew,

Lyon

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am able to buy a pair of skates and a season ticket. I shall soon take it up.

All of my closer friends have left the city for their vacation and of course John has gone up to Barrie. So I miss my own dear Mother and Art a lot, but things will be much more lively when Aunt Gladys and Uncle "David" get back. I think they will be here in time for breakfast on Christmas morning.

Again let me thank you, dear Uncle Willie, for all your kindness and for the way I felt. I got up very day except Sunday at six and I shall continue to do so when the next term begins.

I hear from Mother that she and Art are both very well and are busy with their Christmas preparations.

I have one or two other examinations at the immediate beginning of next term so I still have plenty of work to keep me busy throughout these holidays.

Skating has started here, now, in real earnest, so if I

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December 26. 1930

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a little note to tell you how much I enjoyed my first Christmas in Canada and how happy I was to read your delightful letter yesterday morning. I shall do just as you suggested with your beautiful gift in buying a pair of shoe-skates and a season ticket, putting the remainder in the bank towards the time when I will need medical text-books. It was very kind and generous of you to over to Uncle Bob's for the Christmas tree. We passed a very enjoyable evening opening all the various Christmas presents which were under the tree. I received new shirts, socks, handkerchiefs, ties galore, books, a shaving outfit, gloves, scarves, etc. most of which came from Mother.

I had a very happy time indeed and I hope that you too, spent a jolly and restful Xmastide. With best wishes for a happy New Year and the very fondest love, believe me always.

Your loving nephew
Lyon

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At eleven o'clock I went down with Uncle Bob, Barbara, and Kellie to the Grand Central station to find that the train Aunt Gladys and Mr. Davis were due on was an hour late. We went for a walk in the Royal York to fill in the time, and when we got back to the station we met Uncle Ken. Aunt Gladys and Mr. Davis looked very well when they arrived. We piled their baggage in the back of Uncle Kens car, I got up on top, and we drove home. We went out to dinner with Gran and then in the evening we all went

do all you have done for me and I shall try to justify it by good hard work in my studies.

I have had only one result of the term examinations given me so far and that was in mathematics. I got 100% on that exam. I will let you know about the others as soon as I receive them.

Yesterday was quite a busy day for us. First Gran and I opened the presents from Denver and outside the family here. Telegrams came from Mother and yourself which were very cheery indeed

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(To be delivered Christmas morning)

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TORONTO

Best wishes, dear Lyon, for your first Christmas in Canada, and for all happiness in the new year. My kindest greetings as well to your grand mamma

Uncle Willie

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Ottawa, December 29, 1930

Lyon King, Esq.,
106 Wells Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

I am delighted with the word thus far received of your first examinations at Toronto University and cannot congratulate you too warmly.

Uncle Willie.

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January 2, 1931

My dear Lyon:

First of all, let me wish you a very happy New Year. I hope that 1931 is going to be a very good year for you in every way. I was greatly pleased to receive your letter telling me of the Christmas you had in Toronto, which I was glad to know what such a happy one.

In a letter received from your Mother on New Year's Eve I learned of the talk she and Arthur had had with you and your uncles and aunts in Toronto on Christmas night. How happy that conversation must have made you all. It was a splendid idea.

Your mother has written me that, because some emergent

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condition mgith arise, in which at short notice you might have need of money in connection with your university work, and which she might not be able to arrange to send at once to you, it would be better were I to keep in my own hands the proceeds of the draft which I sent to you to be used in connection with the expenses of your university work.

It has occurred to me that it would be much better were the proceeds of the draft to be deposited in a bank in Toronto in an account against which you could draw in case of need at any time. To carry out the idea that your mother has, it would perhaps be best to regard the money as in the nature of a trust account on which you would not draw without her consent in the first instance. Accordingly, I am writing the Bank of Montreal here if they will arrange to have the money

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placed to your credit and also to mine in a joint account at the main office of the Bank of Montreal in Toronto. I will ask them to send a book to you which will be the receipt for the amount deposited and you will then be able to draw against it at any time.

Should you not be in Toronto, or be at Denver or any where else when payments would have to be made in Toronto, you could make out a cheque on the account wherever you were, and it could be paid at par, or I could draw the amount needed and make the payment, as you might direct.

As my public life is pretty absorbing in its demands on my time and thought, and as I shall in all probability be travelling about a good deal during the year, out in my constituency in the West, and also

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in different parts of Canada, and possibly elsewhere. I might happen to be away just at the time you would wish to have me draw out the amount you might require, so altogether I think it would be preferable in every way to have the account entirely in your own control, subject of course to meeting your mother's wishes with respect to drawing upon it.

This, I am sure, will be the most satisfactory way in the end. Should you at any time wish to transfer the amount in the Toronto account to your own savings account at Denver, that, of course, would be the right thing to do, and would be most agreeable to me, if equally agreeable to your mother. There are some advantages in having all one's savings in the one place. On the other hand, there are equal and sometimes greater advantages in having two accounts instead of one.

I will be glad if you will let me know when you receive word from the bank, and also I will trust

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to you letting your mother know, as I also shall, of what has been arranged.

Let me again congratulate you upon the results of your examination, so far as mathematics were concerned. It can hardly be expected that you will equal on other subjects the percentage made on this examination but I hope the results, whatever they may be, will be to you satisfactory.

Again, my fondest love.

Believe me, dear Lyon,

Lyon King, Esq.,
106 Wells Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

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106 Wells St.
Toronto. Ont.
January 18. 1931

Dear Uncle Willie,

I beg you to excuse my negligence in replying to your letters of the 28th and of the 2nd. I can only say that, between the taking up of school again, and one or two extra examinations coming after the christmas vacation, my time has been so taken up that all my correspondence and a great deal of my English reading has been let slide. I have only just now caught up with my back homework.

The results of my examinations were quite satisfactory to me has now settled down to its regular proportions and I shall have a little more time for other matters I often see John at school in the halls and like him better the more I get to know him.

Mother is very well and working hard once again after the vacation. Art, too, is again 'down to brass tacks' and the next great issue, at least as far as I am concerned, is the final examinations. Gran sends her kindest regards and appreciation of your remembrance of her. With the very fondest love, I am

Ever your loving nephew,
Bijou

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looks as well as can be. Now that John is better, I hope that Aunt Jennie will get a little real rest after her trying weeks at one or other of the family's bed-side.

The letter from the bank came a week or two after your letter and I immediately went in to arrange about the necessary papers. I have a book and the account is in both your name and mine. I have let Mother know about the arrangement and told her that I would draw on the account only at her behest. It is most kind of you to provide something in this way to fall back on if the need come up.

The work in the University — that is, they gave me an idea of what the final exams will be like and how they will be marked. I got firsts in German and Latin and a third in history. Those are all the results of the exams before Christmas. I haven't received any others yet. The passing mark is 50 and the lowest I got was in history, 62.

I am so glad that you liked the diary and had an enjoyable Christmas. Aunt Jennie asked me to Barrie to spend my birthday with John. I was very sorry to find John laid up in bed with a painful and draining ear. Otherwise I enjoyed the stay extremely and I think Uncle Barry

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PASSED EXAMINATION WITH GRADE A STANDING STOP WON SIR EDMUND WALKER SCHOLARSHIP BEST LOVE

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June 27, 1931

My dear Lyon:

I cannot congratulate you too heartily upon the results of your first year at the university and the position you have won for yourself. One has only to look at the very few of those who won grade A in the pass course to realise how closely you must have applied yourself to your studies during the year and how intelligently you must have worked throughout. To have won the Edmund Walker scholarship is also a very great achievement. I believe it is but the first of many scholarships which you will win as you pursue your studies in arts and medicine. I have always felt that, once a boy obtains first place in his work, it is, if anything, easier for him to hold a front rank throughout than it is for those who come in second or third grade to maintain their standing. To really understand your work and its meaning is, after all, the great thing in study, and to be master of a situation is to hold the position of highest vantage.

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In obtaining grade A all round and in winning a scholarship, you have brought distinction not only on yourself, but on all who are near and dear to you. You have done great honour to the name and memory of your father. I can think of nothing that would have given him pleasure and joy equal to that which he would have had, had he been spared in seeing you at the head of your class. There is no doubt, however, that he knows all about your achievement and, indeed, I believe that his spirit has been very near you, protecting and guiding your thoughts in the course of your studies.

I am particularly pleased on your mother's account and because of the pleasure that I know it will be to you to have given her the regard which, above all else, she has hoped might come as the result of all the thought and care she has given to Arthur and yourself in all that pertains to your work and your future. I am sure that your first thought on learning of the results of the examinations was of her and the joy that it will give her to know that you had won a prize which she had hoped from the beginning might at the end of the year be yours.

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I shall be glad to hear from you direct as to the examinations and how you did on the different subjects; also to have word about the scholarship. I received a wire, but it was signed "Bill" and I was, therefore, at a loss to know from whom it came. I had gathered that you had already left for Denver and concluded that the wire must have been from one of your uncles who was signing it on your behalf. Perhaps you will let me know from whom it cam, so that I can send a word of thanks.

I should have been glad to hamm heard from you before you returned to Denver, but no doubt, after the examinations, you were anxious to get away as soon as possible. If, during the course of the coming weeks, you have time to write, I shall be glad to know of your feelings with regard to the university and what the first year has meant to you; also what your own plans and Arthur's for the coming year may be.

With fondest love and all good wishes to your mother, Arthur and yourself, and again with heartiest congratulations, believe me, my dear Lyon, as always,

Yours affectionately,

Lyon King, Esq.,
946 Washington St.,
Denver, Col.
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106 Wells St.
Toronto,
July 12, 1931

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a little note to tell you how much I appreciated your kind letter and also to let you know my plans for the summer.

It was I who sent you the telegram signed "Bill". I sent it the morning the examination reports came out just after having sent two to Mother which I had also signed "Bill" as that is the name we use between one another. In the general confusion and excitement I forgot to sign myself "Lyon" to your telegram and I have very, very much enjoyed and profited by this year at college and my feeling now is that I wouldn't have missed it for anything. I have met fellows of every type and one or two who have been my more confidential friends I have had long serious talks with and found out their ideas and opinions upon subjects which puzzled me.

I am entering first year Medicine in the fall and Art is going to enter the engineering course at Colorado University in Boulder.

We are all very well and are looking forward keenly to seeing you as soon as it can be arranged.

With greatest love
Your affectionate nephew,
Lyon

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it not only affords him a means of making a little extra pocket-money but gives him something to do with his time.

I have not yet received the class lists from the University giving my marks in the individual subjects but as soon as I have, I will send you them immediately. The scholarship was awarded for general proficiency in the examinations and need of the money was taken into account. It is open to students of the first year in Arts or Medicine and is of the value of 150 dollars each year for three years. It is awarded by the senate of the University after the results of the exams. have been ascertained.

remembered a day or two later and was afraid you would not be sure from whom it came.

I was not able to get down to Denver this spring but my Uncle Bob and his wife did go down and have just returned with Mother and Arthur, who will be here till the end of August. Two days before my last two final examinations at the University, I started work in the Confederation Life Association. It is a very nice position indeed, and the hours are such as to allow plenty of time for exercise and recreation. Art- is also working now along the lines he is especially interested in and is thoroughly enjoying it as

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106 Wells St.
Sept. 1, 1931

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a little line to let you know that we arrived safely and without mishaps sharp at half past eight at the door of 106 to find Grandmother quite well though a little flustered and excited. She was truly pleased beyond words at the beautiful flowers you sent her and the quantities of vegetables. I can't tell you how much all three of us enjoyed the visit to Laurier House and Fingsmere. I would like to thank you again for your kindness

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and generosity in giving me such a substantial sume for what was only my duty to Mother and to yourself.

Grandmother sends with mine her fondest love and very best wishes for the future. As ever,

Your affectionate nephew,

Lyon

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Ottawa, December 19, 1931

Lyon King, Esq.,
106 Wells Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Warmest thanks, dear Lyon, for your thoughtful and beautifully expressed telegram of birthday greetings which I was greatly pleased to receive. Please thank your grandmamma for joining with you in its good wishes. I send every good wish to you both for Christmas and the New Year. Will write you to Toronto for Christmas unless advised to do otherwise. Best love.

Uncle Willie

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December 19, 1931

My dear Lyon:

I send to you my fondest love and best of wishes for a very Merry Christmas and for happiness and prosperity in the New Year. You have certainly much to be very proud of in the year now drawing so rapidly to its close, and I am sure that of all that will contribute to your enjoyment at the Christmas season, nothing will mean quite so much to you and to your friends as the fine record you have made for yourself in your first year at the University and the progress which you are continuing to make in your studies.

I have been very anxious that you and Arthur should feel that if at any time, through sickness or for other cause, the situation might arise where, unexpectedly, the course of your studies might be interrupted through some unforeseen circumstance, there would be available a sum of money on which it would be possible to draw so that any year's work would not be broken into. I know in my own life's experiences nothing has contributed quite

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so much to my peace of mind, and, I might add, of heart, as the knowledge that I had somewhere tucked away a small amount which would serve, in the event of emergencies, to tide over the difficult places, and which would give me the freedom necessary to look around and make what might be required in the way of adjustments. Knowing, too, what it would mean to your mother to feel that there was somewhere available a little fund of the kind which could be drawn upon from time to time in connection with Arthur's studies and your own, or any circumstance in her own life which might require it, I put aside in the early part of the year five hundred dollars in an account in the bank here, which would be in her name and mine.

In thinking over what would give the greatest happiness to you both and to your mother at this Christmas season I have felt that I could not do better than increase this amount by another five hundred dollars, so that there would be in the bank here an insurance fund, as it were, with respect to Arthur's education and your own, of at least one thousand dollars. This I have done as a Christmas gift to your mother, Arthur and yourself. Your mother will receive the bank book on

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Christmas day, and it will, I hope, bring much of happiness to her heart, as well as to the hearts of Arthur and yourself. I want you all to feel that this gift carries with it my fondest love and best of wishes.

I am enclosing with this letter a cheque for twenty-five dollars as a little additional personal gift for yourself. I am sorry the amount is not larger, but I feel sure you would rather have my real gift in the way in which I have thought it best to make it this year than in any other form.

I shall be interested in hearing from you of your work during the past term and how the Christmas exams have gone; also of how you are, and how you continue to enjoy life and work at the University.

Your telegram of good wishes on my birthday has given me much pleasure, and as mentioned in the wire sent in reply, I was particularly touched by its thoughtful wording. I again thank you for it and for all that it expresses of your love and good wishes.

I am assuming that you will be in Toronto at Christmas, so I am sending this letter there. I wish you would tell your

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grandmamma that I have asked you to give to her my very best of wishes and affectionate regards as well. I shall be glad if you will also convey my best of wishes to all of your uncles and aunts whom you may see at Christmas time.

As Leader of the Opposition my public duties have become such that it is almost impossible for me to do much in the way of correspondence. The duties of each day, instead of becoming less become more onerous with the years. I am never able to complete a day's work as it should be done, but I am seeking more and more to become satisfied with doing the best I can in the time I have. If you do not hear oftenmfrom me please do not feel that it is due to any lack of interest or affection. You are very much in my thoughts all the time, and I follow with pride, as well as interest and love all that you are doing so well.

I continue to look back upon the little visit in the summertime of your mother and Arthur and yourself to Kingsmere with the greatest of pleasure. I hope that many more like opportunities will be afford through the years to come. Again

Again, with my very best wishes and fondest love,

Believe me, dear Lyon,

Your affectionate uncle,

Lyon King, Esq.,
106 Wells Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

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106 Wells Street,
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Merry Christmas, dear Lyon. Warmest thanks your beautiful gift and all good wishes. Fondest love.

Uncle Willie

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106 Wells St.
Toronto
Dec. 27, 1931

Dear Uncle Willie,

In this little note I wish first to tender you my sincerest and warmest thanks for your kind telegrams, the first of a week or two ~~ago~~, and the two to Grau and myself on Christmas day. I have decided to bank your liberal cheque as I am not at the present time in need of any particular one thing. No doubt many things will come up in the succeeding months when I shall be more than glad to have your Christmas gift to draw on. Grau begs me to give you her fondest

has proved exceedingly difficult especially the laboratories, biology in particular. The work, I might say, is almost entirely different from what it was last year and many, many times harder. Instead of 17 hours a week actually at the University, it is now 35 so that all study, ~~of~~ to which there seems to be no end has, perforce, to be done in the evening. I have six subjects, three major and three minor. As you would guess, the three major are Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. The minor are Scientific German which I have found very interesting, Science and Civilization (a short history-of-Medicine course),

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and the very next day. I registered in Medicine. From the very beginning I was extremely happy and enjoyed every moment of the time. During the month of October I played rugby on the junior Meds team taking part in small inter-faculty games. I was elected vice president of the year and since then I have been dispensing tickets for this, tickets for that, class pins, pictures, and I don't know what all! I attended several of the bigger dances throughout the christmas term, but outside of these and one or two great concerts (Kreisler and Rachmaninoff) I found I had scarcely any time at all to spend in going out.

From the first, the work

love and affectionate wishes for a most happy New Year.

I am heartily in accord with your kind thought in providing some fund upon which Mother might fall back on in event of an emergency and I am very happy you decided to arrange matters in this way. As you well know, the twenty-five dollar cheque was a fortune to me and I consider myself very, very lucky indeed.

Secondly, I should like to tell you something of the way things have been going with me in the past three months. I returned, as you know, after an extremely enjoyable visit, from Denver at the end of September

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most enjoyable and happy Christmas. Yesterday I heard from Mother, saying that Art had come down to Denver and that he had done quite well in his first semester's work. They are both well and I think Art very much enjoys college. I have had a perfectly wonderful time this term and I hope nothing comes alongto spoil it. The one thing that comforts me is that all the other fellows are in just the same boat as I am.

Now I must close with the hope I have not unduly burdened your busy shoulders with other matters. I don't want you to be alarmed — just prepared. With fondest love, dear Uncle Willie, and many, many thanks, believe me as always

Your own loving nephew.
Mac

and English expression to accustom us to public speaking. The last three are so "minor" as to be almost negligible as all our time is taken up with the three "grim lions". I shall try to give you an honest idea as to how things have been going. I would like you to know what I think but I would rather you make no mention of it to Mother in any of your letters to her as there is no need to cause her worry or pain. Uncle Willie, I am afraid — horribly afraid of the worst. I have worked these past three months as hard as I possibly could and yet it seems to have reaped no fruit. My laboratory mark in biology was fourth highest in the

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undue considerations. But it is the way of Medicine, I suppose, and the best training we can get and all that. However, I am exceedingly anxious and doubtful as to the outcome of these exams, and I thought I should like you to know how I felt. In any event, either way the cat jumps, I'll let you know the worst or the best at the earliest possible moment.

Lectures and labs stopped last Friday, the 18th and most of last week I was busy with Christmas shopping and many engagements. Christmas day, Gran and I had dinner at 2:00 o'clock with Dr. and Mrs. Hooky, and in the evening we went to the Christmas tree gathering at my Uncle Bob's. He both had a class and I have reason to believe my Physics mark is not far behind it. I have no idea about Chemistry. It is not these I am worried about, sir, it is the term exams themselves. The Physics was a final and the very hardest I ever tried in that subject. But the biology outdid them all. Never have I been absolutely unable to understand a question on an examination paper as was the case with two out of the four on this paper. They were put in such a way that I doubt even if you, with all your knowledge of the hidden meaning in words and your ability to see through a thing, could have understood what the examiner wanted without

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Personal December 30, 1931

My dear Lyon:

I have so much to do before the year is out that I should not be writing further letters, but the one received yesterday from you has given me so much pleasure that I feel I would like to write and thank you for it at once. There is nothing I appreciate more than your giving me your full confidence in any matter that may be of concern to you. I hope you will always feel that, in matters of the kind, I am only too anxious to fill the place which, had he been spared, your father would have filled with so much understanding and sympathy.

First of all, let me say how pleased I am that you have found the days at the university pass so pleasantly, and that, in addition to your studies, you are taking a real part in other college activities, such as sports, college societies, social engagements, and the like. I believe that,

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out of a wise choice in matters of the kind, there is as much to be gained at a university as from the class room and from study itself. Where most boys make their mistake is in giving more time to these things than to study. So long as they are kept in their place, and regarded as recreational rather than as the main interest, and pursued with moderation, they cannot be other than helpful, even in connection with studies themselves.

Now, as to your work. I do not think you need be the least concerned about how you will make out on the examinations, as long as you know yourself that you have been conscientious in your studies. You will find that, in the long run, you will come out all right, even if, here and there, may be inevitable disappointments along the way.

From what you tell me about the nature of the questions on one or two of the papers, it would seem that the examiner was more intent on finding out what students did not know than what they did know. There are, in alll colleges, some examiners of this type, but they should be put in the lock-up and never allowed to prepare a question.

You may be perfectly sure that, if you have had your difficulties, other students have had the same, and

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that you will do as well as they. However, whether you do or not, as long as you do your best and do not overdo, you should not worry in the least about the result or about what anyone else will think or say. Your mother will understand quite as well as I do fôrywe all had to go through just that kind of thing.

The only thing that causes me concern is whether you are attempting too much, whether the number of courses you are taking is too large. If you have any reason to believe that they are, my advice would be to drop one or two. It is much better to master thoroughly the subjects youyare working on, though they be few in number, than not to feel you are getting the grasp you should have by taking too many.

Of course, it is often the case that a new subject presents its greatest difficulties at the outset, and you may have to go over and over the same ground again. Do not, however, let yourself overwork. That would be a very great mistake. Your health must always be a first consideration, and it must never be forgotten that peace of mind is one of the essentials of health.

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In looking over some of my books recently, I came across a life of Joseph and Arnold Toynbee by Gertrude Toynbee, which, apparently, I had given to your father as a Christmas gift some time before you were born. Joseph Toynbee was a great physician, and a very noble type of mind. It always seemed to me that your father had a nature very similar to his, and his life and interests were much the same.

Arnold Toynbee was one of the finest of the undergraduates of his day at Oxford. He was the author of a book entitled "Industrial Revolution". I think his writings had more of an influence upon me when I was an undergraduate at the university than anything else I read. Gertrude Toynbee, who has written the life of her father and brother, was, for many years, a close personal friend of mine. We visited together, at one time, the grave of her father and brother. You will notice, from the picture of the grave which appears in the book, that the memorial over it is not unlike the one in Mount Pleasant Cemetery which marks the burial place of your own father.

I think you will like this little book, both for itself and for its many associations, so I am sending on to

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you the copy which I gave on Christmas, 1911, to your father. It is a little volume that I know you will treasure. Please accept it with my fondest love.

I am glad you had such a happy Christmas, and also that you feel as you do about the little fund which has been put aside as an insurance against emergent conditions which may affect your own and Arthur's studies. The letters I have had from Arthur and yourself indicate that they have been very happy together, and that they too have had a joyous Christmas season.

With fondest love,

Believe me, as always, dear Lyon,

Yours affectionately,

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South House
January 1, 1932

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your wonderful letter and card arrived last Tuesday morning and I read them while on the train en route for Stratford. The following four days and yesterday were so packed full of rushing about that this is the first opportunity I have had to express my heartfelt appreciation and thanks for your magnificent gift. As in other years I have placed the entire amount in my private bank account to be used gradually throughout the coming Easter term for current expenses. The ten-dollar bill you so generous-

The Christmas tree at my Uncle Bob's last Monday night was as in the past, a particularly jolly evening. I helped with the decorating of the Christmas tree and it also helped to fill in what otherwise would have been rather empty days.

The evening of the day I was with you at the Royal York, I listened to your first speech and was thrilled beyond words. I am only too sorry to have missed the one on Friday night but as previous engagement prevented me from doing so.

This week and last, I saw my first three operations at the General Hospital, one of which was performed by my uncle. They were very very interesting. And now, let me thank you again with all my heart for your generous kindness this Christmas. With love and best wishes for a Happy & successful year coming - Your loving nephew, Leon

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the year in an examination. I got 93% which must have been due to an unusual amount of luck. We had no more exams after the Histology but I am expecting about five or six in a bunch within the next three weeks. As I said before, the Christmas season has been one of the happiest I ever spent in spite of the fact that Mother, Art, and Grandmother were none of them with me. The fraternity held both a New Year and a Christmas party. Both were very enjoyable but the New Year party last night was the best so far of any this winter. In Stratford, there were still more parties, skating, outrageous hours of sleeping in in the morning, and grand meals. This friend of mine in Medicine whose name is Ted Barrett is one of the finest chaps in our year and this is the fourth time I have visited him in Stratford.

ly gave me, the morning we had breakfast together, I think need to get myself a little personal gift from you, namely a beautiful pair of hairbrushes — a commodity I have long been without. I am so glad you liked the funny brush. My idea was that you put it in the hall at Kingsmere and use it for a last minute coat - or hat-(and perhaps even Pat-) brushing before you went for a walk. Mother and Art have both told me how delighted they were to receive your wonderful gifts.

I have had an extremely happy and merry Christmas vacation and now feel keen as nuts for my work this long term coming. The very morning I left you at the Royal York, the Histology results came out and for the first time I actually led

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106 Wells St.
Toronto,
Jan. 3, 1932

Dear Uncle Willie,

Upon returning from Stratford I found on my desk your letter written in your own hand and the greatly comforting letter in reply to mine. The book had also arrived and I shall treasure it as I do my own fountain pen. I feel extremely complimented and honored that you should entrust me with a thing that must be invaluable to you. I have already started to read the book and, although I never heard of Dr. Poyubee before, I am greatly interested in it from the Medical point of view. I am so glad you liked the knife and I accept the coin in due ceremony.

I want to thank you with all my heart, Uncle Willie, for your most

and I'm so proud of him I could even kiss him. I think he'll give us all a big surprise next May.

Yesterday afternoon, I went to a tea given by Mrs. Burton wife of Dr. E.F. Burton, our Physics professor. He told me the first thing I got in the door that I had successfully passed that terrible Mechanics examination we had a few weeks ago. For me, that is the biggest stone removed from the pathway for it is the one thing I am particularly "dumb" at.

Although I love to hear from you, I know how pressed you are for time, so please don't bother to answer this letter. Let me thank you again, sir, for all your kindness. Since that letter, I feel I know you better than ever before.

Your own loving nephew
Lyon

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any of them without considerably endangering my chances of getting my year. We all have this much work to do and I profit in one line in that I have no trouble with Scientific German and have been spending very little time on it. The other two minor subjects require very little outside preparation for they wouldn't get it if they did. Personally, I do not feel the work is too much for me and as for health — I have never felt better in my life!

Have you heard the good news about Art? He has done wonderfully well this first term at Boulder: getting extremely good marks. At last the dear old chap has learned once and for all the true meaning of the little word "work". I think he has worked as he never did before these last three months

understanding and sympathetic letter. It has given me great confidence that you, who, with the possible exception of Mother, are expecting the most of me and, on that account, might possibly be un-understanding of the difficulties of this course compared with Pass Arts, have, on the contrary, rallied to my support and greatly encouraged me rather than discouraged me. Your letter has shown me that you are thoroughly cognizant of — indeed, have experienced these trials yourself and it has considerably brightened the horizon and made me feel much better.

I should like to say, in reference to your statement about dropping one or two courses, that our work is all compulsory and that it would be impossible to drop

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106 Wells St.
Toronto
Jan. 10, 1932

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a very short note to let know how things went in the examinations this Christmas. Much to my surprise and certainly contrary to my firm expectation, I passed in everything. The funny thing was that the highest mark of them all in relation to the rest of the class was in biology. I found that I rank tenth in the year for the Michaelmas Term which is certainly nothing to brag about although it is certainly much more than I ever expected.

I feel greatly rested after

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tainly done nobly so far and I think he will make a "howling" success of it.

That is all the news here, I think, and as far as Mother is concerned, things have settled down again in their normal order for her. Grandmother joins with me in sending your our kindest regards and fondest love. As always

Your affectionate nephew,

Lyon

the splendid vacation I enjoyed. Things are now once again in full swing and we have been going hard all week.

There has been practically no outside skating as yet and the little I have done, with the exception of the the week after Christmas, has necessarily been on artifical rinks. I am planning to hear Paderewski who is coming here on the fourth of next month, if at all possible. The formal Medical At-home is being held on the 19th of February and I expect to have a great time there.

Art, I think, is very comfortable in his new quarters at Boulder and likes the surroundings much better. He has ex-

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January 16, 1932

My dear Lyon:

I was delighted to receive, on the eve of my departure for Winnipeg, your letter telling me of the results of your examinations. matters turned out pretty much as I expected they would, and I congratulate you very warmly on what you have achieved.

I am glad that the vacation helped to give something of a much needed rest. Let me urge very strongly that you do not overdo in the matter of your studies, but take plenty of time for rest, which, in every way, is quite as important as exercise.

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I hope you will enjoy both Paderewski and the Medical At Home. I enclose a little remembrance which may be of use in connection with these events.

With best of wishes and fondest love,

Believe me, as always,
Your loving uncle,

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106 Wells St.
Toronto
January 31, 1932

Dear Uncle Willie.

Just a very brief note to let you know that all is well and to express my sincere appreciation of your little remembrance. It will most certainly come in most handy for the Medical At-Home for I admit I was a bit stuck as just how to finance both it and Paderewski. I should have written in acknowledgment to your kind letter last weekend, but exams in Science and Civilization, Physics (Electricity), and Chemistry had me rather worried, so I spent all my time studying for them. As it

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this year. being his first. but it is certainly doing him worlds of good. Mother is well and happy as far as I can ascertain from her letters and keeping quite busy. Grandmother is gradually weakening more and more but what else can you expect with an old lady at her age?

Please do not bother to answer this letter for I know just how busy you are. I certainly hope your visit to Winnipeg proved pleasant and profitable. I shall be writing again very soon. Until then, believe me, as ever, dear Uncle Willie,

Your affectionate nephew,

Lyon

turned out, Chemistry was a false alarm, failing to materialize. but it is due sometime this week, I am certain. The other two both "went off" very well but I have not, as yet, heard the results.

Things are generally very quiet at this time of the year but in another month or so, I fancy, all concerts and At-Homes will perforce cease. I am feeling in great shape and have had absolutely no trouble so far with my sinus (touch wood!). My Uncle Harold is of the opinion that I won't be bothered with it again.

I am afraid Art is having all he can do with his course at C.U. It is particularly hard for him

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February 29, 1932

My dear Lyon:

I am sorry not to have had a chance to send you sooner a word of sympathy in the loss of your dear grandmother, with whom you have lived during a good part of the last year or two, and from whom you have received so much careful thought and care, and of whom you also have been so thoughtful and helpful in many ways.

While you had told me in one of your letters that your grandmother seemed to be failing a good deal, I had not realised that the end was so near. The last week of her illness must have been quite a strain on you, and her death quite a shock. However, I am sure it is all for the best that she has been spared further suffering. Mrs. Wookey had lived to a great age and had been spared to see all the members of her family in homes of their own and surrounded by those near and dear to them. She will be far happier in the other world, where there is no pain or suffering, and where she will be with other loved ones who have gone before.

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I am sure it will be a great comfort to your heart to know that you were able to do so much for your grandmother while you were living with her. I have admired very greatly the tender care and affection you have shown her, and you may be sure that all of that will bring its reward throughout the whole of your life. You have done your duty well, both by your grandmother and your mother, and I know that on this account a great blessing will be yours.

I was glad to have the little talk I had with you over the telephone. If it had been possible for me to do so, I would have come up to be with you and the others at the funeral, but I just could not be away from my duties here on that day.

I was glad to hear your Uncle Bob say that it had been found possible to get you into residence. I do hope that means may be found to have you continue there through your college days. You are at the age now when you can look after yourself in association with others, and you know right from wrong. You can be depended upon to set a good example in the matter of behaviour to other boys, while remaining true to the principles which are yours and to which you have adhered so well.

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Do not be surprised if what you have had to go through at this time should make a little more difficult your work at the university. We will all understand if you do not get the same place as you did last year. That could hardly be expected in any event. You can only do your best and the main thing is not to overdo, but to take things as kindly and philosophically as you can. I want you to feel that I am very near to you in all your anxieties and any troubles you may have, and that I know enough of life to be able to understand all the problems that may be yours. You may be sure, too, that your dear father continues to guide and to guard you from the Great Beyond, and at this period will be very near to you at all times and that he will be helping you as much as he can.

It will be a great comfort to your mother to know that you were so good to your grandmother and that you were with her right to the close.

I shall be glad if you will drop me a little note, telling me just how matters

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have been arranged for you. As you know, I am much interested in keeping as closely in touch with you as I can. If I do not write as often as I would like, it is only because of the great pressure of my work while parliament is in session.

With fondest love,
Believe me, dear Lyon,
Your affectionate Uncle,

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March 20, 1932

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your sweet, kind letter of last month very much warmed my heart and helped a great deal to soothe the natural sorrow at the death of my grandmother. That I have not written you before this in reply to your letter I can lay only to the fact that the gap in my work caused by the upset of our home has taken me all these weeks to fill and only now am I beginning to see light once more. Especially now that it is getting so near examination time, the work is getting harder and harder. As far as I can tell, however, everything is going well and I don't think there ought to be much trouble.

I am enjoying life in residence to the full and I find that it in no way hinders my studying. I get all my meals

only thing I regret at the University is the lack of exercise. It seems absolutely impossible for me to work a moment in when I can run on the track or play a game of squash. However, I'll wait till I start to grow a double chin before I really begin to get fidgety.

But here I am using up all the available space on myself. How are you, Uncle Willie, is the government still solvent? You must be having a great old time making Bennett lose his temper on the floor of the Commons. Good boy! A certain element in the university (about 95½ %) always get a good laugh when they read about your salvos in the papers.

Now I must stop and drop the dear Mother a line. I should be very grateful for a little of your sound advice in this, to me, momentous decision. Good-bye for now,

Your loving nephew,

Lyon

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and see if there was anything doing around the Sigma Nu. I have not as yet been approached by them, even though Father was a charter member of the fraternity. I shall try if possible to hold off Alpha Kappa Kappa until I see what the Sigma Nu is like. What would you advise, sir? I have written Mother fully about the matter for I should like to hear both your opinion and hers before taking any definite action one way or another.

I have been having a slight bit of amusement on the side along with the work. Last night I had the pleasure of seeing Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" as presented by the Stratford-on-Avon players. It was really the most excellent performance I have ever seen, and I enjoyed it quite the most of all the plays I have attended. The acting was superb and, altogether, the evening was a thoroughly enjoyable one. The

practically, at Hart House where the food is very good and very reasonable. Laundry too, has been taken off my hands by a private concern who does it all at 50¢ a week. I have a particularly quiet and hard-working room-mate in 1st year Honour Science. He is in a stiff course and has the sense to realize it. Dr. Hoskin, our house-master is a great admirer of yours and a great friend of Harden Bickerstaff's. I took dinner with him on Thursday night last upstairs in Hart House. He is an exceedingly fine chap.

The fraternities have started in to rush me a bit now and this week, I was asked by two of them, Alpha Kappa Kappa, and Theta Kappa Psi to join. The latter I shall decline as the fellows from my year who are being rushed are not at all the kind I particularly care to associate with. My Uncle Harold thought it would be better to wait

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March 26, 1932

My dear Lyon:

I was very pleased to receive your letter telling me of your life in residence. I am sure that you will find great benefits from the knowledge, contacts and associations which residence affords.

I am particularly pleased that you have found time for a little amusement on the side. Anything in the nature of entertainments such as "The Taming of the Shrew", orchestral concerts and the like is quite as "educational" as the work of the classroom and, not infrequently, has a greater cultural value. I do not think you need be afraid of overdoing on that side, and my advice would be to take advantage of as many opportunities of the kind as you feel you are justified in taking.

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So far as college fraternities are concerned, I should not allow the question of joining or not joining to occasion you much concern. College fraternities are apt to prove as much of a disadvantage as an advantage. It all depends upon how much importance a boy attaches to them. Regarded as incidental and also in the nature of a recreation and opportunity for more intimate association with the right type of men, they may be of real advantage in undergraduate life. If taken too seriously, or regarded as in the nature of a club where time is wasted rather than improved, they can be most detrimental.

Personally, I would not bother at all about being a member of a fraternity, unless it was the very best. Your Uncle Harold will be able to advise you as to the standing of the medical fraternities. I should be inclined to think that the one to which your father belonged would be the natural one for you to join, if you join any. If they do not invite you this year, they may

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another year, and, if they do not invite you at all, I should not regard that as in any way a misfortune. It not infrequently happens that the best men at the university are not known to their fellows of more limited perception. No boy need ever feel any concern at being overlooked. My advice wouldbbe, be certain in your own mind as to the standing of the fraternity, and then decide whether, if invited, you wish to join or not.

The item of expense is another feature to be considered, but I do not think this is a particularly heavy one, at least in the case of some of the fraternities. It is something, however, into which you would do well to inquire before pledging yourself to become a member.

The only note in your letter which causes me concern is that you find it difficult to find time to get exercise. While,in your case, I would strongly advise against strenuous exercise, as, for example, anything in

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the nature of seeking a place on teams, etc. I would with equal strength advise at least a certain amount of exercise every day, and this at a regular time. Between five and six in the afternoon is, I think, the best of all times, as the exercise helps to give a good appetite and freshens you up for the evening. If your mind is to be clear, your body must be kept free of poisons, and nothing will do that as well as exercise sufficiently vigorous to open the pores. You will have to take the greatest care after exercising to take a bath and dry yourself well. That is all important. I believe that a half hour to an hour spent in this way each day will do more than repay itself in what it will afford in increased physical and mental alertness and general enjoyment of health.

I am glad to know that the examinations promise well. I am sure that you will do great credit to yourself when the time comes.

With every loving good wish, believe me, as always, dear Lyon,

Yours affectionately,

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South House
April 10, 1932

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a very brief note to let you know how things are progressing generally. Your very kind and helpful letter was a source of great comfort and advice to me as regards the Fraternity question and several other matters you mentioned. I am trying to follow your advice about exercise by trying to get as many games of squash a week as possible, that being about the only sport I have time for in the present days of stress and strain. You are quite right in the matter of getting plenty of exercise. Do you happen to remember in the days when you lived in residence whether the pleasant occupation known

A week ago last night I took a young lady with me to see that great play of John Masefield's — Pompey the Great" — at Hart House Theatre. We went in evening dress and felt as swell as any of the much bedecked old ladies and gentlemen who are always to be seen on such occasions. Lord Bessborough was also present that evening which made the whole thing highly enjoyable.

Plans for the summer are still as yet rather nebulous. I am hoping that Mother will be able to be here again this summer as I am greatly anxious for her to obtain a really complete rest which was impossible so long as Grandmother had to be looked after (I say this in all reverence, you may be sure). If you find time to drop me a line and tell me how things are progressing with you, you know how much I shall appreciate it. As ever, I am

Sincerely and affectionately yours,
Lyon

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in III year Commerce and Finance with whom I am arranging to room next year. I had an invitation to dinner at the Sigma Nu a week ago last Thursday. I thought them a succeedingly fine crowd. I am rather inclined to think that if I am so fortunate as to be asked, I will pledge myself without hesitation. Mother is of the same mind as I am in this respect. Therefore I shall not be entering a fraternity to live this year or next fall but will wait and look around a little more.

Work is in exceedingly good shape I have every reason to believe and I am really in no way concerned about the coming examinations. I believe I ~~to~~ have the material well in hand and expect little trouble. I was very lucky in getting 91 and 92 in two successive chemistry papers we had not long ago which was at least a change from the foregoing ones.

as "water-bagging" was carried on during the warm spring evenings just after supper? It seems to be a great sport here. It consists of standing in the corridor windows and casting paper bags filled with water not to mention pails of water at luckless individuals who are so rash as to come within range. It is always quite a problem to get in the house after supper without being thoroughly soaked in the process. I find residence on the whole an excellent home and it in no way interferes with study except for the odd inebriated soul or souls giving vent to their emotions in lusty bawling. It is, as you know, the height of convenience as far as access to the university is concerned. The association with the other chaps I find to be very valuable. I have a very dear friend

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My dear Lyon:

I was very pleased to receive this morning your letter of Sunday. I have felt all along that you would find residence a great advantage in more ways than one, and I am greatly pleased that such is proving to be the case.

I am glad to know that the fraternity problem is clearing itself up in your mind and that you have decided, if you enter a fraternity at all, not to think of any one but the best. By "the best", I mean the one the membership of which, so far as you can ascertain, represents boys of the highest character. After all, there is nothing that counts, either at university or in afterlife, as character. Money, social position, etc., etc., may usually do lead only to snobbery, unless there is very much in the way of character back of it. Where wealth and social position are obtained by honourable means and hard work and much in the way of service to others,

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the recognition that comes therefrom may be worth while. However, where character is not back of either wealth or position they usually have the effect of destroying what little in the way of character there may be.

I would advise you to consider very carefully any association with a fraternity which would mean of necessity living in a fraternity house. One of the advantages of a college eduction is to get in touch with and come to know as many men as possible. Residence in a fraternity house tends towards isolation and the narrowing of the scale of one's acquaintances. Life in residence, apart from a fraternity or along with membership in a franternity, gives the best chance of making a wide circle of friends, as it has not the element of isolation about it which life in a fraternity house has. You will find in afterlife that one of the greatest advantages of your university course has been the number of men you have come to know and to know well in the course of your undergraduate years. Never forget that anything which will tend to remove you from the widest contacts is a mistake, particularly in an age like the present and in a democracy such as Canada is.

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It is not always the men who figure most prominently in fraternities, clubs, etc., etc., who become the really great men in after years. Some there are of real character who manifest their abilities and personalities in these directions during their undergraduate courses, but there are many splendid students, unassuming students, who become in later life the most famous of men, simply because they have been devoting their time and thought to worth while pursuits, while others have been using their energies on vanities and frivolities. I would cite Dr. Banting as an example. I do not know to what, if any, fraternity Dr. Banting may have belonged, but I should be surprised if during his undergraduate days his name was particularly prominent in so-called higher social circles, and yet he is one of the greatest men of the world to-day. Pasteur is an outstanding example of what I have in mind. He, I believe, is as great as any man who ever lived.

I am glad you are not overlooking exercise. Squash is, I imagine, as good

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as any exercise could be, though open door pursuits are preferable to indoor when the weather permits. However, squash has the advantage of giving you a good deal of exercise in a short time. I would make it a point of getting exercise regularly and always a certain amount, being careful not to overdo.

I am glad you feel as you do about your work. I am sure the examinations will prove to be all you hope they may. It is too early yet to determine what may be possible in the summer, but I am sure you will find the summer, too, will work out to great advantage to your mother, Arthur and yourself.

With fondest love, believe me, dear Lyon,

Affectionately yours,

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South House, U. of T.
April 17, 1932

Dear Uncle Willie,

I was most happy to receive your letter a few days ago with its ever valuable advice for I know at what sacrifice to your own work you are so kind to find time to write. You may or may not be pleased to hear that I have finally and without doubt pledged Alpha Kappa Kappa. This seems rather contrary to what I said in my last letter but here, sir, are my chief reasons: As you know I have not jumped into this matter with my eyes closed, utterly ignorant of the whole proposition. I obtained, in my several visits to fraternities at the beginning of my year in Arts, an idea as to what a general fraternity was like and not help it. I feel that in a medical fraternity house I should find the atmosphere of earnest down-to-business that I am looking for. It is sometimes very difficult to study with clamour and radios and shouting. While I know study is not everything, yet, particularly at this time of the year, it is essential.

I hope therefore, I shall not disappoint you or hurt you in any way, when I tell you that I should like nothing better than to live in at AKK in the years to come, starting with next fall. Everything else aside, it will be very much cheaper there than in residence.

Mother writes me very cheerily saying that everything is progressing finely and that she and Art are looking forward very much to driving up in the Ford this summer. If you care to let me have your opinion in regard to the matter just discussed, I shall be most grateful.

Ever lovingly yours,
Lyon

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to find myself alone in a fraternity, no matter of what standing, surrounded by fellows with whom I was, to say the least, unfamiliar. I have seen the very pick of the year drawn into AKK and that one consideration more than any other has led me to this decision. I feel myself in need too, of the moral support of such a body for everytime I go to the house, everyone has a smile and a cordial handshake ready and they are all willing to feel themselves out for you inasmuch as they possibly can. I beg to differ with you, Uncle Willie, in the matter of living in a fraternity. Personally I rate residence as next best. I have found, in the short time I have been in residence, that it has been impossible for me to cultivate the acquaintance of the chaps outside the course as I am away from the house all day every day and in the evenings I have six hours of work to do. This gives me very little time to spend in other mens' rooms and while I regret it, yet I can

about what to expect from a fraternity of that type. This year, I have been mentally comparing the three Medical fraternities with which I have come in contact to that one and I have found the Medical frats superior in almost every way. Now, as regards AKK and ΝΣΝ — I have seen both fraternities, I have met the fellows in them, and I have made inquiries regarding the standing of each. I have found them to be on exactly the same footing in the way of having members on the general Hospital staff. AKK holds the inter-fraternity shield for scholarship even out-classing the Sigs in that respect. The latter has a lot more money at its command and a much finer house than AKK, but need I say what consideration is to be taken of that? Now, sir, as to my real reason — one by one I have found the fellows whom I have come to like best joining Alpha Kap and not a one to my knowledge has ever been asked to the Sigma Chi. I should hate

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My dear Lyons

I am sure that the decision you have made with regard to the fraternity you wish to join will prove to be for the best. Such expressions of view as I have given are general in character and, necessarily, general in their application. Without knowing of the fraternities themselves, and the men who belong to them and, in particular something of the history of the families of the latter, I could not pretend to advise between one fraternity and another.

My views as to the wisdom of residence in the college area, as against residence in a fraternity house, is based upon an experience which relates more to post-graduate years than to under-graduat days. My observation has been that whatever tends towards exclusiveness in under-graduate days tends to operate in a like direction in post-graduate years.

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In an age like ours, the wider a man's circle of acquaintance, and the broader his interests, the better things being equalled, the more it is likely to mean for him in the long run. Of course, there are always reasons which outweigh other reasons, and it may well be that fraternity houses have advantages today which they did not have when I was at the university. On this point, therefore, I would hesitate to express any too positive an opinion.

With all good wishes and best love,

Believe me always, dear Lyon,
Very affectionately yours,

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South House
April 24, 1932

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just the briefest of brief notes to let you know that everything is progressing in fine shape although things for the summer time look rather unpromising as far as getting a job is concerned. I am finding it necessary to "step on the gas", so to speak, with the work. The amount of material we are expected to cover is vast and what is much worse, we are supposed to know the greater part of it. Lectures are finishing up rapidly now and by the end of next week, all the work for the year will be over. They are all trying to get one last crack at us before the finals, it seems, for in the coming weeks there will be a practical test in light (physics) and one in biology and two written exams. The finals start on Monday. The week following and finish

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up by Friday, the 13th. Aunt Glad has very kindly offered to let me move directly from residence to her place as soon as they leave for England (about the 20th of May) and I'll keep house till Mother and Art come.

I should like to express my sincere appreciation of the kind and generous way in which you received my decision about the fraternity matter and I am indeed deeply grateful for all of your valuable advice.

I'm sorry I haven't time to write longer as every spare minute seems to be taken up. but this will serve to keep in touch with you at any rate. Please don't bother answering this letter for I know how busy you are. I shall write after the exams are over and tell you my reflections on the subject. Until then, I am

Ever your loving nephew,
Lyon

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Am more than delighted with the result of examination and send you my hearty congratulations on splendid results first year in medicine.

Uncle Willie

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600 Lonsdale Rd.
Toronto, Ont.
June 11, 1932

Dear Uncle Willie,

Well sir, the year is over and I've been lucky, too lucky perhaps. But I must say as I look back over it, it has been worth all the sorrow and grief and trouble because for the first time I have really lived. You have been so very kind to me this year in your little words of advice and comfort and encouragement that you have indeed filled Father's place as completely as you have always wished to do. Your moral support, dear Uncle Willie, has been invaluable and I want you to know how deeply grateful I am. If I have managed to repay your kindness in the

been here since leaving Stratford and I am all alone. I am of course just biding my time till Mother gets here and takes command. I think it will be a very pleasant summer for her indeed and also profitable because she will be able to study as much as she likes no longer having Grandmother to consider. Art also has the same job as last summer so that he will not have too much time on his hands.

I imagine from the papers that you are being kept quite busy in your affairs of state and so please don't feel it necessary to answer this brief screed. I shall let you know right away the outcome of Art's work. Your loving letter and wire both gave me great pleasure. Believe me as always, dear Uncle Willie.

Your own loving nephew,
Lyon

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of your words so that I have decided to adopt the latter course for the next year at any rate and possibly the following one. I very very much enjoyed the short bit of residence life since February and I am anxious to get much more of it.

The week following the final exams I spent with a friend of mine in Stratford. It was an exceedingly enjoyable visit and fitted in very nicely with what was to follow; because the following Monday I started work at the Confederation Life office for the second time. It was entirely and only due to the efforts of Uncle Bob that I was able to do this so I have a lot to thank him for. I am now staying at my Aunt Gladys' apartment on Lonsdale Rd. while she and her husband and the baby are over in Ireland for the summer. I have

slightest degree by the outcome of this year's work. that is all I ask for that is the only way in which I feel I can repay both you and my dear Mother.

I sincerely think that Art too has made a success of his year's work and I am expecting a letter daily apprising me of the fact. You will be glad to know, I'm sure, that he did come successfully thru his most doubtful and difficult subject - Analytical Geometry. He is now all through and it only remains to put the finishing touches on the house-cleaning and general repairing and for the few remaining music lessons to be given before Mother and Art start off for Canada in the new Plymouth.

In thinking over your advice about living in a fraternity and living in residence, I have gradually come to see the full wisdom

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South House
Toronto, Ont.
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Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a line to let you know how greatly I enjoyed the summer and the trip home to Denver, and how things are going this fall at college. As you know, I was working for three months in the Confederation Life Insurance company in the same department as last year. The work was even more enjoyable than before and of course having Mother and Art with me added the finishing touches. The trip down to Denver in our own car and the bus ride back were most interesting experiences. We were all three of us so sorry and disappointed at not being able to see you and be with you for a short time at the end of August but due to the death of one of Denver's

the winter. I have been told it is an excellent sport both for quickness and general training.

I have visited the fraternity once or twice but have had little time to meet new fellows. There have been a lot of new freshmen come into the residence and I hope soon to become a little better acquainted with some of them.

Mother, when I left, was very well and happy about her work and Arthur was just getting ready to start his second year in engineering. I think he will enjoy the practical work much more than the work he was doing last year.

I am looking forward greatly to hearing from you and whether you are being kept pretty busy by affairs of state. I shall write again very soon and let you know of any new developments. Believe me, as ever,

Your loving nephew,
Lyon

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extent of $320.00 and the balance she would make up herself from her year's work. If you could do this, Mother would be able to take care of Arthur's expensis herself. You have been so extremely kind in the past in offering us assistance that we thought you would like to participate in the year's expenditures to this amount.

Work started immediately after I returned from Denver and ever since I have been hard at it. I am finding anatomy a tremendously big and hard subject and have been inclined to worry about it perhaps overly much. It has rather depressed me for the past week but I expect I shall soon get into the way of it and have no further trouble.

I am also playing a very little football and other games just to keep in shape and am thinking seriously of taking up fencing during

most prominent music teachers, conditions in the musical field in Denver made it imperative for Mother to be there before the end of the month. We are certainly looking forward with greatest possible anticipation towards next summer and a chance to really be with you again.

In the past two weeks I have been rushed off my feet by the multitude of small things that have to be attended to in connection with the reopening of the university. I am living again in South House and my room-mate is one of my best personal friends. In regard to the money arrangements for the year, my uncles (Mother's brothers) have offered to help her in financing my third year to the extent of $320.00. I expect to receive from my scholarship $150. Mother and I were wondering whether you would care also to aid us to the

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Ottawa,
October 22, 1932

My dear Lyon:

I was greatly pleased to receige your letter of October the 7th. Unfortunately our parliament reassembled the day before it was received, and since the opening, as you know, I have been more than preoccupied with the debates in the House of Commons, and have had, until today, to give up altogether any attempt at correspondence.

I am so glad that you enjoyed so much your trip to Denver, and the short vacation you had there; also that you have returned in such good shape for your work at the University. Let me counsel you to go easy in all that you attempt. Avoid as much as possible anything in the nature of rush.

Some little time before your letter was received, I had one from your mother, telling me of the assistance your uncles had arranged to give to her, and which she proposed to use in the manner mentioned in her letter, and which was as indicated in your letter to me. Your mother also spoke of an account which I had opened at Ottawa, the funds of which were

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to be available toward the education of Arthur and yourself. One is never certain what the future may have in store either as regards added opportunities or added responsibilities, and I therefore have always made it a rule, as far as I could, to avoid incurring any obligation until I was perfectly sure of my ability to meet it. It was this which caused me to put to one side, before financial conditions became any worse, the amount which I have placed in the Bank of Montreal to the joint account of your mother and ~~you~~ yourself. As explained at the time, however, your mother was to be free to draw on the account as she might wish, and send either you or Arthur from it the amounts which she might feel it necessary and desirable to send. No doubt she has written you that I have told her that whatever she wishes to do with the amount in whole or in part will, of course, be entirely acceptable to me, with the one proviso, that what is there will be used in connection with the education of Arthur and yourself.

What, therefore, is suggested in your letter, is entirely agreeable to me, if it appears to your mother to be the one that she would most wish to make. I have thought that in every way it would be preferable for your mother herself to draw from the deposit and send to you from time to time the amounts necessary to carry out what she may have in mind. I have spoken to the bank here about

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instructing their agent in Toronto to cash at par any cheque drawn against the Ottawa deposit, and this they have agreed to do once they are advised as to the branch in Toronto to which the cheques will be presented for payment. This seems to me, in every way, the best method to adopt,as it will keep everything entirely in your mother's hands, and will avoid any embarrassment in case I myself should be prevented, through absence, or from other reason, from sending you what may be required at the time it may be needed.

I shall be glad to hear from you again as to how you are enjoying the University and its associations, as well as your work. I am sure you have decided wisely in taking up residence in one of the college dormitories in preference to a fraternity house. You will realise this better after graduation than it is possible to do before. Fraternities may be, and are of advantage in some particulars, but they also often tend towards making friendships too exclusive and in giving wrong conceptions as to the real worth of those who, for one reason or another, have not been asked or found it possible to join them. Being a member of a fraternity myself, and having watched for many years the effect fraternities have had on many of their members, I am not in the least surprised that some of the colleges have discontinued them altogether, believing that in this age they were likely to prove prejudicial

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rather than beneficial in the future of their undergraduate members. That danger, I think, is very largely avoided where residence is in a college dormitory rather than in a fraternity house.

I would write more, but I am very pressed for time just at the moment.

With fondest love and all good wishes,

Believe me, as always, dear Lyon,
Yours very affectionately,

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Univ. of Toronto
Oct. 29, 1932

Dear Uncle Willie,

I was very happy to receive your letter a short time ago for it carried with it a great deal of cheer and encouragement. I guess you have been very very busy with governmental matters, the last few weeks. Trying to maintain the correspondence you do must be the greatest possible chore at times, so it seems to me.

I quite understand the way in which you want things done about the financial proposition and I know Mother will know best how to handle the money you have so kindly placed

Mother and Art are both very well and, as far as I can make out, Mother is having plenty of work to keep her busy. Arthur is enjoying his work this year much more than he did last and I think he is having a much better time generally.

Once again, let me thank you for your kind letter for I know how pressed for time you are. With best love

Your affectionate nephew,

Lyon

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it now and get it over with. The first examination in Anatomy is to be held in two weeks from now. To say that I am scared stiff is putting it mildly, but I am hoping for the best anyway.

On Monday night our Soph - Frosh dance is to be held at the Royal York and I expect to pass an extremely enjoyable evening there. In two weeks also, our Fraternity initiation will be held. It is the occasion of the annual alumni banquet and should be very memorable. I told you in my last letter about going to hear Rachmaninoff. He was simply splendid and I did enjoy his performance so much

at her disposal. It will be easiest for her, in all probability, to send me the money in amounts that she sees fit. We are both of us deeply appreciative of your generous help.

The past month at the University has been for me, Uncle Willie, one of extreme mental unrest and worry. By nature I absorb things more slowly than the average student and, as a result, I find myself very far behind the other fellows at the present time in Anatomy. It has had quite a demoralizing effect on me which I hope will soon disappear for it has now got to the stage where it affects my sleep. I guess it is something everyone goes through at some period in their lifetime. If so, I am just as glad to have

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Ottawa,
November 1, 1932

My dear Lyon:

I was glad to receive your letter yesterday, and this morning to receive one as well from your mother, and to know that my plan to place at her sole disposition the funds which I have put aside towards the education of Arthur and yourself is, apparently, satisfactory alike to you and to your mother. My purpose in arranging matters in this way was that I felt that so long as there was something definitely assured in advance it would be much better than the promise of an equivalent amount, spread over a period of time, which would necessarily be subject to risks and uncertainties that do not arise once the money has been deposited in the bank for safe-keeping and for a definite purpose.

I have read with much sympathy what you tell me of the difficult you have had in mastering the study of anatomy. I do not think you should be surprised at an entirely new subject causing you a good deal of embarrassment at the outset. Not infrequently, the tasks which are the easiest in the long run present, at the outset, their greatest difficulties.

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I have no doubt that in the course of time you will be as efficient in anatomy as in any other subject. I would strongly advise you, however, not to worry about the matter if you can possibly avoid so doing. What I would suggest would be to get one of the older students, or younger professors, to give you a hand with phases of the study which you find it difficult to understand; go right to the beginning, and master each stage, before you try to understand the one that follows it. That is the only sure way to become the master of a situation.

I do not think that you are any less quick to master a subject than others; indeed, I think your record shows that you do so much more quickly and completely than the average student. It is just that some subjects present more difficulty to some than they do to others. I would have a talk with your Professor about the anxiety your study is causing you, and see if a word from him would not relieve you of the discouragement you are experiencing at present. Above everything, avoid the loss of sleep, even if, for the time being, you have to sacrifice the subject itself. For success, more will depend upon your health than aught else.

Fear of examinations is something which everyone goes through. It is like the fear which many experience in regard to public speaking and public appearances of different kinds. What is needed to meet a situation of the kind is as much in the way of self-control as possible. Just make up your mind that you will not be afraid. It may comfort you to know

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that, even after all the experience I have had in public life, I never have an important speech to make in parliament or elsewhere that I do not suffer agonies in the course of its preparatio and until it is out of the way. That, I am afraid is a penalty we all pay for the kind of nervous temperament which, properly controlled, is in large part the real secret of achievement in the long run.

I shall not write more at the moment, as I am much preoccupied with my parliamentary work. I do not, however, like to let the day go by without sending you a reassuring word in the matter of your studies.

I am glad to gather from your mother's letter that in other particulars all appears to be going very well with you, and that you continue greatly to enjoy your work at the University.

With all good wishes, and fondest love,
Believe me, dear Lyon,
Yours affectionately,

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December 13, 1932

My dear Lyon:

As you may have noticed, I shall be in Toronto on Thursday and Friday of this week, but, as I have luncheon engagements on both days and am speaking both evenings, I do not expect to have much in the way of free time on the occasion of this visit. I am sorry for that, as I should like to have had a chance to see a little of and to have had a good talk with you while in the city.

Thinking everything over, I believe the best plan would be for you to come,, if you conveniently can, to the Royal York Hotel about 9.30 on Thursday morning, and have a bite of breakfast with me there, provided this does not conflict in any way with your lectures or make it too late for breakfast for you.

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If that time should not be convenient, perhaps you would ring up and, if I am not in, leave your name and number so that I can call you up and fix some other time.

I am greatly looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you again.

Yours very affectionately,

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December 30, 1932

My dear Lyon:

Let me thank you very warmly for the gift which you sent to me for Christmas, and for all the love and good wishes which came with it. I imagine you must have observed, when in my room at the Royal York Hotel, that I was much in need of a clothes brush, otherwise I do not see how you could have hit upon the very thing I have been continually asking for. The one you have sent me has a note about it which will add to the merriment of the New Year. The bird is a very wise looking one, and no doubt that is due to its association with the University.

I hope you have had a happy Christmas season, and that you enjoyed your visit to Scotland. Please let me know if you received the gift which I sent to you at Christmas time. I thought I saw an envelope in your handwriting in some of the mail that came in a day or two ago, but I must have been mistaken, for I

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have not been able to find any letter from you among the many which have come in during the past week. I hope that nèèther mine nor yours have gone astray.

This letter will reach you, in all probability, on the last day of the old year. Please let it bring to you again my congratulations on all that you have achieved during the year now drawing to a close, and my very best of wishes for the New Year. May 1933 be a very good year for you and for all who are near and dear to us both.

With fondest love,
Believe me, dear Lyon,
Your affectionate Uncle,

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January 4, 1933

My dear Lyon:

I cannot tell you how distressed I feel to think that my Christmas letter to you and its enclosure were not delivered until December the 27th. It says very little for the postal arrangements at the Christmas season. My recollection is that I mailed the letter to you at the same time as I mailed the one to Barrie, and that on Thursday afternoon. It is altogether ridiculous that in a great national service like the post office matters should be so handled, or rather bungled, as to occasion so protracted a delivery. I am afraid you must have been greatly disappointed at not having heard from me before Christmas Eve. If you still have the envelope, I would be glad if you would send it to me as, if need be, I shall bring up the matter in parliament. It looks to me as if the department were thinking more of the public serving the employees, than having the employees serve the public. However, I am

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greatly pleased at the way in which you have accepted the situation, and, perhaps, in the end the gift was no less welcome coming the day after Christmas rather than the day before.

I can quite understand your being too busy to write during the few days you were at Stratford. I am glad your visit there was such a happy one, and that, taken altogether, your Christmas holiday has been the enjoyable one you tell me it was.

I shall certainly give your brush a place in the hall at Kingsmere. At the moment it is in the little cloak room at Laurier House.

I was very pleased to hear that you had bought a pair of brushes as a gift from myself to you. I am also pleased to know that you are reserving the amount of the cheque to be drawn upon for demands which may arise from time to time in connection with your life and work at university.

It afforded me great pleasure to learn of the results of your examination in histology, and I congratulate you heartily upon it. That was a splendid way

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I was much interested at hearing of your having witnessed your first operations at the hospital. That looks as if you were beginning your life's work in earnest. I do hope, dear Lyon, as I also believe, that great success will attend both your studies and your practice in medicine and surgery, and that, through them, you will be able, in the course of your life, to relieve much pain and suffering and add greatly to the well-being of your fellow-men. There can be nothing finer to aim at in life, and with you it will, I know, be a double satisfaction in that you will be carrying on your own father's name and work, a work which has been of great help to a large number of those most in need of counsel and aid.

With my renewed good wishes for 1933,

Believe me,
Yours very sincerely,
affectionately

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South House
Jan. 8, 1933

Dear Uncle Willie,

I am sorry that you should have been so distressed about your Christmas letter arriving after Christmas. When it had not come by Saturday after noon the day before Christmas I felt sure that it had been delayed and so was not surprised when it didn't come till Tuesday morning. In accordance with your request I am enclosing the envelope in which your letter came. The "answered" on it simply means that I have acknowledged its receipt to keep it distinct from those letters

used by the Group as propaganda. He pointed out that all this business of receiving divine messages from the Almighty to help one out of a tight place was just so much rot, etc, etc. He is a very eloquent and powerful speaker and has'nt the slightest hesitation in coming right out with his convictions. His sermon this morning was sarcastic and ironic to an intense degree and some of his salvos, so to speak, were of the very cleverest nature. I hope to hear him speak again next Sunday on the subject of "Sins — scarlet and pink"!

I would like, before closing, to once again express my heart felt appreciation of your wonderful Christmas gift and to assure ~~th~~ you that it will be used to best advantage. As ever,

Affectionately, your nephew,

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one of them the lad with whom I was staying in Stratford.

We are both of us hard at work again preparing for our second big anatomy exam coupled on the 24th and 25th of this month. We have one in Embryology also in two weeks time so things won't be lacking excitement at any rate.

I was very impressed this morning by the first Jewish Synagogue service I have ever attended. Rabbi Eisendrath was the speaker and he made a complete and masterful job of slamming the Oxford Groups and all it stood for. It was extremely interesting to hear his vehement denunciation of the hypocrisy evident in some lines of the Groups work and of the cheap Americanisms

I have not answered. The same thing happened with all my Toronto mail which I likewise posted Thursday afternoon, the 22nd. Not one arrived before Tuesday morning and that was in the same city! In the same way, all my Denver parcels were a whole week and a half before they were delivered as I posted them on Monday before Christmas and they didn't arrive till Wednesday after Christmas.

Last Monday evening I had my second birthday party that I can remember. The last one was in 1926 on my 13th birthday and I have never forgotten it. This was simply a bridge and dance held at my Aunt Gladys' apartment at Lonsdale Rd. I had just three guests

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January 10, 193[illegible]

My dear Lyon:

I am glad to discover that my impression was right as to the time at which my letter was mailed. It must have been a real disappointment to you to have your own letters and Christmas remembrances delayed as they were. That will help you to understand just how I felt regarding my Christmas letter to you.

I am pleased all is going as well with you at the university as it is, and that you are interesting yourself in outside activities such as the addresses of clergymen and others on important questions. It is very wise for a young man to inform himself as widely as pos ible on the questions of the day and, above all, to keep a liberal and an open mind.

With best wishes,
Yours very affectionately,

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14 Madison Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
June 4, 1933

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your kind telegram brought me a great deal of happiness. I was very pleased with the way the result turned out and Mother, too, was delighted.

After my last exam. held on Saturday, May 13, I spent the week following in Stratford where I have had several visits before. I got my first real tennis of the season there and was very glad of a change and some much-needed exercise. I am now back at

aration for the exams. It was rather humiliating to be beaten to first place in a man's profession by a woman but the the girl who led the year is a fine, industrious worker and certainly deserved all she got. Arthur's exams. started yesterday and I think will last for two and possibly three weeks. Mother's teaching has now drawn pretty well to a close, her final recital coming off without a hitch.

I certainly hope we may all be together again for a short time this summer. Thank you again for your wire and best of love.

Your affectionate nephew,
Ron

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August while they are away on their summer holidays.

Last February along about the end of the month, I moved into the fraternity house here at 14 Madison Ave. where I am now staying till Mother's arrival. I did so for several reasons, one of them being the more secluded atmosphere for studying to be had in the fraternity house. I certainly have congratulated myself many times over for taking that step because I have never been more delighted with a place to live as I have the fraternity. I really do think it was a little help to me during my last my old position in the Confederation life insurance company which, by extreme good luck, I managed to get again for this summer. I have been down there two weeks now and the work is completely familiar to me once more.

Mother and Art are expecting to make the trip up again this summer as soon as Kate's exams at Bauder are over. That will be around the 20th or 21st of this month so it would be long before I'll be seeing them again. Like last summer we are going to take over the Davis' apartment at Lonsdale Rd. for the months of July and

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October 13, 1933

My dear Lyon:

I am sorry not to have had a letter to greet you and Arthur upon your return to Toronto to resume your studies at the University. My long absence in western Canada during the summer, and another absence attending the Liberal Summer Conference at Port Hope, threw me much behind in my correspondence, and this, combined with other engagements of a pressing nature, is responsible for your not having heard from me before this. At the moment, I have only time for a line, as I am leaving in the morning to attend a public meeting in the province of Quebec, and toward the end of next week I shall be addressing other meetings in the Maritime provinces. I need every available moment to get my material into shape.

I am sure you are delighted to have Arthur with you in Toronto, and that, as well, it will mean very much to Arthur to be with you. In a letter from your mother, she mentioned that you would not

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be living in the same house, but that probably he would be close at hand. As I have not his address, I am sending a little line to him in your care.

I am hoping that before long I shall have a chance of getting up to Toronto for a short visit, in which event I shall look forward to seeing both you boys again and having a talk with you about your work and other interests. I shall also look forward to seeing you both in Ottawa some time before very long.

I shall be glad if you will let me know how you are, where you are living, and something about the studies in which you are at present engaged. I want you and Arthur to feel that I am always deeply interested in all that you are doing, and I hope you will not hesitate to write me whenever you have the inclination so to do, and, particularly, with regard to any matter which, at any time, may be of concern to you.

I am glad to hear that your mother has a friend of hers living with her in Denver. She will miss both you boys very much, but having a friend with her in the house will be something of a compensation, though far from a complete one, for your absence.

Please let this letter bring to you my fondest love and best of wishes.

Believe me, as always,
Yours affectionate uncle,

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14 Madison Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
October 22, 1933

Dear Uncle Willie,

I cannot tell you how good it was to see you looking so well and cheery last Wednesday morning. For a busy man in politics I thought you looked very little the worse for wear. I wonder if you will be back at Ottawa now or if you are still making off to the far corners of the earth to make speeches at meetings. I should imagine you would be very grateful for a few quiet hours to yourself every now and then.

I immediately tucked down your letter which so unfortunately

exam. which I should probably sit next October, I would have to take a special tutoring course in Anatomy. The course is being given right now by one of our Anatomy professors for $50.00 & extends over the whole year right up to the time of examination. Do you think I would be wise to take that course whether or not I decided to write the exam? Uncle Harold is strongly in favour of my doing so.

I want to thank you very much for the little monetary gift. I appreciated it all the more coming at this time of the year. I shall write again the very next time I have a free moment.

Affectionately yours,
Lyon

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you haven't so much as an umbrella is a most hugubrious form of entertainment. After seeing you off at the station, we got back in plenty of time to get to the first lecture. Friday afternoon our football team had a game with Trinity and we were beaten 5-0.

I would like to have your honest opinion about a matter that is causing me a great deal of thought and uncertainty. It has been my wish for the past two years to try the primary F.R.C.S. examination at the end of my third year. To try the Canadian Fellowship costs $60.00 and to try the English costs £100.=. To prepare for the

missed its destination. It had been delivered to South House all right and that is where I found it and Art too. Yes, I am exceedingly sorry we were not all there & we able to see you and be with you this summer but Mother was so used up at the middle of August that she felt she simply must get home without delay.

This week had has not been entirely successful. Varsity was very badly beaten by Queen's yesterday in the rugby game. I was there and sat out in the rain getting wetter and more dejected as the moments went by. I think watching your own team get defeated in pouring rain when

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October 24, 1933

My dear Lyon:

I have just received your letter written on Sunday, and it has given me much pleasure.

One thing, however, has caused me a little concern, and that is your mention of having sat in the rain during the course of a football game. I really cannot caution you too strongly against taking any chances of the kind, no matter what circumstances may be. There is nothing which is so apt to lay you low quite so quickly as cold contracted through dampness, and I beg of you to use every precaution in avoiding getting either your feet or your clothes wet, where it is possible so to do. Should you be so unfortunate as to get caught in a storm some time, take immediate steps thereafter to get perfectly dry and warm.

With regard to the course in anatomy, I should think your Uncle Harold would be the best possible person from whom you could obtain advice. He knows what the extra strain and work would be, and also how

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able you are to attempt anything more than you might have in hand at the present time. I think you could not do better than follow his advice.

You may remember my speaking of my wish to have you and Arthur come down and spend Armistice Day with me at Ottawa. November eleventh, as you know, is your father's birthday, and it would give me great happiness to have you both with me at Laurier House on that day. It occurs to me that the railways might be running some excursion, enabling you to leave Toronto on the night of Friday and returning on the night of Sunday, the 12th, having the two full days here. I gathered from what you told me that you could not very well spare any part of Friday, or I would welcome your coming down either on that day, or the night before, to spend that day in Ottawa as well. I shall be glad to meet the expenses of the trip, as a contribution toward this little holiday, which I hope it may be possible to work out on excursion rates. Perhaps you and Arthur would find out at once what is probable and secure your accommodation well in advance.

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I may get a glimpse of you both in Toronto meanwhile, but I am sending this line in advance, in case I should be prevented from so doing.

With fondest love to you both,

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14 Madison Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
November 5, 1933

Dear Uncle Willie,

I can't tell you how delighted I was that you came to see yourself the place I lived in. You have no idea the pride and pleasure I felt to introduce you personally to all my friends. The fellows in the house all felt most honored. I think our home is really quite strongly liberal. I imagine your overwhelming success in B.C. here warmed your heart considerably.

Art was kicking himself all over the place for not having been on the ball to show you his room

think they are going to prove most worthwhile. I am also taking a special 1st class given once a week by the Prof.-in-chief of Anatomy free of charge to the 5 or 6 students he considers to have done the best work in Anatomy during the second year.

The Medical Sobb-Frock dance last Friday was a very good party and I enjoyed myself immensely every bit of the time. I have a great many more things to tell you when I see you so I will close for the present. Let me thank you again for your kind offer. With every good wish for a happy visit. I remain

Your affectionate nephew.

Lyon

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kindness in extending to Arthur and myself this opportunity to be with you at Laurier House. I wonder if it will be advisable to bring dinner clothes with us when we come. Could you let us know so that we may be prepared adequately for any event that might arise?

Things have been going quite well since I saw you last week. The results of the Physiology exam. came out a day or two ago and I stood about 5th in the year which I considered quite a lucky break with all the football I'd been participating in. I accepted your advice to join Dr. Hatti special anatomy class. We have had two sessions now and I really

himself. He takes very great pride in it and in keeping it presentable so his chagrin at missing you was considerable. As we anticipated, he was out having dinner at a restaurant near the University.

I have made inquiries about the week-end rates from here to Ottawa. There is, I find, no special excursion rate over the armistice but the regular week-end rate is $10.65 return. The train leaves here at 11:35 P.M. and arrives in Ottawa the next morning at 7:45. So we ~~not~~ would be leaving Friday night at that time. Art and I are looking forward with greatest anticipation to seeing you next Saturday. I cannot say how deeply I appreciate your

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November 6, 1933

My dear Lyon:

I am very pleased to have your letter of November 5th, just received. I assure you that the pleasure of my visit to your quarters and Arthur's was quite eqâal to that which you tell me it afforded you. I share Arthur's disappointment at our having missed each other.

I am glad to know that all went so well with your physiology exam., and that you have joined Dr. Watt's special anatomy class.

I am looking forward to getting from Arthur and yourself all the latest college news when you come down on Friday next. I enclose a cheque for $25.00, to cover railway tickets and sleeping berths for Arthur and yourself. I am not just sure what the berths comes to, but we can make any necessary readjustments after you are here.

In case they should be needed, it might be as well to bring your dinner

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clothes along. It may not be necessary, but it would be better to have them on hand.

My car will be at the station to meet you at 7.45 Saturday morning. I do not think you will have any difficulty in recognising the chauffeur. If you do, he will probably be able to pick you out.

I am looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you both on Saturday - a pleasure that is doubled by the fact that it is Remembrance Day and the anniversary of your father's birthday.

With fondest love to Arthur and yourself,

Your affectionate Uncle

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14 Madison Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
November 13, 1933

Dear Uncle Willie,

It is useless for me to try and express in words my heart-felt appreciation of all the kindness and love you have shown Arthur and myself. I can only show my gratitude by attempting, insofar as it lies within my power, to put into practice in my daily life the great principles and the little hints you discussed during our little visit together. Words are meaningless things in a matter of this kind and all I yearn for is opportunity to show you that your visit here has not

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fallen on barren ground. I love Ottawa and Laurier House with all my heart and soul and I count this last Armistice Day among the very greatest events of my life.

He arrived safely after a sound night sleep in Toronto this morning at 7:20 A.M. — just in time to get home for a bite of breakfast and a change of clothing. Work has gone on today as though uninterrupted but I have felt all through the day the beneficial effects of that restful holiday.

I wish I could write more but my studies are pressing and I must get on with them. Please give my kindest regards to all those dear people we met when you have occasion to see them again.

I hope your joint trouble will cease to bother you very soon and that you will be feeling in the finest of fettle for the heavy work ahead of you.

Believe me, dear Uncle Willie,

always

Your own loving and affectionate nephew,

Lyon

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November 16, 1933

My dear Lyon:

This is just to let you and Arthur know that I duly received your telegram and your welcome and loving letters, and I thank you for both.

I am glad you enjoyed your little holiday so much. For me it has left memories in every way as precious as those which you have carried away. I hope you will both keep in mind what I said about not overworking.

You were to send me a memorandum about the special anatomy class you are taking, and the amounts and times at which payments are to be made. If you will let me have the memorandum, I will have a cheque sent to you forthwith.

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Please tell Arthur that I hope he has already spoken about his ankles, and that he is doing what may be necessary to have them promptly and properly attended to.

With fondest love to you both,
Believe me, as always,
Your affectionate uncle,

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Toronto, Ont.
Nov. 21, 1933

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your chatty letter of last week brought me a great deal of pleasure. The wonderful visit still has the foremost place in my memory. Mother was delighted with all the news of what we did and saw while in Ottawa.

In your letter you asked me to send you a memorandum of the facial anatomy class. The amount is $50.00 to be paid in two instalments of $25.00 each. The first payment is due now. The professor only this morning asked me if I would have a degree

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ready for him by the next class which is next Tuesday. The other payment does not have to be made till some time after Christmas.

I cannot tell you how greatly I appreciate your kind help in this matter both in the gratification of my own desire to write this examination and in taking the load off Mother's shoulders that this expense would have been.

Things have been going along steadily since I saw you. I shall be writing again very soon. Thanking you again, I remain

Ever your loving nephew,

Lyon

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November 24, 1933

My dear Lyon:

I enclose a bank money order for $25.00, which you might endorse to the Professor of Anatomy, whose special course you are attending. If you will send me a reminder, when the second payment becomes due, I will see that another money order is immediately forwarded to you.

I had a lovely letter from your mother a few days ago. Evidently, you boys sent her a minute account of your Armistice visit to Ottawa.

With my love to you both,
Very affectionately yours,

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nine Deutscher and he sang several German Studenten-lieder for us. In the evening, we all gathered around the Christmas tree at my Uncle Bob's home and spent a very jolly Christmas night. About 9 o'clock we put through a long distance call to Denver and I spoke to both Mother and Art. It just completed the day to hear her voice and to know that they were safe and sound and having a jolly time together.

Let me thank you again, dear Uncle Willie, and may you enjoy a new year filled with happiness and good cheer. Believe me, as ever,

Your loving nephew,
Lyon

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14 Madison Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
December 26, 1933

Dear Uncle Willie,

Again I am at a loss to find words with which to express my heartfelt appreciation of your kindness not only to me but to my beloved Mother and Brother. Your beautiful card with its message of love and good cheer brought back to me with no little force the delightful visit we spent so recently with you at Kennin House. And then your letter, which was the first thing I reached for on Christmas morning, seemed at once to make the whole room warmer and

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and not words. The balance I will put by in the bank with a view towards using it next fall for my F.R.C.S. examination expenses.

I had a very wonderful Christmas Day. I went to dinner at one of the Fraternity Brothers place. He is in sixth year — E.L. Morgan Smith. I don't know if you remember him from your visit here. I had an extremely pleasant time, one of the best I've ever had at a Christmas Dinner. The meal was followed by a sing song in which all the old favourites were routed out and chanted forth with much gusto. One of the guests present was a real, gen-

brighter. Best of all was the news that you had found out what was causing you all the pain and were undergoing successful treatment for it. I do hope that the trouble will be all cleared up within the next month.

I shall do with the money much the same as I have done in past years. I am intending, however, to use a little of it to replace some badly needed underclothing, socks, and the like. Also I have long been wishing to possess a Rolls razor and this I will also get. All these things I can make but a poor attempt to thank you for; I can better show my appreciation with deeds

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14 Madison Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
Nov. 27. 1933

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have just received your very kind letter with the cheque for the first instalment of my tutorial class enclosed. Your great kindness makes it hard for me to express my feelings adequately but I want you to know how deeply I appreciate it.

The class itself has been very satisfactory in every way and I hope to derive full benefit from it. The other work goes along steadily from day to day with very little change. I shall be indeed thankful when this year has been crossed off

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the books for, so far at any rate, it has proved a very trying one.

He told Mother everything we could about our visit because we knew how keenly interested she would be in every little detail. I am glad she seemed to you to be satisfied.

With many thanks and a heartful of love, dear Uncle Willie, I am

Very lovingly yours,
Lyon

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December 27, 1933.

My dear Lyon:

Let me thank you very warmly for sending me, with your love and good wishes for Christmas, a copy of Leslie Robert's "So This Is Ottawa". A week or two ago, I had borrowed a copy from the Parliamentary Library hoping to have time to peruse its pages during Christmas Week. You can imagine, therefore, how doubly welcome your gift is as it puts me in possession of a book which I should like permanently to keep. I know the author quite well personally. I imagine there is a good deal in the book that is anything but accurate, for the glances I have already taken let me see how superficial, in parts, it is. However, it has its association with the capital, and with my life here, and I know you had in mind at the time of sending it to me, the association of your visit to Ottawa on Armistice Day. All of this makes it a most welcome gift. Some day you will, no doubt, come to know Ottawa much better than has thus far been possible, and you will be able to form your own opinion of its political and social life.

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I hope you had a very happy Christmas. I shall be glad to hear about it from you just as soon as you have time to write. I had a loving letter from your mother, written on the day that Arthur was leaving for Denver. She was counting the hours, she said, until he was home again. On Christmas Morning I received a charming telegram from them both. Evidently, they were most happy together. I am still waiting to learn what your own view is of the cause of Arthur's decision, and what you think about it.

With my thanks for your Christmas gift and the loving greetings which accompanied it, please let this letter bring to you my very best of wishes for the New Year. I hope it will be, as I believe it will, a very happy and successful one for you. Guard above all else your health. With that foundation certain, your future is already definitely assured.

As I shall probably be very busy from now on, I may not get a chance to write as often as I should like. Do not, however, on that account, hesitate to let me hear from you on any matter which is of the least concern to you, and let me know how you are getting on.

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I do not forget that on January the second you and Arthur will each be twenty-one years of age. I think it is perfectly wonderful how splendidly you have both come along in that period of time. You will begin a new stage in life's journey on your next birthday. I believe it is one which will carry you very far, and I send to you my every loving good wish for the day and for the New Year, and the years upon which you will then enter.

With fondest love, dear Lyon,

Your affectionate uncle,

Lyon King, Esq.,
14 Madison Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

P.S. I am enclosing a cheque for $25.00 to cover the payment of the second half of the special course you are taking. Please let me know that it is duly received; also, in writing, give me your views about Arthur's decision.

Your loving letter, telling me of Christmas, and thanking me for my remembrance, has come to hand since dictating the above. Many, many thanks.

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Ottawa, January 1, 1934

Lyon King, Esq.,
14 Madison Ave.,
Toronto.

Heartiest congratulations, dear Lyon, on your 21st birthday anniversary; also my fondest love and best of wishes for all the years to come. May God's richest blessings be yours.

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Uncle Willie.

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January 3, 1934

Dear Mr. King:

In the postscript of a letter dated December the 27th, Mr. King mentioned that he was enclosing a cheque for $25.00 to cover the second half of the special course in anatomy.

Up to the present time, no word has come as to its receipt. Perhaps you would be so kind as to let Mr. King know if the communication and its enclosure were duly received.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

Lyon King, Esq.,
14 Madison Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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14 Madison Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
Jan. 4, 1934

Dear Uncle Willie,

I want to thank you very much for your loving telegram which came to me on my birthday and the delightful and inspiring message it brought me. I also received last Friday your letter with the endosed cheque of $25.00 for paying the balance of my anatomy tutorial fee. That I did not reply earlier I must ascribe to the fact that a furious drive on the work put all other thoughts and actions out of my mind. In one weeks time we are to write examinations in every subject of the year and my knowledge of them is very far from I will need to do credit to them. It is for that reason I have

ings at his boarding house, he decided to return to Denver even at the cost of all these things, to get the work he sought. In addition, the dampness and incessant changes of the weather here were wreaking havoc with his health. The only logical and sane answer to the problem was to return to Denver, which he did. Had I been in his shoes, I should have done exactly the same thing.

I hope your own health is as perfect as possible and that your work is not overcoming you in any way. I will write again after the exams are over to let you know how I fared. With every token of appreciation of your kindness in helping me with the Anatomy and your loving birthday wishes, believe me as always,

Affectionately, your nephew,

Lyon

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As I told you in my last letter, I used $25.00 of your gift to get a few personal things I was very badly in need of. Of these, a good Rolls razor was about the best. I shall always treasure it very greatly. Arthur and Mother both had an extremely happy Christmas together. As regards his leaving the University here and returning to Denver, I firmly believe he did the right thing. As he probably told you himself, he went to a specialist electrical engineer, doing work and carrying out research in alternating current generators and electric motors. That training, he realized, was not to be had here but only at Boulder. He considered that he was wasting valuable time and Mother is still more valuable help in getting something he was not interested in, so, in the face of the wonderful social life he was leading here and the hobby surround-

not acknowledged your kindness before this. I have been extremely worried and anxious as to what the outcome of those exams is to be for me because some of the subjects are proving extraordinarily difficult. I can only do my best, however, and I won't do that unless I put in every available minute on the work between now and then.

I am so glad you find the book on politics of interest. My thought was that it would be of special significance for you in view of our visit with you at Laurier House and the associations you, yourself, had established in Ottawa. I was surprised to hear you knew the author, but on reflection I can readily understand how one so familiar with Ottawa and the workings of the government could fail to be known to you.

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January 8, 1934

My dear Lyon:

I was greatly pleased to receive this morning your letter of January 4th.

I hope you will not concern yourself too much about the examinations immediately ahead. My experience has taught me that it is even better to be rested in mind and body before an examination, by giving up work altogether for part of the time, than to work up to the last moment. Freedom from fatigue is half of the battle in avoiding worry and anxiety and in coping with examinations. I would strongly advise you to take all the rest you possibly can between now and at examination time.

For years, I have made it a rule, before my most important public meetings and debates in the House of Commons, just to give up everything, and take a sleep instead. I have found it has served me much better than working over notes until the last minute.

I am glad to know that you duly received the balance of the special tuition

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fee.][I had no wish to hurry you in the matter of acknowledgment when I had enquiry made as to whether the further amount had been received. My desire rather was to draw your attention to something which, in another direction, I have always found to be an extremely valuable practice to follow in life, and, that is, that everything which pertains to money to make, as far as possible, immediate payments and acknowledgments. I never let a year go by without all outstanding obligations being fully met, and I try, so far as possible, to follow this practice from day to day, as it enables me to see exactly what my income is and to cut my cloth accordingly. In business, too, promptness in acknowledgment of communications, and especially those relating to money matters, is an asset in itself. You may be sure that a prompt acknowledgment always pleases and is certain to be remembered.

If I were giving advice to young men seeking advancement in life, there are two very simple practices which I would suggest their following I believe they help to carry a man further than almost anything else. The first is to rise early and conquer the day by getting a start at its work while many others are still asleep. The other is to take nothing for granted, to allow no kindness, courtesy or action ever to go unacknowledged, and that as promptly as possible. An immense time is saved in correspondence, if acknowledgments are immediately made. The great thing is to try and have the

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other person always in your debt, rather than to have yourself in his. I would strongly advise you to try out both these practices. You will be amazed how much more in the way of freedom they will give you both in your mind and for enjoyment as well.

I am glad to know that you view Arthur's decision as you do. Like you, I have felt from the outset that he was right in makingit when he did, and I am glad that on this point all concerned now seem to be agreed.

With my best of wishes to you for every success in the examinations, and with fondest love,

Believe me, as always, dear Lyon,

Lyon King, Esq.,
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February 24, 1934

My dear Lyon:

This is just a line to inquire whether you have received any word from the City of Toronto about the Centennial celebrations, which will ensure your being present with your Aunt Jennie, the Lindseys and myself at the different functions. Please let me know what has been arranged so far as you are concerned.

I shall be glad to get in touch with you sometime on Monday the fifth, but would like to know in advance as to what word you have received. I hope all is going well with you, and am glad there will be opportunity to see you again so soon.

With fondest love,
Your affectionate uncle,

Lyon King, Esq.,
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Toronto, Ont.

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14 Madison Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
Feb. 26, 1934

Dear Uncle Willie,

I received your letter in regard to the Toronto Centennial this morning. I was, indeed, just on the point of writing to you and telling you what arrangements had been made for me. I received a communication from Mayor Stewart requesting my presence at the service next Monday night and I when I replied that I would be delighted to attend, I received full instructions and a ticket for Box A, Section 10, West Side from Mr. A. R. Alley, the director. I understand the dress is to be ordinary business clothes for those who have not formal

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time & unveiling of the tablet. These are the only facts I have now at my disposal. If anything else should transpire before next Monday, I will be sure to let you know.

I am looking forward with the keenest pleasure to being with you once more in a week's time and also to seeing Aunt Jessie again after so long a time.

With the very best love and many thanks for your kind letter.

Your affectionate nephew,

Lyon

morning dress. I have no definite information about the unveiling of the tablet the day following as to what time it is, where it will be held, etc. I will try to be at the Coliseum not later than 10:15 on March 5 for the Watchnight service.

Next Monday I have lectures from 9 to 12 in the morning followed by a Tutorial in Physiology which I could easily afford to miss. In the afternoon I have Anatomy lab. from 2:00 to 5:00 after which hour I am free for the ~~rest~~ rest of the evening. I would go straight to 14 Madison Ave. the phone no. of which is Ki 3090 so I would be sure to be available in case you wanted me after 5:30. On Tuesday, it will be practically impossible for me to get away during the day time because of important lab. periods I could ill afford to miss. For that reason I am awaiting rather anxiously the information regarding the

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February 28, 1934

My dear Lyon:

Many thanks for your letter just received.

On Monday of next week a Centennial Eve Dinner is being given at the Royal York Hotel by the William Lyon Mackenzie Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, at which I am to be the guest speaker. I have written today to the Secretary of the Chapter, to ask if I could obtain a ticket for you. If I receive a favourable reply, I shall look forward to having you join me in time to go to the dinner together, and from the dinner to the Coliseum.

As mentioned in your letter, the dress required for the Coliseum is ordinary business clothes for those who have not formal morning dress. If you have not the latter, it might be well for you to bring your ordinary business clothes when you come to the hotel on Monday evening, and they can be left in

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my room, where we both can make a change before going on to the Coliseum. Be sure and bring your Coliseum ticket with you.

I shall either telephone you myself or have someone 'phone you on my behalf between five and five-thirty on Monday.

Like you, I am not aware of the exact time of the Unveiling of the Tablet at the City Hall, but there will be opportunity to get this information on Monday next.

With my love and best of wishes,
Believe me, as always,

Lyon King, Esq.,
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Toronto, Ontario.

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March 20, 1934

My dear Lyon:

This is just a line to say that I hope you are none the worse off so far as your studies are concerned for the time given to the Centennial ceremonies. I thought it very fine of you to have been prepared to forego those events rather than miss your immediate duty. However, in all the circumstances, I think you were right in not missing the ceremonies at the City Hall and the King Edward Hotel. It was really a great occasion, and bearing the name you do, it would have been a great misfortune if you had not shared to the extent you did in the historic proceedings.

I was so glad to see you again and to see you looking so well. I only regret that, with the pressure of my engagements what it was, I did not have a chance to see a little more of and talk a little more with you.

I suppose the days of examinations will be drawing near pretty soon. Please keep in mind the

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counsel I have given you with respect to taking lots of sleep and not overworking. You will find a fresh brain a much better thing than a ~~clouded~~ tired one.

With fondest love and all good wishes, believeme

As always,

Yours very affectionately,

Lyon King, Esq.,
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14 Madison Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
March 26, 1934

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your kind letter was a very great delight to me. I too feel that the Centennial celebrations were a great occasion and I would not have missed them for anything. I enjoyed more than I can say seeing Aunt Jennie and the cousins again. I thought they all looked extremely well and Uncle Harry too.

Work will soon be starting for me now. I have a very great deal to do this year if I am ever to cover all we have

I shall never forget the impressive and beautiful ceremonies of the Watchnight Service and the unveiling of the Cenotaph.

I will be writing again to let you know how things are before we are launched into the turmoil of the exams. With very best love,

Your affectionate nephew,
Lyon

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taken up. My plans for this summer are still considerably up in the air. I don't know just what I will do. I have been applying for a position of interne in one of the Ontario hospitals this summer but I have as yet received no definite word. Mother and Arthur are very well. Art has just finished his first term at Boulder and has been taking a few days' rest before starting in again.

I am very sorry we were not able to be together longer than we were during our little visit but such as it was I was extremely glad even to be with you for those few short hours.

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ial tutorial class in both Anatomy and Physiology is being offered just for those students trying the fellowship exam. It will cost $25.00. The exam itself costs $100.00 to try, so you see how expensive the whole thing is. I will be back in time to take that class, the exam itself being held at this University on October 5th. So that is the plan for the summer so far as I'm concerned.

In closing I'd like to tell you, sir, how greatly you have helped and inspired me this year by the short visits we've had together. I'll never forget your kind advice and kindness.

Mother and Arthur are both splendid and join with me in sending you our fondest love and best wishes.

Your loving nephew,
Lyon

14 Madison Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
May 30, 1934

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a short note to let you know how the results of the examinations turned out. They were given out from the Medical Office this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Exceeding even my fondest hopes, I passed with honours fourth in the year. I can not explain how it happened and I can assure you that I looked forward toward the results with no little apprehension. I am, of course, delighted beyond words at the turn of events for I have now proved to myself that I can enjoy outside activities without my academic standing suffering. It shows me that my policy to get all I could

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outside of the medical work was a sound one and the end certainly has justified the means.

I will be moving into the hospital where I am interning for the summer in the next two or three days. I will, however, be able to pick up my letters addressed to 14 Madison Ave. The work is keenly interesting; it consists of mental testing of various kinds of delinquent and backward children and adults and gives me personal contacts that will be of invaluable aid later on. The hours are not long and I have received permission to study on the F.R.C.S. work during hours in between cases. I have arranged my time so that I will be able to get down to Denver for the month of August. In September, another spec-

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Ottawa, June 1, 1934

Lyon King, Esq.,
14 Madison Avenue,
Toronto.

Dear Lyons I send you warmest congratulations on results your third year medical examinations. I am delighted with your splendid standing. Am writing today.

Uncle Willie.

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June 1, 1934

My dear Lyon:

I learned last night, from The Globe, the results of your third year examinations, and this morning I have received your welcome letter giving further particulars.

You cannot be more delighted than I am, but I am sure your mother and Arthur are equally, if not, more delighted than both you and me. To have achieved first-class honours, and to be fourth in the honour list, is a splendid showing, especially when considered, as it should be, with your exceptional standing in the past years. Having completed the third year, from now on you will find a new interest and pleasure, and, I imagine, absence of strain in your work, and will be able to keep at the top of the list for the remainder of your course.

I have always thought you were wise to share in the general activities of the University to as large an

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extent as might be possible, without interference with your studies. I am glad that what you have done in that particular this year has reassured you as regards what may be best for the future. The main thing is to fix definite times for your work, and, as far as possible, let nothing invade those periods. They should not be too prolonged, and should admit of plenty of sleep and exercise. I continue to believe strongly in the advantage of working in the morning, as against either the afternoon or evening. I should advise you more and more to endeavour to do your most important work in the forenoon. That will relieve your burden in the afternoon, and will leave you free for the evening, at which time, as you get older, other activities will claim the larger portion of your time.

I think the arrangements you have made for the summer are excellent. I am glad, for your own sake, as well as for your mother's and Arthur's, that you are planning to have the month of August in Denver, and I hope you will make it a real vacation.

To help to relieve your mind in the matter of the expense you will have to meet during the remainder of the year, and, thereby, leave you a little freer in

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many respects, but, even more, as a recognition of the results of your work and recent examinations, I should be glad, when the time comes, to meet for you the expenses of the tutorial class in anatomy and physiology, in September, being offered for the students trying the fellowship examination, and the cost of the examination itself, which is to be held at the University on October 5th. At that time I shall count upon you reminding me of this undertaking. Meanwhile, I hope it will help to add to your enjoyment of the months ahead by relieving you of some anxiety and extra strain.

I am glad to know that you have enjoyed the talks we have had together on my occasional visits to Toronto. I only wish that both might be more frequent than they are. You know, however, that whether I see you often, or only occasionally, you are constantly in my thoughts, and I want you to feel that I will always welcome any chance to talk over with you in person, or by letter, any matter which may be of interest or concern to either you, Arthur, or your mother.

I can imagine the joy it must be to your father, who I am sure has been helping you in your work, to know that you

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have done so well, and that you give such splendid promise of carrying on, in a manner which will bring credit to his name, as well as your own, the work of the profession to which he had so earnestly devoted his life. You may be sure that his spirit is very near to you at all times.

Again with my heartiest congratulations, and very best of wishes,

Believe me, as always, dear Lyon,

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14 Madison Ave.
Toronto. Ont.
June 3. 1934

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your wire and your kind letter brought me a great deal of happiness and pleasure. I am so glad that you agree that the course I have taken this year in regard to outside activities is the wisest one. From what you have told me in our talks together of your own life and activities as a college student, that is certainly the course you pursued. I feel that my life during the past year has been richer than ever before and I have never felt happier.

I can find no words to ex-

I suppose that is only temporary and I will soon be able to get right down to work again.

Please give to Mrs. Patterson my warmest thanks for her kindly remembrance of and interest in my progress at the university.

I shall certainly keep in mind your advice about working in the morning although I have found trying to get up early and work before breakfast a virtual impossibility as I can not stay awake. Let me thank you again, dear Uncle Willie, for your kindly interest and loving aid to all of us. Your very generous offer has not only made it possible for me to attain a foolish ambition, but has relieved Mother of a very grave burden. Always with best of love, Your loving nephew.

Lyon

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press the appreciation I feel in my heart for your generous offer of ~~help~~ help in the matter of the fellowship examination. Not only the help you have offered but that which you have already extended to me seem little short of heaven sent. It is a big risk that you will be taking for I am not at all sure I am capable of beating out all the smart fellows who will be trying the exam. However you know that my effort will be redoubled on this account and I'll leave no stone unturned to prepare myself adequately.

For the past three weeks since the finals were over, I have experienced the greatest mental exhaustion. I cannot grasp anything that is at all hard to figure out but

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June 16, 1934.

My dear Lyon:

When in Toronto for the Convocation dinner last week, I tried to get in touch with you, as no doubt you also tried to do with me. This, unfortunately, proved impossible for each of us. I did not write you about my going up to Toronto as, apart from having to be present at the Convocation ceremonies in the afternoon, I had to devote the rest of the day for the preparation of my speech in the evening. I did not even get a chance to attend the garden party. Also staying with Sir William Mulock, instead of at Hart House, I was less accessible than I otherwise would have been. After the dinner, I was most of the time with members of my class of '95, and so had no opportunity to be present at the dance, where I supposed and hoped you were enjoying yourself.

On Saturday I went out to Mrs. Dunlap's farm at Todmorden and from there to Richmond Hill to see the observatory which was erected as a memorial to her husband. I had not time after returning to Toronto to do more than catch my train for Ottawa. I am sending you this line in explanation as I feel sure you will have thought it strange that you did not receive a message of any kind from me.

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I was delighted to receive your letter of June the third, and thank you for its appreciative words. I was not surprised to learn that you had felt a great mental and physical exhaustion after the examinations. That was inevitable. To my mind it does not signify more than that you had been working very hard for the examinations, and also that the mental and emotional strain was perhaps greater than you had realised. It is always well, after a period of exceptional mental or physical exertion to take a complete rest and change. I think your temperament is very like my own. It becomes quickly buoyed up and is apt to go at things pretty hard where the emergency arises. There are, however, bound to be reactions on all such occasions, and a man is wise where he recognises this and governs himself accordingly. I hope for this reason you have found it possible to rest up since your examinations and that during the summer months you will take just as much in the way of recreation as you possibly can.

One other thing - about early rising. I have never thought it advisable to attempt anything in the way of studies before breakfast. By early rising, I have never meant five or six o'clock. What I have meant is not later than seven or half-past seven in the winter, and half-past six or seven in the summer, with breakfast a half hour or an hour afterwards, depending on morning exercises taken before breakfast itself. If you could find it possible to cultivate a habit which would ensure your being at work by eight o'clock in the morning, you would be amazed at how much this would help you in your studies, and how

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considerably it would reduce the time required for study itself. The mind is always fresher after sleep, and the impressions it then receives are certain to be stronger than at any other time. Believe me, you cannot take too much in the way of sleep or exercise or recreation. What is needed, however, is a schedule which will give a sort of uniformity to your days and which will ensure the day's work being over before the night comes.

I suppose we shall soon be hearing of the results of Arthur's examinations and that you and he will be looking forward to being together again. I am glad that both of you and your mother are to be all together in Denver during a part of the summer. I am sure it will be a very happy time for one and all.

July 7 -
added a line - saying he and have a great career.
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Ottawa, June 27, 1934

Lyon King, Esq.,
14 Madison Avenue,
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I am delighted beyond words at splendid news conveyed your night lettergram just received. I cannot congratulate you too warmly on well deserved recognition your conscientious work and splendid abilities. Am wiring congratulations to your mother. All of both families will be greatly rejoicing today. As always, fondest love and best of good wishes.

Uncle Willie.

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psychotic and have to be transferred to a mental institution. These are the most interesting cases because psychoses are the hardest ailment to diagnose in the entire science of mental health.

I have been playing also a great deal of tennis which has brought my weight down back to normal again and made me feel much better fit. I've also been going out to the odd party and, altogether, I couldn't wish for a happier summer.

Thank you again for your telegram, dear Uncle Willie, and for your kindness throughout the year which has played such a large part in my happiness and success.

Ever your loving nephew,

Lyon

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Toronto Psychiatric Hosp.
2 Surrey Pl., Toronto
July 5. 1934

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your kind telegram brought me untold pleasure and gratification. The scholarship, of course, was an utterly unforseen event which made it all the sweeter. Mother was tickled pink; what pleases me so much is the worry that is cut off like a bad growth of beard by the extra financial aid.

Before going farther I should like to congratulate you, sir, on the marvellous success of the Liberal party in Ontario and Saskatchewan in the last pro-

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class which will necessitate my dropping out of the hospital during August in order to go to Mother and Art for a short while. For the past month I have been dealing with the psychometric side of the work. This is intelligence testing of various kinds and is carried out entirely in the Out-Patient clinic. Recently, however, the doctors have been allowing me to interview some of the in-patients (patient living in the hospital) and follow up their cases subsequently. This I enjoy far more than the dry Psychometric testing itself. Most of the patients have no mental disorders of any kind; some of them are feeble-minded, however. Often, on the other hand, are definitely

vincial elections. It certainly looks as if the outcome of the general elections is indubitable. Do you think Mr. Bennett will go to the country this fall or not? I don't see how he could fail to and save his face.

How are you feeling in regard to health right now? The last time I saw you, you will remember, you had just lost a great deal of weight and were feeling rather used up. I hope your strength has returned in full for you will need all of it if a strenuous campaign is soon to follow.

The work here at the hospital is so fascinating that I almost grudge the month I'll miss in the September Anatomy

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My dear Lyon:

You mentioned in your letter some weeks ago that you were enjoying tennis. This has caused me to believe that you might like to have the tennis racquet which belonged to your father, and which I have in the frame in which he kept it in shape.

Accordingly, I am sending it to you by express prepaid, and shall be glad if you will accept it as something which will have its association with the No. 4 Canadian Hospitals scholarship, and to recall your father's interest in tennis as well as in medicine.

Some of the strings are out of repair, and if you intend to use the racquet for playing you will have to have it restrung. This I should be glad to have you have effected at my expense. I thought it could be done better in Toronto than here. Please let me know what the amount is, when the work is finished.

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I hope you are continuing to have an enjoyable summer. When you see your mother and Arthur in the course of the next few weeks, please take my fondest love to them.

With my best of love to yourself,

As always,
Believe me, dear Lyon,
Your affectionate Uncle,

Lyon King, Esq.,
14 Madison Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

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all summer long. Nor will I be able to do any down in Denver, so I'm not even taking any books along. I'll be back in Toronto by the first or second of Sept. and then, by gravy, I'll step on the gas and show everybody a little speed in the study line.

I hope you are keeping well, sir, and sparing your energies for the general election which everybody feels is going to come off this year. Thank you again for your interest in sending me Father's racquet and for offering to have it restrung for me.

With fondest love,

Affectionately, your nephew,

Lyon

Toronto Psychiatric Hospital
2 Surrey Place, Toronto
August 1, 1934

Dear Uncle Willie,

I just happened to drop around to the fraternity house at 14 Madison Ave. yesterday and found there your letter and the tennis racquet. That is a possession I will treasure very carefully since it is one of the few things I have that belonged exclusively to Father. His dressing gown and soap box are the only other things. It was extremely kind and thoughtful of you to send it to me. It is a strong, heavy racquet and still has lots of wear left in it. Since my tennis activities are now practically over for the summer, however, I shall wait till next year to have it restrung

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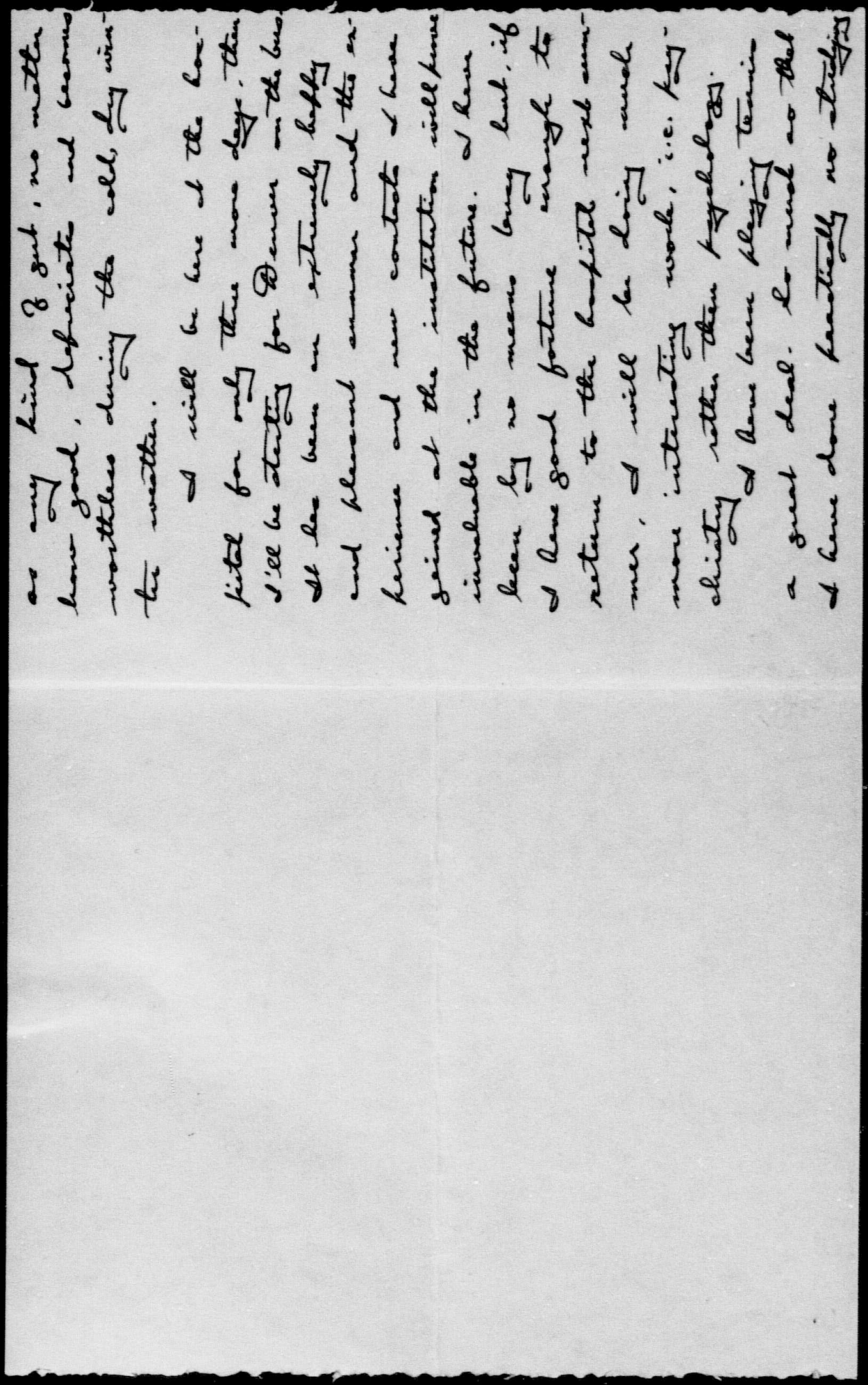
as any kind of gut, no matter how good, depreciates and becomes worthless during the cold, dry winter weather.

I will be here at the hospital for only three more days, then I'll be starting for Denver on the bus. It has been an extremely happy and pleasant summer and the experience and new contacts I have gained at the institution will prove invaluable in the future. I have been by no means busy but, if I have good fortune enough to return to the hospital next summer, I will be doing much more interesting work, i.e. psychiatry rather than psychology.

I have been playing tennis a great deal. So much so that I have done practically no studying



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946 Washington St.
Denver, Colo.
August 12, 1934

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a little note to let you know that I arrived safely in Denver last Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock after an extremely pleasant + uneventful trip down. Since then I have been getting reacquainted with all my Denver friends and having a perfectly wonderful time generally.

Your kind and generous gift to Arthur and myself has just made the holiday for us. With a little spare money to come and go on, things are so much easier for Mother. This kind remembrance as, indeed, have all your other innumerable kind-

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means to me this year, warms my very heart and I cannot adequately express my appreciation. I have used part of the $20.00 to buy a warm leather jacket to wear in the cold winter days when I am trying to get my mind off my cold hands & feet long enough to study.

I shall have two and a half weeks more in Denver and then I'll have to be back in Toronto for that course I told you about. Mother and Art are both very well and Art has quite recovered from his chicken-pox and is getting stronger every day. I feel just as fit as a fiddle myself.

I'll be writing again soon. Thank you again, dear Uncle Willie.

As ever, your affectionate nephew Lyon

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14 Madison Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
Sept. 16, 1934

Dear Uncle Willie,

I am taking a moment just to let you know how I am getting on at the present time. I am finding life rather complicated and difficult, to say the least. This F.R.C.S. exam is due to come off the 10th of October and I am finding it more than I can do to cover all the work necessary.

I had an extremely pleasant visit to Denver, meeting all my old acquaintances again and a lot of Mother's

I have been busy every moment of the time since with study. Bearing in mind your request that I let you know when the examination fees and the tutorial class fee fell due, I find they require them to be paid up by the end of this month. Your extremely generous offer to finance this venture for me has been an added impetus for me to try with all my might to pass the exams. The exam fee itself is $50.00 and the tutorial fee $25.00.

I cannot express my very deep appreciation of your kindness in any words but can only try to show it you by passing the test.

Ever affectionately your nephew
Lyon

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friends as well. Mr. and Mrs. Welborn were very kind to Art and me, asking us out to their beautiful farm to swim several times. Mr. Welborn asked especially to be remembered to you and he and Mrs. Welborn are always looking forward to your making another trip to Denver.

Arthur brought me back to Canada with him in a car he got in Denver for $40.00. We had quite a time getting here but I really would not have missed it for anything. He was in Toronto for about a week and a half, then he left for Denver the night before last taking a friend from here down with him for a short visit.

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Kyle.

Ottawa, Sept. 27, 1934

Lyon King, Esq.,
14 Madison Ave.,
Toronto.

Am mailing cheque for examinations tomorrow. Fondest love.

Uncle Willie.

(Charge Mr. Mackenzie King)

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September 27, 1934

My dear Lyon:

I enclose herewith a draft which you will be able to cash at par in Toronto for $75.00, to cover the $50.00 fee for the F.R.S.C. examination and the $20.00 fee. Please accept this cheque with my love and best wishes.

I should like you to remember that whatever the results of the examinations may be, I shall be perfectly happy in having assisted to this extent. My one hope is that you will not work too hard. Let me, above all, advise you to rest as much as you can between now and the day of examination, and especially at the time of the examinations themselves. A clear brain with a reasonable amount of information is worth much more at examination time than a weary brain, however chucked full of knowledge it may be. I am delighted with the spirit you are showing in undertaking the examinations, and the work that you are doing upon them at the present time will be all to the good no matter what the result may be. I have no doubt, however, that you will, as always, do great credit to yourself and to the family.

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You will be interested in hearing that I have decided to take a trip to England and Europe, and am leaving on Saturday. For a long time past I have felt the need of a complete change and also of first-hand contact with public men and affairs in Great Britain and on the Continent. Mr. Lapointe is coming with me, and together we will no doubt gather a good deal of useful information as well as have an enjoyable and profitable time. I am leaving on the "Empress of Britain" which sails from Quebec on Saturday afternoon. I do not know yet where I shall stay while in London, but my address there, for purposes of letters and cables will be care of the Bank of Montreal, Waterloo Place, London, England. I shall be glad if you will write me when the examinations are over, and at any time that you may have some word of interest to send.

I was sorry not to see you when in Toronto for the meetings at North York and at Massey Hall, but I fully understood the pressure under which you were working at the time, and you were right to make your studies the matter of first and immediate concern. There is just one thing I want to speak of, and that is the importance of your securing for the winter rooms that will not be cold. I do not think that you should work in a cold room. Last year I know you felt the cold

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considerably on the top floor of the building in which you are. Do try and get that changed if you can, and above all guard your health. You are now at very critical years so far as health goes, and it means more than anything else that you should avoid taking cold by every possible means. Please keep this bit of wise counsel and advice in mind.

With fondest love and best of wishes for the examination and always,

Believe me,

Lyon King, Esq.,
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Toronto, Ontario.

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conflicted sadly with my tutorial class. It appears they will not allow you to miss the work in order to study for this exam. To make matters worse, the boys in the fraternity suddenly decided to move to a place nearer school. Consequently, I found it necessary to get out and go up to My Aunt Gladys' place for the interval and I am there at the present moment. The exam is being held next Tuesday week and lasts for some 3 days. After that will come ~~[illegible]~~ reconstruction period where I will try to catch up on what I've missed.

Mother & Art are quite well. Mother's teaching has dropped off quite a bit and she is rather worried. I do so wish I were not so far away from her. Art has started back to school now at Boulder. My new address will be 590 University Avenue, Toronto. The house at Madison Ave. is being sold. Thank you again, dear Uncle Willie, for your kind advice which I shall heed to full measure. Your loving nephew, Lyon

590 University Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
Sept. 29, 1934

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your loving letter with its enclosed cheque for 75.00 came this morning. What helped me even more than the financial aid was your kind advice and interest. I thank you from the very bottom of my heart for having made it possible for me to try this examination. My only regret is that I fear very much that my chances of success are nil.

I have just discovered that my methods of study and application have been all wrong in the past four years. I have been working and striving with the only object in mind of learning thoroughly a few concise and dogmatic facts for the purpose of setting them down in an examination and getting high marks.

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Last Tuesday, the new term
started it in real earnest and

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18th October, 1934

Lyon King Esq.,
590 University Avenue,
Toronto,
Canada.

My dear Lyon,

This is just a line to let you know that I duly received your letter of September 29th and to say that I hope all has gone well with you and the examination. Whether you have succeeded in winning your Fellowship or not is a secondary matter. The main thing is that you have made a try and got the benefit out of the study involved.

I shall have to wait until I get back from England to discuss some of the matters referred to in your letter. What I would like to say, meanwhile, is that I hope you will not overwork and that you will be careful, in your new fraternity house, to secure a room that will be both warm and pleasant for your study hours.

With fondest love,

Believe me,

Your affectionate uncle,

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590 University Ave.
Toronto. Ont.
October 28, 1934

Dear Uncle Willie,

Mr. Henry's letter of yesterday morning has filled in the missing link in my mind as to your whereabouts. I hope you have been having a very pleasant sojourn in Europe both from a personal as well as a business point of view. Your letter of Oct. 18 gave me very great pleasure. But what gives me the greatest pleasure of all is to announce to you that I successfully passed the fellowship examination! It was your kind help that made it possible for me not only to try the exam itself but to train for it, and it was a dance last Friday night. Football is giving me a slight amount of exercise and I am also going with my officers training corps work from last year — this time as a 2nd Lieutenant.

But a great deal remains yet to be accomplished. I sometimes feel discouraged when I fail to enter into a conversation or when something lags or falls down that I have set out to do, but then I think of my years and what improvement I have been able to make in the last 3 or 4 years and hope for the best.

Life, I imagine, is only worthwhile so long as you are constantly striving for something. I hope you will soon be back safely in Canada. I look forward constantly to being with you again. Very much love, dear Uncle Willie.

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on the treasurer of our corporation here at the fraternity which means quite a lot of accounting and bookkeeping. The new house is a dandy. Our room overlooks University Avenue and one can get a really fine view of the Hospital. It is warm and cozy, much more so than the one I had last year and it is also quiet & undisturbed by noise. On the whole the situation is very much improved over last year if we can just make the place pay. We are also busily engaged in making new boys into the fraternity. This work requires unceasing effort and I find helps me an amazing amount to cultivate the art of conversation. I also have gotten to know very many of the chaps in the lower years through this expedient as I discovered it

your and Mother's combined words of sympathy and encouragement that spurred me on when, several times, I felt heartily like throwing it the whole thing. I thank you from the depths of my heart, dear Uncle Willie, for your loving kindness to me and to our little family. I feel as though I have now a really thorough grasp of the elementary and fundamental ground work of Medicine and Surgery, and this year marks the turning over of a new leaf — in my life with the taking up of the other side of the picture — the pathological or diseased conditions of the body and their treatment.

I have been having a merry time trying to catch up on all the work I've missed. In addition I

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November 28, 1934

My dear Lyon:

I was greatly pleased to receive the letter you sent to me to Rome. Unfortunately, however, I did not receive it until after my return to Canada. It reached Rome just about the time I was leaving, and I think came back on the same ship on which I returned. However, it was received immediately after my arrival at Laurier House.

In a letter received from your mother while abroad, I learned of your having successfully passed the fellowship examination. I just cannot tell you how delighted I am at this word.

From the remembrance of my own anxieties in facing examinations, and indeed from what I yet continue to experience in facing situations in Parliament, I know only too well what you mean when you speak of the periods of depression which you feel in preparing for work of the kind, and also the hopeless feeling which comes over one in seeking, as everyone has continually to do, to keep up to date with accumulations of work and obligations. The only way to do with respect to the latter, is to eliminate altogether from one's daily round many of the things one can get along without and to make careful selections between one kind of engagement and employment and another.

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The main thing is to realise that health is at the foundation of everything. Get what is required in the way of sleep and exercise and food, and then let the rest fall into the picture as best it can. One should never, however, sacrifice sleep or exercise or diet to other things. To do so is simply to let oneself become unfitted for the days that lie ahead. We all must pay sooner or later for neglect or mistakes.

Try and cultivate as much as you can a philosophical attitude towards your work. Believe, when you have done a certain amount, that you have done your best. Do not at any time be tempted to take on more than you feel you can handle with a degree of pleasure and satisfaction.

I am glad to know about the new fraternity house. I agree with you that the University Avenue location is a much better one than the other. I am delighted, too, to know that you have a warmer room. Do not fail to see that, where you are spending your time from hour to hour, you have the necessary comfort. That means everything for your health.

I shall not write more at present, but just say once again how delighted I am about the results of the examinations and how satisfied I feel that, from now on, you will find your work increasingly interesting and less arduous.

With all good wishes and fondest love, believe me, dear Lyon, your loving uncle,

Lyon King, Esq.,
590 University Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

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590 University Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
Nov. 30, 1934

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your kind letter & praise and remembrance brought me a great deal & happiness. I am glad you are back once more on Canadian soil; one always fears for those he loves when far removed from them. I am sorry my letter was so long in reaching you but if it eventually arrived, that was sufficient.

I have nought but good news to tell you. Things seem to have turned out very happily for me so far in all my lines of endeavour. The winning of the fellowship seemed to start things off right and they

I'll see to it that she receives all the loving care she has shewned on Art and myself for all these years! To her, to Father, and to you, dear Uncle Willie, I owe all that I am or am able to do in this world and I shall never, never forget it!

We get very twisted ideas & right and wrong at this University & we hear a lot & conflicting opinions. But I have never forgotten your sympathetic advice to me last year at Armistice Day or at Kingsmere and it has helped keep me thoroughly straight in spite & it all. Someday I should welcome an opportunity to discuss fully with you my concept & religion but that must wait for the future.

Thank you again for your kind letter. Fondest love and best wishes,

Your ever loving nephew, Lyon

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finger of my right hand — one of the small knuckle ligaments was torn in two. I had to have my hand in a plaster cast for 3 long wks and the cast was removed only last Saturday. For a while, it rather hampered my writing but I soon became accustomed to it. I am very thankful, though, to be well rid of it.

The news I have of Mother is always very cheery. If she has worries and troubles she rarely passes them on to me for fear I will worry about her. Poor brave little woman — how I wish I were able to be with her and throw all my young strength at her service! Someday I'll be a practising physician, and, by Heaven, if it keeps me from all the rest of my life.

have been going well ever since. Our first big term exams in Pathology and Pharmacology are over and the marks found me still in the top 10 or so of the year. I have no fear at all of what this year is to bring save one thing only, and that is financial disaster to the fraternity. I have been elected treasurer for this year and it is part of my job so to direct the house and its management that we break even at the end of the year with no debts unpaid. So far I have accumulated a deficit of some 100 dollars and I am a bit put to it to know how to make it up. However, since I can continue my bills for the present I'll not worry about the future.

In a football game 4 or 5 wks ago, I injured my little

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December 3, 1934.

My dear Lyon:

I have just received your letter of November the 30th and am delighted to know that all is going so well with you. I am sorry about the injury to your little finger, but hope that, now it is out of the plaster, it will soon be back to normal.

I feel a little concerned about what you tell me of the financial position of the fraternity, seeing that you are its treasurer. I assume, of course, that you have been careful not to take on any personal liability for deficits and that you are only doing your part as one of the number to help to manage its affairs.

Throughout my life, I have always made it a rule not to accept any position which might, directly or indirectly, involve financial obligations, unless there was some quite exceptional or obviously necessary reason for assuming it. In political life, I have made it a rule that only those who have means themselves should be permitted to have to do with the collection of party funds. I think that is a pretty good rule to be applied generally. There are few worries greater than those occasioned by financial embarrassment. A student needs, above all else, to keep himself as free as possible from anything of the kind.

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While I should not like to see you either give up the treasurership of your fraternity or leave the fraternity for quarters elsewhere, if the holding of your present position or residing in a fraternity house were calculated to occasion you financial liability of any kind, I would strongly advise you to give it up immediately and, if needed, find residential quarters elsewhere. I do not assume that such is the case, for I feel certain you would not have accepted the position, except as an opportunity of service to your fellow members. If at any time you can avoid assuming any office or obligation likely to involve financial responsibility, I think you will find it a wise rule to seek to do so, and leave that field to others.

While I should not wish to have you assume other than your share of responsibility for everything from which you may draw some personal advantage or reward, I nevertheless feel that, as long as you are immersed in studies, it will be well to take on as few obligations as possible which are likely to consume any of your time. Limitation of one's activities to particular spheres, and concentration within those spheres, is, I believe, one of the great secrets of success and achievement.

I am sending you this line at once, as I may not get a chance to write you again for a little while. It is only a line of guidance, which will not, I hope, occasion you any concern.

With fondest love and all good wishes, believe me, as always, dear Lyon,

Very affectionately yours,

Lyon King, Esq.,
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December 27, 1934.

My dear Lyon:

I was delighted to receive the gift which came from you and which I opened on Christmas Day. I saw at once that you had in mind my love and your own for dogs and also for books. One can find fewetruer companions along one's journey through life. Particularly did I welcome the Christmas greeting that came with your gift. Its expression of love went very deeply into my heart, and will always be remembered when I recall this Christmas Season.

I was glad, too, to receive your good wishes for Christmas Day which came in the telegram received a day or two before Christmas itself. For all these many tender and loving thoughts, I thank you very warmly.

I hope your own Christmas was a very happy one. I have become so accustomed to sharing the day in thought with absent friends that I really have almost forgotten what it is like to spend a Christmas where there are a number present. I imagine this year your Christmas was a little like my own. I shall await with interest your letter telling me how the day passed and what you are doing at the holiday season.

As you are not so very far away, I hope to be seeing you again before the New Year advances very far.

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I shall not attempt to write you at any length just now. I have come to a point where I have not only to abbreviate more and more, but also to write less frequently. This, however, you will fully understand as due to the conservation of time and thought which I am obliged to give to the heavy work of the year ahead. Whether I write or not, you will be constantly in my thoughts, and I shall welcome any and every word which you may find time to write.

Please let this letter bring to you my best of wishes for the New Year - for your New Year, which comes early in January, as well as for all the months and days of the calendar year itself. I am sure 1935 will bring added honour and distinction in your work. My prayer is that it may bring as well more in the way of health and happiness and all that goes to contribute to both.

With fondest love,

Believe me, as always,

Yours very affectionately,

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590 University Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
Dec. 28, 1934

Dear Uncle Willie,

My delight at receiving the beautiful photograph holder of blue Italian leather knew no bounds but when I opened it and saw the splendid enlargement of your snapshot I was thrilled through and through. I don't believe there is anything I would rather have as a gift from a person than his own personal photograph and in this picture of you. I realize that I have something I will treasure to the end of my life. I think

spirit for earnest work. I still have a few unfinished threads left over from the delay at the time of the fellowship examination which I have sworn to finish up before school resumes.

Things are quite settled around here now and it just looks like a regular term of hard work ahead of us. I am making the most of the holidays while I can.

Again many thanks for your kind remembrance of Christmas. With best wishes for the New Year and fondest love.

Your loving nephew, Lyon

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at their homes here in the city and I have had them down here to the fraternity house in the evening. On Christmas night I put in a long distance call to Denver and had a lovely chat with both Mother and Art. They are well and happy and had had a lovely christmas day. It was so good to hear their dear voices again after what has seemed simply ages to me.

I have been trying to get a bit of studying done but to no avail. It seems, no matter how strong your resolutions are before the holidays come, that you simply can't get set in the

it is one of the best pictures of you I have ever seen. I am sorry I cannot put into words my feelings as I looked at that portrait and read your kind and loving Christmas letter.

I shall deposit the large part of your generous gift in the bank as I have done in other years. But I am using a part of it to get a black, formal, winter overcoat that I have long been wanting.

I have had an extremely pleasant holiday as far and my friends and family have been good to me beyond measure. I have been visiting with several of the boys this week.

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January 2, 1935

My dear Lyon:

Your mention of your intended purchase of a black formal overcoat causes me to ask you just what you have in mind, and whether or not the order is already placed. It may be that among my clothes I may have an overcoat which would fill the bill, with but slight alterations, and, if so, I should be glad to send on a coat to you for that purpose.

Is it a fairly warm overcoat for the winter that you have primarily in mind, or is it a black overcoat for Sundays and special occasions? If the latter, is it intended for winter or between season wear? Please let me know exactly how you are fixed in these particulars, for, if I have not something which may do for the one, I may have for the other. Also, you might tell me how you are fixed for dress suits or Sunday clothes, or other clothes, as, from time to time, I may have a suit which would be of service to you. I assume that you know in Toronto some tailor who would be able to make the alterations at a reasonable cost.

With renewed good wishes for the New Year,

Lyon King, Esq.,
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Toronto, Ont.

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most enjoyable I ever spent in Canada. I feel very greatly refreshed and rested and am ready now to start in the New Year with as much vigor as possible.

Let me thank you again, dear Uncle Willie, for your kindly offer. With your permission, I shall take advantage of it at the earliest opportunity.

Believe me, as ever,

Your loving nephew,

Lyon

590 University Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
Jan. 6, 1935

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thank you so much for your kind telegram on my 22nd birthday. It seems a formidable age to have attained but one must ever progress onwards.

I very greatly regret the fact that I had already placed my order for a black, formal overcoat before your letter arrived. Your kind suggestion that you might, among your wardrobe, have an overcoat that could be altered to fit me delighted me a great deal and it would certainly have been

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possible to carry out had I not been so hasty in placing my order. I wanted to have the coat for evening wear as soon as possible.

Mother allowed me to buy a formal evening dress outfit which I have long been wanting as a reward for the fellowship examinations so I am also equipped along that line.

I will, however, very soon be needing a business suit for everyday wear. The one I am now wearing to school has stood two long years' service and is just on its last legs. I would very greatly appreciate any help you could give me along this line.

I had a very pleasant christmas holiday — one of the

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January 8, 1935

My dear Lyon:

I am glad to know you have been able to secure the formal overcoat as well as evening dress outfit. What I may have in the way of a business suit which might be of service to you, I shall have to see a little later on. Between now and the time Parliament reassembles, I shall have to give my entire thought to its proceedings.

I shall, however, write you soon after we get under way.

With warmest love,

Lyon King, Esq.,
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DAY LETTER

Lyon King, Esq.,
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Delighted see your name second with honours in fourth examination. Heartiest congratulations. Rejoicing with you all.

Uncle Willie

CHG.: Mr. Mackenzie King

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June 13, 1935

My dear Lyon:

When I telegraphed you on the results of your examinations, as I had seen them in the press, I was not aware that you had won the Ronald Saddington medal in Pathology. I learned of this a day or two ago, and, but for the pressure of my public duties, I would have written you immediately.

Yesterday, I received from Professor Oskar Klotz a letter telling me how well merited this additional honour was. As I am sure both you and your mother will be pleased to read what Dr. Klotz says, I am enclosing herewith a copy of his letter to me. You may be interested in knowing that Professor Klotz is a personal friend of mine, and

that his father before him was a life-long friend of your grandfather.

I am really more than delighted at your success.

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I have no doubt that, everything considered, Arthur too has done very well in his examinations. I shall wait with interest to hear from him and from you of how you each feel about the results of your examinations, and to what you are looking forward in the coming year.

Personally, I rather expect to see you head the list at the time of graduation. That can be done, as Professor Klotz says in his letter, by "sincere and steady work". If it were never done, it would be better that it should not be attempted by over-work. I hope, therefore, that you are just going on in a quiet steady fashion, realizing that is the surest and best way, not only to progress in your studies, but, what is more important, to preserve your health and strength.

I am enclosing a small cheque for you, and one for Arthur, as a little contribution toward your vacation expenditures. I hope that to each of you it may serve to add to the happiness of what I hope will be a real holiday.

With fondest love to your mother, Arthur, and yourself,

Believe me, as always, dear Lyon,
Your affectionate Uncle,

Lyon King, Esq.,
986 Washington Street,
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June 15, 1935

My dear Lyon:

I meant to enclose, in a letter I sent you a day or two ago, the enclosed article which contains the address given by Chief Justice Duff at the closing exercises at Ashbury College. It is an address which I think both you and Arthur will be interested in reading. You will see that it bears out what I have so often said to you both, that it is the quiet,systematic,continuous effort, carried on in reasonable periods of time, rather that excessive work at any stage, which counts for the most in the mind's development and ultimate success. Both you boys, I am glad to know, have apparently seen the wisdom of, and are following just this very course in the prosecution of your studies.

With renewed love to you all,
Ever affectionately yours,

Lyon King, Esq.,
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Camp Chief Murray
Granby, Colo.
June 20, 1935

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your very kind letter with its gift for Art and myself arrived yesterday. It had to be forwarded from Denver to Camp where both Art and I are spending the summer. I was delighted beyond words with the letter which Dr. Klotz sent you. I had a sort of feeling all year long that the Professor didn't even know my name, let alone watching me. It makes me feel very very gratified to attain such an honor as that Medal after a whole year of care and painstaking effort that doesn't seem to be getting you anywhere. I am glad you sent me a copy of his letter. To me that is worth far more than

New Mexico and Mother is going down by train to be with them there as soon as her teaching is over. Art & I will be in camp till Aug. 24. We are both planning to motor back to Canada together around the beginning of September.

Art came through splendidly on his exams and passed very well in all his subjects. He is well satisfied with his work and I am, of course, thrilled beyond words with the fortunate result of mine.

The summer will be a most hobby one for us both. I hope you are well and having an enjoyable vacation at Kingsmere. Thank you again, dear Uncle Willie, for your loving kindness to us both.

Very fondest love, Lyon

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The situation is this. Years ago we went for 3 or 4 years to the Y.M.C.A. camp near Granby, on the Eastern Slope of the Colorado Rockies. This year the director asked me to come out and be Camp Doctor and Art to be Chief Engineer. We were both delighted and jumped to accept his offer. I left Canada on May 28 arriving in Denver June 1. After a weeks stay with Mother in Denver, during which time Art completed his finals, we left for camp and this is our second week here. So far everything has gone well and we've had a most enjoyable summer.

Mother is very well and happy. I've never seen her look better. Her sister & brother-in-law the Davises came down by train to visit us. They have gone on to a little place called Taos in the more modest. Your marvellous cheque was a complete surprise. It will be of inestimable help to both of us this summer — not the mere fact that we have all that money to spend. But that if we do go on a little party now and then we won't be worrying and haggling over expense for fear of making it hard for Mother. Your own letter of praise and encouragement made me feel as if I were really getting somewhere with my work. A few words of praise from a loved one do more to encourage a person than any number of scholarships. Too, I am so glad Dr. Klotz is a personal friend of yours. You were at the time the results came out were most deeply appreciated. I did not then write in acknowledgement as Art and I were very busy preparing for Camp.

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-- My school opens on the 24th of Sept. Art is going to pick up another boy in Buffalo and drive on to Denver with him. He is enjoying his visit here to the full. We are both very well and strong. I hope your strength is keeping up with the grind of the campaign. I shall be extremely glad for your sake when the elections are all over and done with.

I wish you the very best of luck, dear Uncle Willie and we both send our fondest love and best wishes.

Always your loving nephew
Lyon

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590 University Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
Sept. 8, 1935

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a line to tell you that Art and I are in Toronto staying at the Fraternity house on University Ave. We have had an extremely hobby and pleasant summer at the Denver Y. M. C. A. camp and Art is now up here for a short holiday before beginning the work of his final year in Engineering at Boulder.

Mother had a most en-

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how occupied you are with political matters, we do not wish to burden you further by a visit from us just at this tumultuous time. I am wondering if, by any chance, you will be passing thru Toronto sometime before the 20th of Sept. (the date Art has to start back)? If a night emerge to rest for a short while at the station. We should love to drive up to Ottawa to see you but we know you will probably be too busy.

We are having a lovely vacation here in Toronto. Joyable summer apart largely away from home with her sister and brother-in-law, the Davises. We left her in the best of health and happiness.

You must be having a tremendously busy time in your campaign for the coming elections. In fact, your movements are so continual that I do not know when this letter will reach you. Art and I both want very much to see you and talk with you if only for a few minutes before Art returns to Denver. Knowing

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Toronto, Ont.
September 19, 1935

Dear Uncle Willie,

What a pleasant memory our little trip to Ottawa will always be to me! It afforded me the greatest possible happiness to be with you again even for those few moments. I have been thrilled by the tremendous work you are doing in Canada today and I shall be following your movements during the next year with an interest and concern that I have never felt before in political matters.

Your great kindness to us while talking with you, your more than generous gift, and above

Following that, we were invited to a party being given by one of my lady friends at her home.

I am deeply concerned about your health, sir, and can only hope and pray that it will be able to withstand successfully the terrible strain of the next few weeks. I know you will do all in your power to conserve your strength so for me to caution you further would be useless.

I will write again after school starts and let you know how my programme for the year shapes up. Until then, all best wishes for your complete success next month, and a heartful of love.

Always affectionately yours,
Lyon

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all, the kindly interest which you showed in the affairs of us both even when your mind was filled to the breaking point with more important things have meant more to me than I can tell you in mere words.

I can probably never repay you materially but I can do my level best to shed honor and glory on me name to the credit of us both. You have shared the fate & opportunity to both Art and myself, dear Uncle Willie-dear, all we can do is show you that your trust & faith have not been placed in us for naught.

She had an uneventful and happy trip down to Toronto arriving in nice time for our dinner engagement with Uncle Bob.

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November 29, 1935

My dear Lyon:

This is the first chance I have had to thank you for the telegram of congratulations which came from you at the time of our great Liberal victory. I was delighted to receive it, and to know that you were sharing in my rejoicing.

I have been spending a few days here, getting a much needed rest at the seaside. I am anxious, before returning, to send you my thanks, if only in a word. Coming from here, where I have been since the signing of the Canada-United States Agreement, this line may serve as a souvenir of both the campaign and its first fruits.

With fondest love,

Believe me, dear Lyon,

Yours affectionately,

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590 University Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
Dec. 26, 1935

Dear Uncle Willie,

Another beautiful and happy Christmas Day has just passed by and, as I sit and reflect over the past year, I feel it has been one of the richest of my life. I don't often have had such a fine Christmas as this year and there is still a week and a half more of the holiday season left.

Your wonderfully generous gift yesterday morning with its kind, sweet letter seemed to bring you right into the room

The other fellows in the fraternity have all gone home for the holiday and so naturally the place is rather lonely, so I have not spent any more time there than I had to but visited around amongst my friends.

Work has been going very well so far and is tremendously interesting. We're grappling with the things now that we'll be up against all our lives long in the practice of Medicine and that knowledge is most inspiring.

I hope, sir, that you have had a happy and restful Christmas and that the coming year will see you add much to Canada's noble history. With many thanks and very fondest love,

Always affectionately yours, Lyon

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of this and your other wonderful gifts this year and in other years. All I can do is try with the best that's in me to bring honor to the wonderful name I have inherited from you. It is with that object in view that I am able to take a scholarship now and then.

I have been spending the past few days in the society of a very dear young girl whom I hope some day to ask to be my wife. The road is long and hilly that lies between me and a successful practice and that road am I resolved to travel to within fair sight of its end before contemplating anything of that sort.

with me. I know how busy you have been just from reading the letters ~~I have~~ and that you should take time off to write to me in that way means far more to me than the actual value of the gift itself.

As you have so kindly suggested that I use the cash portion of your gift to obtain some personal thing for myself, I am going to avail myself of the opportunity to get a new suit for school — something I have been wanting all fall. There are no words, dear Uncle Willie, which can adequately express my deep appreciation

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December 28, 1935

My dear Lyon:

I thank you very warmly for your lovely letter, which I received from you yesterday, and also for the gift received from you on Christmas Day. I am delighted to have Mr. Gibbons' romantic history of the Canadian Pacific. Some time, when the opportunity presents itself, I shall tell you of many associations which the volume brings to mind, not the least of these were the friendship which my father enjoyed with Lord Strathcona. The book, apart from being well written, is beautifully illustrated, and will be a welcome addition to my library. It was very sweet of you to have secured it for me, and to have given to your gift the thought which lies behind it.

I was glad to learn that your holiday has been such a happy one. I also want to thank you for giving me your confidence with regard to the thoughts you have concerning the young lady with

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whom you shared a part of the holiday season. From what you say in your letter, I have no doubt that some day your hopes will be fully realized. I think, however, you are very wise in firmly deciding not to contemplate marriage itself until you are sufficiently secured in your practice to be able to make the necessary provision for a home. I look forward, when next we meet, to hearing more from you of your intentions in this regard.

Let me wish you a very Happy New Year. Whatever you do, do not work too hard. make your health the first consideration. I have not the least doubt that you will retain to the close the exceptionally fine record you have made at the University.

I recall, as I write, that you and Arthur were born on January the 2nd, 1913. May I avail myself of this letter to extend to you, as well, my best of wishes on your twenty-third birthday anniversary and for the years to come.

With fondest love,
Affectionately,

Lyon King, Esq.,
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Jan. 1, 1936

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your letter acknowledging my Christmas gift and wishing me a happy New Year, together with your telegram today brought me a great deal of happiness. I am ever amazed that a man with your work in life and so many varied interests has time to remember insignificant beings of the younger generation on each and every occasion.

I feel — if I am getting on in years (& I get I couldn't practice medicine yet — I look so young that nobody would trust himself to me.

I am so glad you liked the book — I was rather hoping that it might appeal to you as sort of a reminiscence of your own back experiences.

Please do not bother to answer this letter as I know how every minute is valuable to you. I shall write again before long and let you know how work is progressing.

Fondest love and very best wishes for the New Year,

Affectionately yours,
Lyon

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the next couple of years. There seems to be very little or nothing he can do about it. He has advised me to take special calcium phosphate pills and cod-liver oil, so he thinks that my teeth are slowly decalcifying. That I will do with all speed. I know my teeth are soft — many - many people are in the same boat as I am. I guess I'll just have to make the best of it.

I have had an extremely quiet but happy holiday and I am ready to start back to school feeling rested and ready for work again. To-morrow, I enter on my 24th year and I wonder what things it will bring. It always fill me with the greatest of pride and happiness, especially when I realize that behind your kind thoughtfulness lies a loving and everlasting remembrance of my dear Father.

My health is of the best — I never felt better in my life. The only thing that bothers me is the extremely rabid rate with which my teeth seem to acquire cavities. My dentist is at present putting in two gold inlays and his X-rays (taken serially over the past two years) show the slow but sure development of at least twelve new cavities within

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March 16, 1936

Dear Uncle Willie,

I was very very sorry to have been out the evening you were in Toronto and to have missed your secretary whom you so kindly sent to the fraternity house for me. I should very much have enjoyed seeing and talking with you even if just for a few minutes.

It so happened that last Monday evening I was at a meeting of the AOA honorary medical society at the home of Prof. Gallie. I presented a paper on Embolism, one of the major problems in surgery today. I was very gratified at the praise it received and the professor seemed to think it was

have never felt so generally euphoric as I do now. I sometimes wonder if it is not all too good to last but console myself with the thought that it probably is so I might as well enjoy it while it does last.

I am starting in the last big "Putsch" for the finals now. We have a big lot of work to master this year, I tell you. These days, one wonders if his newly acquired learning is going to be spent on the field of war and bloodshed, or not. With the great Powers all snarling at each other like cats and dogs, I should not be at all surprised if war were to brave the outcome.

Let me thank you again, dear Uncle Willie, for your kind remembrance of me and the effort to which you went to get hold of me. I certainly am looking for better luck next time. As always

Your loving nephew,
Lyon

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that I was elected president of the Medical Athletic Society for the year 1936-37. That is quite a responsible office and also helps me to become known a little more widely.

Another pleasant thing that took place a short while ago was my election by acclamation to the presidency of the fraternity. All these events rather sound like blowing my own horn but I know they would interest you and they represent to me a certain gain in the esteem of my fellows for which I have been striving with as much zeal as for a high academic standing. I think that to be known and liked personally is as of great importance if not far more than a brilliant school record in reaching a success of a medical practice or any sort of job in life for that matter.

This year has been a most happy and profitable one and I

a good paper. The AOA society is a special group of students, 4 from the 5th and 8 from the 6th years, who have the highest scholastic standing in their respective years. Each member presents a paper on some topic of medical or surgical interest. Meetings are held fortnightly throughout the year. The papers are very valuable from an educational stand-point and afford me an excellent opportunity to meet the distinguished members of the faculty.

I had the good fortune to be granted a bursary given by the Medical society each year to various students, for $100. That will help out to some extent on the year's expenses.

Recently, the Medical Society held its annual elections. The boys in the fraternity asked me to put on a strenuous campaign (the motto of which was "King or chaos" !) the result of which was

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March 18, 1936

My dear Lyon:

I was very pleased, upon returning from the House of Commons last night, to receive your letter of the day previous.

You were not more disappointed than I was at our not being able to get in touch with each other when I was in Toronto a week ago Monday. I went up to have my teeth attended to, and was most of the day with Dr. Gow and Dr. Small. I tried to reach you by telephone, but was told that the number I had in my book had changed, and found it impossible to reach you by the number which was given. I then had Nicol go later to the Fraternity House, but he arrived just after you had left. I would have got in touch with you early in the afternoon, but came back to the car quite done out after the hours at the dentist, and went at once to bed for a rest. I hoped to reach you in time to come down and take dinner with me, but it was then we found we could not get you by 'phone.

I am greatly pleased at what you tell me in your letter of your enjoyment of the past year, and ~~what~~ progress you have made in your work, and the recognition accorded you in other ways. You are quite right in believing that to be worthy of the esteem of your fellow students is quite as important, if, indeed, not more important, than any scholastic record. I am glad that you have not only merited their esteem but that the recognition of your worth has been given, on their part, the expression it has.

It is a splendid thing to be made President of your Fraternity, and also President of the Medical Athletic Society for 1936-37. It was the many-sidedness of their life which gave to the Greeks in ancient times the pre-eminence which they enjoyed. The presidency of the Fraternity and of the Athletic Society, combined with what you have won in scholarships, etc., is indicative of an all-round development which will help to make you better and more favourably known, and will stand you in good stead when it comes to the active practice of your profession.

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You no doubt know that your grandfather King was, in his day, President of the Literary and Scientific Society of the University, and also Editor of "The Varsity", the college paper. I often heard my father say that, in many ways, these two positions meant much more to him in his subsequent professional career than much else in his studies at University. Like you, he, too, was the winner of many prizes, not only in scholarship, but also for speaking and writing. I am glad that you are holding what, in these particulars, is best in the family tradition.

I am especially interested in what you tell me of the A.O.A. Society. You may well feel the pardonable pride you do in being a member of such a distinguished body. I like exceedingly your having presented a paper on Embolism, and that it received the praise it did from members of the Society. No more valuable contacts can be made at the University than those which bring you into personal touch and association on the lines of your profession with the men who are the leading members of it.

I know how delighted your father would have been had he been spared to see the splendid progress you have made at the university and the position you have already won for yourself. You may be sure that he knows of it all and that his mind has been guiding yours throughout your life and work. It was, if you will recall, just fourteen years ago this morning that his brave spirit found its release from the shackles which infirmity and disease had placed upon him. As you continue with your studies, I hope you will give increasing thought to the "escape of life", if I may so term it, from its restrictions here into its true realm, which is to be found in the freedom of the Great Beyond.

You no doubt recall how greatly your father admired the work of Pasteur, and, of course, you know that the stone which marks his grave is a reproduction of the one which lies over the grave of Pasteur in Paris. I am going tonight to see, at one of the movie theatres, the little play which depicts Pasteur's life and work. I am very happy that its appearance in Ottawa should come on this particular anniversary. Should the picture come to Toronto, as no doubt it will, I hope you too will go and see it.

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I have in my library the two volume "Life of Pasteur" by René Vallery-Radot, which your father gave to me on one of my birthdays. I read most of it aloud to my father and mother one summer at Kingsmere. It is one of the books from my library which I would like you some day to have. It was given to me just about twenty-one years ago.

A paragraph or two from one of Pasteur's speeches, to which your father directed my attention, formed, as you will see, the theme on which my "Industry and Humanity" was written, and was, to no inconsiderable degree, the inspiration of a large part of the book.

As I have suggested your going to see this little play, I feel I should enclose a cheque for a small amount, which will contribute toward that end. With the more important position you are holding, I have no doubt that demands upon your slender resources will be continually increasing. The $25.00 enclosed may be helpful just at this time, when you will be wishing to give all your thought to the forthcoming examinations and be concerned as little as possible about other matters.

With fondest love and all good wishes,
Believe me, dear Lyon,
Yours very affectionately,

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590 University Ave.
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March 19. 1936

Dear Uncle Hillie,

Your beautifully expressive letter with its endosed gift which came today has given me the greatest possible pleasure. The references to my heritage and to Father never cease to awe and delight me and proud I am to have been able so far to uphold the high standards that those, whose name I bear, set up. The cheque for $25.00 could have been more opportune. As you surmised, my financial state is rather weak, to say the least, although I have gone out less this year than in any before. I can find no words adequate enough to express my gratitude for your

my last letter that I have received an appointment as assistant on the surgical staff to the Sick Children's Hospital for the summer. Exams are over on the 12th of May and on the 18th, we start our work in the Field Course of Hygiene and Preventive Medicine. That lasts till June 5th and after that time I will move in to the Sick Children & begin work.

I do not expect to be able to get home at the end of the summer this year, both because of duties I will have to attend to before college starts next fall and because I hope to go home for Christmas in December.

Thank you again, dear Uncle Hillie, for your great kindness. With this letter goes all my love and respect and a sincere wish that I may never bring discredit to our honourable name.

Always affectionately yours, Lyon

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amazing kindness and thoughtfulness & me at all times. These things mean more to me than I can tell you and all the more so that they come so unexpectedly. Always when I have been in any need whatsoever, it seems that a kind word & encouragement and a bit & a financial boost has very soon come from you.

I do hope that your tremendous duties and great responsibilities are not leaving too heavily on your health which I well know won't stand too great a strain. As time goes by, I am becoming increasingly more able to look after you and advise you in that matter and I shall always regard your bodily health as one & my greatest trusts in Medicine.

I neglected to mention in

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590 University Ave.
Toronto, Ont.
April 5, 1936

Dear Uncle Willie.

Just a little note to thank you again for your generous gift a few weeks ago and to tell you that I have seen the Story of Louis Pasteur. Margery and I went together to see it yesterday afternoon at the Uptown Theatre. It was truly an inspiring picture and portrayed the character of that greatest of all scientists in a most masterly manner. I don't wonder that Father strove to emulate him in every way he could. The picture certainly showed up the stubborn ignorance of the Medical Profession

terating home and a half with her and her niece, Mrs. Gibson. She has a most beautiful home there in Rosedale and the flower conservatory is really lovely. I knew you would be interested that I had met her and made her acquaintance.

I have been working fairly hard since I last wrote in preparation for the coming exams which are only one short month away now. I went to enclose in this letter my present telephone number so that if the chance should ever come again that you have a moment to see me while in Toronto, I'll be able to know immediately. The number is Waverly 7566.

I hope you are well and strong, dear Uncle Willie, as ever. I'll write again soon. As ever

Yours in love and affection,
Lyon

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in those days and the blunders which the doctors made with eyes that could not see the real truth. I fear that our Profession is still very little different today as shown by the attitude of the men in this city toward Connell in ~~Boston~~ Kingston and his marvellous work in cancer research.

I have just come from a most interesting afternoon at tea with Mrs. David Dunlap. Margery's mother, Mrs. Rean, was over at Mrs. Dunlap's one afternoon last week and happened to mention to her that I was a great friend of her daughter's. Mrs. Dunlap asked that we both come to tea this afternoon as she wanted to meet Margery and also me, whom she has not seen since I was 3 yrs. of age. So we went over this afternoon and spent a most in-

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Be sure and see Pasteur Movie showing Uptown Theatre Toronto this week.

W. L. Mackenzie King

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July 16, 1936

My dear Lyon:

For some weeks past, I have been watching the local papers from day to day for some announcement of the results of the medical examinations. As I had not heard from you, I assumed that the results had not as yet been published.

Only a day or two ago, I received word from my office, where I had also asked that a lookout be kept for the results, that they had appeared a month or two ago. I am greatly distressed that I did not know of the outcome at the time, as I should like to have sent you immediately a wire of congratulation.

I am not sure whether you are in Toronto or in Denver, or where you may be spending the summer weeks. Therefore, I shall not attempt more in this note than to tell you how delighted I was to find that again you had passed with high honours, and were one of the very few who succeeded in obtaining this standing. Your record is a

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splendid one, and I feel not less proud than delighted at what you have accomplished.

Please let me know how you are, and where you are, so that I can write you more fully a little later on. I shall be glad also if you will send me word as to your Mother's and Arthur's plans for the summer. I have been so busy myself, and travelling about so much, that I have had little or no time to give attention to personal matters.

With fondest love, and again my warmest congratulations upon your splendid standing at the University,

Believe me, as always,
Your loving uncle,

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Faculty of Medicine Examination Results

The Maurice Cody Research Fellowships and Scholarships Committee announces the award of the research fellowship for the session 1936-37 to H. D. Woods, B.A. (New Brunswick), M.A. (McGill).

This fellowship is of the value of $1,500, and was founded by friends of the late Henry Maurice Cody for the encouragement of the study of Canadian economic conditions.

During the present session Mr. Woods has been enrolled in the School of Graduate Studies of the University of Toronto and during the coming session will continue an investigation of the forest and allied industries of Canada with the object of throwing some light on the problem of conservation of raw materials." He will present a thesis on this subject for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Medals, prizes, scholarships and fellowships awarded by the Senate of the University Faculty of Medicine:

Sixth Year.

The Faculty Gold Medal, O. M. Solandt, B.Sc. (Med.), M.A.; the Faculty Silver Medal, C. H. Jaimet; the Faculty Silver Medal, A. M Large, B.A.; the Ellen Mickle Fellowship, O. M. Solandt; the Chappell Prize in Clinical Medicine, O. M. Solandt; the William John Hendry Memorial Scholarship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, O. M. Solandt; the Ontario Medical Association Prize in Preventive Medicine, O. M. Solandt; the David Dunlap Memorial Scholarship, O. M. Solandt; the Canadian Medical Institute Prize, O. M. Solandt.

Undergraduate.

The John Copp Bursary, C. C. Gray; the David Dunlap Memorial Scholarships (a) Fifth Year, W. R. Feasby, B.A.; (b) Third Year, J. C. McCulloch; the Ronald S. Saddington Medal in Pathology, E. B. Tovee; *the Baptie Scholarship, J. H. Tritt.

Graduate.

*The Reeve Prize, M. H. Roepke, B.S., M.S., M.A., Ph.D., and S. Cohen, B.A.; the George Brown Memorial Scholarship in Medical Sciences, R. E. Haist, B.A.; the Alexander McPhedran Research Fellowship in Clinical Medicine, R. C. Dickson, M.D.; the Perry Goldsmith Prize in Oto-Laryngology, J. A. Sullivan, M.B.; the J. J. Mackenzie Fellowship in Pathology and Bacteriology, R. P. Douglas, M.D.

Diploma in Public Health.

Pass—Boyd, Dr. A. R. J.; Fraser, Dr. R. H.; Gagnon, Dr. A.—granted aegrotat standing in subjects not taken. Lapp, Dr. A. D.; Logan, Dr. H. L.; Miller, Dr. G. W.; Paquin, Dr. J.; Perrie, Dr. J. I.; Rutledge, Dr. E. J.; Sirois, Dr. J. S. Drs. Gagnon, Miller, Paquin and Sirois to complete field work.

Bachelor of Science (Medicine).

Pass—Coles, Dr. B. C.; Josephson, Dr. J. E.; Paterson, Dr. J. C.; Preston, Dr. F. C.

First Examination.

Pass—With Honors — Mickler, J. G.; Sanderson, C. G.; Locke, C. C.; Winter, B.; Mark, L. C.; Lampert, E.; Mewhort, C. W.

Pass — xAcenberg, M. S. (Biology); xAdame, Miss D. S. (Inorganic Chemistry); xAitken, D. W. (French); Albertson, D. B. xArmstrong, T. W. (Inorganic Chemistry); Atwood, H. K.; xBankier, P. D. (Biology); Bean, D. M.; xBell, C. A. (Inorganic Chemistry); xBlack, T. H. (Physical Training); Blanchard, K. R.; Bolley, H.; Branch, W. A.; Breitenaupt, D. J.; Broomhead, D. J.; xBurwell, Miss E. E. (Inorganic Chemistry); Carter, N. J. C.; Clark, D. R.; xClinkett, F. R. (Biology); Colquette, C. B.; Corson, J. A.; Cowan, R. J.; Cowan, W. C.; Cunningham, W. F.; Dignan, J. G.; Fedder, J.; Fineberg, J.; Forsey, R. R. P.; Freedman, M. S.; Gibson, J. W.; xGoldsbie, C. (Biology); xGooderham, A. E. T. (Inorganic Chemistry. French. Physical Training); xGooderham, Miss M. (Inorganic Chemistry); Greco, E. J. M.; Green, L. S.; Guyatt, R. P.; Hall, R. M.; Handy, B. H.; Harvey, G. L.; Healy, C. J. M.; Helber, G.; Hiliary, N. L.; Hincks, Miss M. M.; Hisey, L.; Howitt, C. W. E.; xHuether, J. W. (Biology. French); Hutchinson, W. E.; xJamieson, D. M. (Inorganic Chemistry); xJardine, K. G. (Physics); xJefferies, A. W. (Biology); Jones, W. F.; Keith, W. E.; xKelley, Miss J. M. (Physics); Kerr, R. B.; King, K.C.; xKirby, J. W. (Biology); Kremer, L. S.; xLamberti, H. J. (Inorganic Chemistry); Layiner, B. D.; Levinne, N. N.; Levitt, H.; Levy, I.; Lightfoot, L. T.; Lunan, M. D.; xMcCulloch, J. (Inorganic Chemistry); McFarlane, Miss M. H.; MacKay, B. K.; Mahood, A. W.; xMarinelli, V. (Inorganic Chemistry); Mickleborough, K. M.; Mighton, A. K.; Mitchell, H.; xMoses, P. (Biology and French); Murray, J. L.; xNash, R. D. (Biology); Ortved, W. E.; xOuellred, O. W. (Inorganic Chemistry); Pelkes, I. L.; Pilkey, R. M.; xPlant, J. S. (Biology); Pollack, H.; Pomer, S. H.; Powell, E. C.; Preece, C. G.; Reive, W. G. M.; Riddell, R. L.; Russell, J. L.; Salem, E. P.; Schiffer, I.; Schlachter, H. M.; Scott, R. A.; xSholuklir, M. (Inorganic Chemistry); Sidenberg, R. E.; Smillie, R. A.; xSpafford, W. B. (Inorganic Chemistry); Steiner, A. A.; xStewart, J. D. (Inorganic Chemistry and Science and Civilization); xStiles, D. C. (Biology); xStrachan, K. M. C. (Biology); Sugarman, Miss L.; xSunderland, K. B. (Inorganic Chemistry); Sylvester, C. E.; xThuniey, D. E. (Biology); Taylor, H. L.; Todd, J. E.; xTomney, J. L. (Inorganic Chemistry); Townsend, M. P.; xTrow, E. J. (Inorganic Chemistry and French); Varty, H. H.; xVaughan, A. M. (Inorganic Chemistry); Walker, G. R.; Wallace, G. M.; xWallace, H. M. (Science and Civilization); Warren, D. R.; xWasylenki, A. J. (Inorganic Chemistry and Science and Civilization); Weare, W. G.; Weingarten, I.; Weingarten, I. P.; Welch, R. H.; Whiteside, J. H.; Wiegand, W. J.; Zagalsky, Z.

Second Examination.

Pass with honors—Lane, G. A. Aeg.; Hildes, J. A.; Wait, J. G.; Tritt, J. H.; Sullivan, H.; Tepper, N.; Rowland, W. A.; Kodack, A. Aeg.; Caven, W. H.; Crossland, A. M. J.; Goodman, S.; Butt, W.

Pass—xAllen, D. R. (Psychology); Altman, H. E.; xAshworth, M. A. (Anatomy); Ball, A. H.; Beber, J.; xBell, R. (Psychology); Broadfoot, T. W. L.; Brown, N. L.; Bryant, A. J. S.; Burnett, W. H.; Button, F. J.; xCalarco, J. A. (Anatomy); Campbell, Miss M.; xCarveth, G. H. (Anatomy); xClarke, R. S. (Anatomy); Cohen, L. J.; xCullner, N. W. (Anatomy); xDemary, R. F. F. (Histology and Embryology); Denne, A. J.; Doerr, R. S.; Downing, G. M.; Emmett, J. C.; Fleming, J. H.; Fremes, I. A.; Gray, G. C.; Harris, J. O.; Harris, R. S.; xHerman, M. B. (Organic Chemistry); xHewitt, D. A. (Anatomy); Holmes, S. J.; Hoover, M. P.; xHowe, W. D. (Organic Chemistry); Hudecki, S. M.; Hudson, A. L.; Jamieson, R. L.; xJones, D. R. (Psychology); Kamin, I.; xKer, W. F. (Physiology); Kerr, W. K.; Kinnear, J. A.; Kinsman, J. L.; Kline, H. J.; xLanger, H. D. (Psychology); xLax, A. (Anatomy); Lindsey, G. W.; xLittle, M. H. (Psychology); McCaffrey, R. P.; McClintock, H. T.; Macdonald, E. S.; McElroy, D.K.; McGill, W. I.; xMcGoey, P. F. (Anatomy); Mackenzie, W. F.; xMcKone, B. (Histology and Embryology); McLeod, J. A.; xMarcellus, D. F. (Histology and Embryology); Miller, D.; Muma, C. O.; Northover, R. J.; Peabbym, T. J.; xPenfold, G. E. (Anatomy); Penney, G. R.; Pentland, E. S.; xProbert, R. I. (Organic Chemistry); xProvoe, Miss D. M. (Physiology); Prowse, L. E.; xPurdon, A. L. (Organic Chemistry); Rozaback, C. H.; xRotstein, M. L. (Physiology); Russell, W. K.; Shier, C. B.; Sigel, M. M.; xSimon, S. A. (Anatomy); Solomon, S. A.; Spencer, S. H.; Staiton, T.; Stewart, J. T. R.; Stirrett, R. L.; Strashin, I.; Taylor, C. W.; Telison, A. G.; xTempie, G. D. (Physiology); Wagman, B.; Wagman, M.; xWallis, H. B. (Psychology); Watson, E. E. B.; Weddell, J.; Williamson, R. J. D.; Wilson, G. E. P.; xWilson, T. V. (Anatomy); xWilson, W. R. S. (Anatomy); xWodehouse, G. E. (Anatomy); Wrathall, E. L.; Wright, A. R.; Zaritsky, M.

Archibald, R. M., and Weinstein, S., pass in subjects of second and third year in which they were required to write.

Third Examination.

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Fifth Examination.

Pass with honors—Wightman, K. J. R.; McGeachy, Miss J. A.; Warren, I. A.; MacDonald, D. G. H.; Bagnell, A. W., and Gordon, R. A (Aeq.); King, W. L. M.; Cathie, J. L.; Markham, J. D.; Mulligan, Miss F. L.; Blanchard, A. J.; Nelison, J. B.; Hayward, H.

Pass—Anten, E. V.; Axmith, D.; Balmer, H. C.; xBerenbaum, L. J. (Surgery); Blanchard, E. J. M.; Boddington, G. D. M.; Borsook, Mrs. H. M.; xBremner, W. V. (Psychiatry); Bucove, B.; Burke, C. L.; xCaldwell, J. D. (Surgery); Campbell, E. O.; Campbell, R. M. P.; Collins, V. P.; Coxon, M. G.; Dick, F. S.; Dillane, W. E.; Dunlop, T. C.; Elliott, A. J.; Feasby, W. R.; Feldman, A.; Fine, C. S.; Fink, A.; Fletcher, J. P.; Fowler, J. L. A.; Gibbon, G. W.; Gibeon, J. H.; Glassman, M.; xGold, P. (Pathological Chemistry); Goodfriend, J.; Grant, S.; xGreene, L. M.

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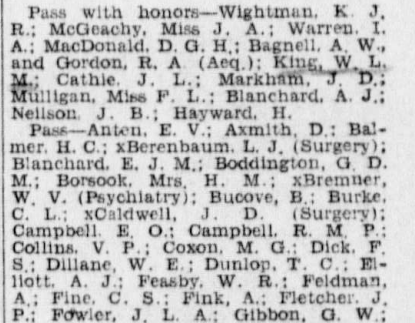

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The Maurice Cody Research Fellowships and Scholarships Committee announces the award of the research fellowship for the session 1936 37 to H. D Woods, B.A. (New Brunswick), M.A. (McGill).

This fellowship is of the value of $1,500, and was founded by friends of the late Henry Maurice Cody for the encouragement of the study of Canadian economic conditions.

During the present session Mr. Woods has been enrolled in the School of Graduate Studies of the University of Toronto and during the coming session will continue "an investigation of the forest and allied industries of Canada with the object of throwing some light on the problem of conservation of raw materials." He will present a thesis on this subject for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Medals, prizes, scholarships and fellowships awarded by the Senate of the University Faculty of Medicine:

Sixth Year.

The Faculty Gold Medal, O. M Solandt, B.Sc. (Med.), M.A.; the Faculty Silver Medal, C. H. Jalmet; the Faculty Silver Medal, A. M Large, B.A.; the Ellen Mickle Fellowship, O. M. Solandt; the Chappell Prize in Clinical Medicine, O. M. Solandt; the William John Hendry Memorial Scholarship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, O. M. Solandt; the Ontario Medical Association Prize in Preventive Medicine, O. M. Solandt; the David Dunlap Memorial Scholarship, O. M. Solandt; the Canadian Medical Institute Prize, O. M. Solandt.

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The John Copp Bursary, C. C. Gray; the David Dunlap Memorial Scholarships (a) Fifth Year, W. R. Feasby, B.A.; (b) Third Year, J. C. McCulloch; the Ronald S Saddington Medal in Pathology, E. B. Tovee; *the Baptie Scholarship, J. H. Tritt.

Graduate.

*The Reeve Prize, M. H. Roepke, B.S., M.S., M.A., Ph.D., and S. Cohen, B.A.; the George Brown Memorial Scholarship in Medical Sciences, R. E. Haist, B.A.; the Alexander McPhedran Research Fellowship in Clinical Medicine, R. C. Dickson, M.D.; the Perry Goldsmith Prize in Oto-Laryngology, J. A. Sullivan, M.B.; the J. J. Mackenzie Fellowship in Pathology and Bacteriology, R. P. Douglas, M.D.

Diploma in Public Health.

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Bachelor of Science (Medicine).

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Pass—xAllen, D. R. (Psychology); Altman, H. E.; xAshworth, M. A. (Anatomy); Ball, A. H.; Beiser, J.; xBell, R. (Psychology); Broadfoot, T. W. L.; Brown, N. L.; Bryant, A. J. S.; Burnett, W. H.; Button, F. J.; xCalarco, J. A. (Anatomy); Campbell, Miss M. xCarveth, G. H. (Anatomy); xClarke, R. S. (Anatomy); Cohen, L. J.; xCullner, N. W. (Anatomy); xDemarr, R. F. F. (Histology and Embryology); Dennie, A. J.; Doerr, R. S.; Downing, G. M.; Emmett, J. C.; Fleming, J. H.; Fremes, I. A.; Gray, G. C.; Harris, J. O.; Harris, R. S.; xHerman, M. B. (Organic Chemistry); xHewitt, D. A. (Anatomy); Holmes, S. J., Hoover, M. P. (xHowe, W. D. (Organic Chemistry); Huddell, S. M.; Hudson, A. L.; Jamieson, R. L.; xJones, D. R. (Psychology); Kamin, I.; xKer, W. F. (Physiology); Kerr, W. K.; Kinnear, J. A.; Kinaman, J. L.; Kline H. J. xLanger, H. D. (Psychology); xLax A. (Anatomy); Lindsey, G. W.; xLittle, M. H. (Psychology); McCaffrey, R. P.; McClintock, H. T.; Macdonald, E. S.; McElroy, D.E.; McGill, W. L.; xMcGoey, P. P. (Anatomy); Mackenzie, W. F.; xMcKone, B. (Histology and Embryology); McLeod, J. A.; xMarcellus, D. F. (Histology and Embryology); Miller, D.; Muma, C. O.; Northover, R. J.; Pashbyn, T. J.; xPenfold, G. E. (Anatomy); Penney, G. R.; Pentland, E. S.; xProbert, R. I (Organic Chemistry); xProwse, Miss D. M. (Physiology); Prowse, L. E.; xPurdon, A. L. (Organic Chemistry); Rorabeck, C. H.; xRotstein, M. L. (Physiology); Russell, W. K.; Shier, C. B.; Sigel, M. M.; xSimon, S. A. (Anatomy); Solomon, S. A.; Spencer, S. H.; Statten, T.; Stewart, J. T. R.; Street, R. L.; Strashin, I.; Taylor, C. W.; Tellson, A. G.; xTemple, G. D. (Physiology); Wagman, B.; Wagman, M.; xWallis, H. B. (Psychology); Watson, E. E. B.; Weddell, J.; Williamson, R. J. D.; Wilson, G. E.; xWilson, T. V. (Anatomy); xWilson, W. R. S. (Anatomy); xWodehouse, G. E. (Anatomy); Wrathall, E. L.; Wright, A. R.; Zaritsky, M.

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Fourth Examination.

Pass with honors—Tovee, E. B.; Mustard, R. A.; Borsook, M. E.; Gozgio A.; Duffin, J. D.; McEwen, V. W.

Pass—Albertson, Miss M. E.; Apted, W. E. (granted aegrotat standing in subjects not taken); Auerback, A.; Avery, J. F. G.; Baillie, J. H; xBalinson, R. H. (Pathology and Pharmacology); Barton, F. C.; Bateman, J. E.; xBickle, J. R. (Pathology); Bigelow, W. G.; xBirrell, J. D. (Pathology and Pharmacology); Bochner, A. A. K.; Bowman, H. O.; Brady, P. L. Breslin, W. L.; xCampbell, A. D. (Pathology and Pharmacology); Card, L. W. B.; Carpento, D. D.; Chankin, E. D.; Charles, W. B.; Codnere, J. T.; Coie, A. B.; Daley, Miss M. A.; Dalrymple, S. J. V.; deBystrice, A. J. W.; xdeBystrice, O. F. W. (Medicine); Dobson, E. A.; Finkelstein, H. P.; xFinlayson, A. J. (Pathology); Fisher, C. M.; Florence, J.; Foster, H. L.; Freed, B. D.; Garratt, J. W. D.; Graham, D. C.; Greenspon, I.; Hall, W. E.; Hamilton, H. S.; Hanisch, C. M.; xHarris, G. A. (Pathology); Hessin, A. L.; xHickey, H. D. (Pathology and Pharmacology) Howes, J. E.; Isenberg, M.; Jackson, S.; Johnston, J. G.; Keast, T. P.; Keevil, R. F.; xKingsberg, D. (Medicine); Kovach, J. C.; xKrakauer, C. (Surgery); xLang, Miss J. K. (Pharmacology); Lauber, R. W.; Levine, Miss L.; Levy, D.; xLore, H. W. (Medicine and Pharmacology); McCabe, J.; McCaffrey, J. A.; McClelland, Miss L.; McKeown, J. L, granted aegrotat standing in subjects not taken; xMacKinnon, A. G. (Pharmacology); Maclachlan, I. K.; xMacPhee, A. C. (Pharmacology); xMellow, R. C. (Medicine and Pharmacology); Meyer, E. G.; Minden, J. H.; Mintz, H. H.; Mitchell, W. B.; xMorris, M. L. (Medicine); xMuir, W. T. (Medicine and Pathology); xNolan, W. J. (Pathology and Pharmacology); Osborne, H. G.; Ord, J. V. R.; Overend, F. B.; xPalmer, J. G. (Medicine and Pathology); Pearl, J. A.; Pepper, W.; Powell, A. B.; xPorter, H. A. (Pharmacology); Proctor, L. D.; Procunier, F. A.; Reid, J. G.; xReid, W. J. (Pathology); Rice, W. G.; Rogers, G. E. B.; Ross, J. A.; xRubin, A. (Medicine); xRyan, P. A. (Pathology); Scheffer, S. J. Scheinert, J.; Seltzer, B.; Silverman, H. L.; Sloan, W. L.; Smith, A. G.; Solway, S.; xSparkes, J. W (Medicine) Stewart, Miss F. H.; Taute, H; xTaylor, R. G. (Pathology); xThompson, J. L (Medicine and Pathology); xTomlinson, J. W (Pathology); Trimble, G. X.; Vaie, B. W.; Voelker, P. A.; Wanless, H.; xWilford, Miss M. E. (Pathology); Williams, M. F.; Wise, D. K.; xWolfe, R. I. (Medicine and Pharmacology); Wright, Miss I. L.; Zarsky, A. J.

Fifth Examination.

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Pass—Anten, E. V.; Axmith, D.; Balmer, H. C.; xBerenbaum, L. J, (Surgery); Blanchard, E. J. M.; Boddington, G. D. M.; Borsook, Mrs. H. M.; xBremner, W. V. (Psychiatry); Bucove, B.; Burke, C. L.; xCaldwell, J. D. (Surgery); Campbell, E. O.; Campbell, R. M. P.; Collins, V. P.; Coxon, M. G.; Dick, F. S.; Dillane, W. E.; Dunlop, T. C.; Elliott, A. J.; Feasby, W. R.; Feldman, A.; Fine, C. S.; Fink, A.; Fletcher, J. P.; Fowler, J. L. A.; Gibbon, G. W.; Gibson, J. H.; Glassman, M.; xGold, P. (Pathological Chemistry); Goodfriend, J.; Grant, S.; xGreene, L. M.

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Hospital for Sick Children
Toronto, Ont.
July 22, 1936

Dear Uncle Willie,

I was immensely pleased to receive your letter this morning and amazed to find I had not written you regarding the results. I had every intention of doing so but there was so much going on at the time that I forgot I hadn't written. I am very sorry, sir, but I'll try and give you all the news now.

I was quite disappointed at standing only 7th this year and Mother was equally disappointed in me. I thought I had done much better so that only added to my chagrin. I have no excuses to make — I'll just try a lot harder next year to regain my high standing.

before he can get his degree. After that he has the tough problem of deciding where he's going to work and of looking for a job. In order to have and hold a job in the U.S.A., it is necessary these days to be a naturalized American citizen. Art is not yet ready to renounce his British allegiance - that means he'll have to find work somewhere in Canada. It is all quite undecided as yet; I believe he has written you & is eagerly awaiting any advice and suggestions you have to offer.

During the next year abroad, I will be living at 41 Murray St., Toronto, the new fraternity address. I won't be going home in September at all. As for as the exams were concerned, I was 7th in a class of 123 and I got 5 A's & 3 B's. on the various subject. No scholarships unfortunately. I will write you more later just as soon as I get your letter.

Best of love and good wishes to you. As ever Your loving nephew, Ryan

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41 Murray St.
Toronto, Ont.
Sept. 6, 1936

Dear Uncle Willie,

The memory of the two short visits with you yesterday will always renew the very great pleasure I had in being with and talking to you once again. I always feel refreshed after one of those brief chats and, each time, some new source of strength seems to come to me. It is very encouraging to have a successful person uphold one's own ideals; it helps to keep one on the right track

I have never seen you look as well as you do at the present time. I do hope your exacting duties and grave responsibilities will not combine to destroy that fine physical vigor which seemed yesterday to radiate from you.

I shall be going off to Georgian Bay tomorrow for a weeks holiday & loafing. I will keep you constantly in touch with my doings during the coming.

The best of happiness and good luck to you on the Geneva trip. Hoping to have the pleasure of another chat with you in the near future, I am, with fondest love and best wishes, as ever

Yours affectionately,
Lyon

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I only hope I may continue to fill your heart with satisfaction concerning my progress and the making use of the advantages that such gifts as this afford me.
Thank you from the bottom of my heart, dear Uncle Willie, for your extreme interest and kindness in going to the great trouble you did & locating us and for the time you deliberately sacrificed from the demands made upon you in order to see us for those few minutes.

I shall get one golf club to add to the one & only I now possess; the rest goes in the bank.

and to preserve one's perspective. I am particularly greatful to you for your few kindly words in regard to the liquor question. While not in my danger of starting the habit myself, it nevertheless will make it easier for me in future to fight away the feeling of being cut off to a certain extent from my medical associates because I don't happen to drink.

The $50 gift has come at a time when my resources were at their lowest ebb and I was wondering how I was going to get through the month. I cannot express adequately my appreciation in mere words.

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41 Murray St.
Toronto, Ont.
October 22, 1936

Dear Uncle Willie,

This is a just a short note, which I hope will reach you before you sail, to let you know how things are going with Art, Mother, and me and to thank you for your great kindness in having your itinerary sent to us so that we might know where to reach you at any moment in case I need.

Things are going fine at home so far as I can tell. But I know that Mother is very lonely all by herself out there although she tries in every way not to show it in her letters. But she is well and has work enough to keep her busy all the time as they come in ourselves. There are six of us on Ward C at the General Hospital and one of us has to be there all the time. So I find myself very hard pressed at times to get anything done at all but the routine work on this Ward. However - it is the best possible kind of training and I wouldn't miss it.

I have been reading the letters often about your doings in Geneva. They certainly seem to be doing more to weld Canada with other nations than the breeding efforts of the conservatives!

I hope your health has remained as good as it was when I last saw you. And I hope we get another chance for a chat with you soon after you get back to Canada.

All my love - dear Uncle Willie, as always

Your affectionate nephew,
Ryon

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and we're both very much looking forward to seeing each other during the Christmas holidays.

Art has been very fortunate in his new job with the Hydro. It seems to be a permanent one. He has been sent from place to place, working on surveying lines for telegraph communication. This involves being in out-lying districts which are very hard to address letters to. But he gets into town often enough to maintain his connections here. He is not satisfied with the exact type of work he is doing. He wants to get into the electrical end of the business. But that will come in time, I should think, if he shows his worth to them now.

I have been busy as ever before in school. We are on surgery trimester this month and next and we are handling

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41 Murray St.
Toronto, Ont.
Nov. 4, 1936

Dear Uncle Willie,

I don't know whether my letter written a couple of weeks ago reached you before you left England or not. At my rate, I should like this letter to welcome your return to Canada and to bring to you my love and best wishes for the future as you again take up the reins of the Canadian government.

I hope you have had a happy and profitable sojourn across the ocean and that you made the progress which and if the next four years does not see, through your efforts and his, Canada wedded to the United States by bonds of friendship and mutual reciprocity never before attained, I shall be very greatly surprised and disappointed.

I must get back to my books and materia medica now. But I wished you to know that I have been thinking of you often while you were away and am very joyful at your being again in Ottawa.

All my love, as always, dear Uncle Willie,

Affectionately your nephew,
Ryon

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makes him very annoyed at times. But he is earning good money and the Canadian climate seems to be agreeing with him admirably.

I am sure you were sorry to hear of the death of Prof. Klotz the day before yesterday. Like Father, he made a gallant fight against overwhelming and hopeless odds and got managed to carry on almost to the last. I will always carry Dr. Klotz's memory with me as a real example of hard work and life-long study.

The re-election of President Roosevelt is to me the greatest blessing that could have befallen the U.S.A. He is a sane, level-headed gentleman, you hoped to attain when I last was talking with you. Also I hope that your health has remained as really excellent as it seemed to be then.

Our surgery trimester is half over now and I feel that I have learned a great deal under the wonderful system of teaching now being employed. I have never enjoyed a year more from the purely academical point than I have this year.

Mother is looking very well and her work is sufficient to enable her to live very comfortably. Arthur is being shifted either and soon in his job which

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speech before all the intellectual lights of the medical profession. I don't imagine I shall enjoy the dinner much, confound it.

I must get going on study now, for this Surgery, Uncle Willie. I have a very great lot to get over this week. I'll write again when I have heard definitely from Mother regarding this change of plans.

Very fondest love, as ever,

Affectionately, your nephew,

Lyon

41 Murray St.
Toronto, Ont.
November 30, 1956

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your telephone message the other morning delighted me beyond words, as did the one a few weeks before that. It certainly warms my heart — and Arthur feels likewise — that a man as busy as you are can find time to inquire personally how we are getting along and what our plans are. How greatly we appreciate it, you may not realize.

The first thing of interest to you is that the family have decided to bring Mother up to Toronto by train this Christmas, rather than have me go home to Denver, provided she is willing to come,

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supplied himself now with plenty of warm clothes — underwear and socks, but he welcomed your suggestion about your suits with delight. His measurements, roughly, are:

Normal size of body & chest	40"
Sleeve length	33"
Leg length	33"
Waist	33"
Neck	15½"
Total height	6 ft. 0"

He is quite well and is managing to get himself located definitely in Toronto. I do not know as yet just what his present work is, but he will write you soon himself and tell you all about it.

We have another week left of our Surgery Trimester and then the final quiz in Surgery. I expect it will be quite exciting and I am looking forward to a merry time at it next Saturday morning. The night before is our AOA society banquet and I have to make a

They all feel, and both Arthur and I agree, that what Mother needs most right now is a thorough break and change of environment, and above all, a chance to talk things over with the family as a whole. Instead of having me alone to talk to, she will have all her brothers and her sister to talk to and to entertain for her. The loneliness that must be pressing on her terribly will be lost to view and she will be able to go on alone till spring, buoyed up in spirit. Don't you agree with that, sir? As concerns expense, it would be a saving rather than an expenditure, for it will cost no more for her to make the trip than it would for me and she will not have to entertain me. And if there was a chance in the world of her seeing you, if even for an hour or two, it would be perfect.

So that I guess I'll be in Toronto for Christmas. Art has

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Ottawa, December 7, 1936.

Lyon King, Esq.,
41 Murray Street,
Toronto.

~~I think plans for Christmas outlined your letter quite the best.~~

Glad to know your mother likely to be in Toronto with Arthur and yourself at Christmas Season. Believe this quite the best arrangement. Will write later on. Love.

Uncle Willie

Charge: Prime Minister's Office,
Ottawa.

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December 15, 1936

Lyon King, Esq.,
41 Murray Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

My dear Lyon:

You will have learned from my wire, sent a few days ago, how pleased I was to hear that your Mother was going to visit her sisters and brothers during the Christmas Season, and that you had decided to remain in Toronto so that you and Arthur might both be with her at that time.

In every way that is the best possible arrangement. It will mean added happiness to you all, and what is best of all, will enable Arthur as well as yourself, to be with your Mother on Christmas Day.

If I find I can arrange it at all, I intend to invite you and Arthur and your Mother to come down to Ottawa for one day while your Mother is with you. I wish I could contemplate the possibility of a time longer than that, but with all I have to give my time and thought to this year, with Parliament opening early in January, thy more I fear cannot possibly be managed. I would like to have you for Christmas Day, and would suggest that day, but for two reasons: The first is that I imagine your Mother will be happier having the day with her brothers and sisters, as well as with Arthur and yourself; the other reason is that unless I have Christmas Day to myself to get off acknowledgments by cable, telegraph, etc., I know it will be impossible ever to have any acknowledgment of gifts or greetings made.

What I have in mind is having the three of you come down, either on the night train on the 26th, spending the Sunday, the 27th, with me at Laurier House and returning the night of the 27th, or, what I think would be better, coming down on the day train which leaves Toronto at 9.15 a.m. on Saturday and arrives in Ottawa at 5.15 p.m. the same day, spending the night at Laurier House and returning to Toronto

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by the afternoon train on Sunday which leaves here at 3.00 p.m. and reaches Toronto at 9.30 p.m. Please let me know which of the alternatives would likely best suit the convenience of your Mother, Arthur and yourself.

If this can be arranged, my plan is to give you the trip as a part of my Christmas present to you all. Just as soon as plans are definitely decided it would be well for you immediately to make three reservations for seats or berths on the train, having reservations secured both ways. There may be much travel at Christmas time and by getting the reservations as early as possible you will be assured of better accommodation.

Today I am sending to you and Arthur another part of my Christmas gift to each of you. I do not know Arthur's address in Toronto, so am sending the gift for him (which is similar to the one I am sending to you) in your care, addressed to 41 Murray Street. The packages are marked not to be opened until Christmas, but you may both open them at once, as it is quite possible you may wish to avail yourself of their use between the time of their receipt and Christmas Day. These gifts go to you boys with my fondest love and my best wishes.

Please let me have word from you as soon as the gifts are received and with it send, if you can, your Mother's address in Toronto and the day of her arrival there; also send me, if you can, Arthur's address. I am always at a loss to know where to reach him. I am sending him a line in your care, just to let him know of the gift that I am sending by express today. In regard to the other matters mentioned in this letter, I shall trust to your sharing its contents with him.

It looks as though you are all going to have a very happy Christmas. I hope it will be for your Mother, Arthur and yourself, the happiest you have known in many years.

With fondest love,
Believe me, dear Lyon,
Your affectionate Uncle,

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December 22, 1936

My dear Lyon:

I was delighted to receive your loving letter with its birthday greetings and good wishes on the day of my sixty-second birthday anniversary. I thank you warmly for all that it expressed of your remembrances and affection.

I was glad to know that you and Arthur had duly received the dress suit cases which I sent you as a gift at this Christmas season. I was sure you would like them and I hope they will prove to be of service for many years to come.

When I telephoned to you about the trip down I spoke of your returning on the afternoon train on Sunday. It hasmsince occurred to me that you might like to stay a little longer, after taking a journey of such a distance. Accordingly I am writing now to say that if you would prefer to return by the night train which leaves at 11.35 p.m. and gets into to Toronto at 7.20 a.m. on Monday morning, I would be glad to have you and your Mother and Arthur stay that additional length of time. In case Arthur should find that he could not get away fee Saturday morning, he could take the afternoon train at 4.00 p.m. on Saturday which arrives here at 10.00 p.m. Saturday night. That would gtehhimhtimeinotime to spend the night at Laurier House and we would be able to have all of the next day together.

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It may be that I will have to leave you boys and your Mother to yourselves for a part of the time, as I shall have some matters to attend to on Sunday, and shall also have to have a little rest. I have no doubt, however, there will be much in the house which will be sufficient to interest you, and that you will be just as glad, like me, to have a little of the time to yourselves.

I assume you have become familiar with the special weekend fares which are applicable at this season of the yar. I am told at the office in Ottawa that you can secure a round trip, in a parlour car or sleeper, for $10.65, plus $1.35 for a chair, or plus $2.25 for a berth.

In the little envelope which I am enclosing herewith, which is not to be opened until Christmas morning, you will find an amount sufficient to cover the round trip, with something additional. The enclosure also is a part of my Christmas gift to you and is sent to you with my fondest love and best of wishes.

You had better make sure of your day and night reservations at once, as there is almost certain to be large numbers of people travelling at the weekend.

I shall probably not have a chance to write again this week, but unless I hear to the contrary, will expect you and your Mother, and I hope Arthur as well, to arrive in Ottawa on Saturday afternoon at 5.15. My car will be at the station to meet you, and unless something prevents me from being on hand, I shall also be there to greet you all.

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I cannot tell you with what pleasure I am looking forward to the visit of your Mother, Arthur and yourself.

With renewed good wishes for Christmas and the New year,

Believe me, as always, dear Lyon,

Your loving uncle,

Lyon King, Esq.,
41 Murray Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

P.S. Be sure and make reservations comfortable on the way down, enjoying a mid-day meal en route. We will have tea as soon as you arrive.

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41 Murray St.
Toronto, Ont.
December 16, 1936

Dear Uncle Willie,

This letter is a feeble attempt to express my gratitude and abbreciation of the many kindnesses and the happy pleasure that your lovely letter and Christmas package have brought to me today.

First let me wish you many happy returns of the day on your 61st birthday and to offer a prayer of thankfulness that God has seen fit to take the excellent care of you and your health that He has this past year. May the next prove as fruitful both to yourself and to the welfare of the Canadian people as the last one has done!

I took the liberty of showing at 10:30. Pretty fast time, eh what! She will stay while in Toronto at the home of her sister, Mrs. Davis. The address is 217 St. Leonards Ave. phone no. Mo.1210. She will be here till the 2nd of January when she will leave in time to arrive in Denver and start her lessons on the evening Monday.

Let me express again, dear Uncle Willie, my grateful thanks for your exceeding kindness and again wish you a happy birthday and a very Merry Christmas. With all my love,

Affectionately, your nephew,

Leon

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on it right now. I shall go down to the station in the next day or two and make reservations for that time.

Arthur has been changed over to the Test-lab. this week and will be working there steadily from now on. I imagine it will be quite a simple matter for him to get Saturday morning of the day after Christmas and make the trip up with us. He has just taken a room at the following address:

c/o Mrs. Cummings
148 Pierson St., Toronto

I do not know the phone no. as yet but I have asked him to write it to you at once. Your parcel to him arrived safely along with mine and we opened them together. He was tickled to pieces.

Mother is leaving Denver on Saturday afternoon coming east and will arrive in Toronto Sunday night the very large, handsome package that came for me today as you suggested I should in your letter. I was amazed and delighted at the beautiful suitcase I found in it inscribed with my initials. Nothing could have given me greater pleasure than this valuable gift and I shall have it for use all the rest of my life. My heartfelt thanks to you, sir.

The little trip to Ottawa that you propose for Mother, Art and myself will be the most delightful event of Mother's whole trip up here. I am sure, and of course we'll all love to come. I feel that your latter suggestion will be the better as far as time coming down is concerned, namely, leaving Toronto at 9:15 a.m. Saturday and taking the 3 o'clock train from Ottawa back to Toronto the next day. That would be simply ideal and we'll plan definitely

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MRS. MACDOUGALL KING
946 WASHINGTON STREET
DENVER, COLORADO

Dec. 28, 1936

Dear Uncle Willie,

I cannot express in the space of a few short words what the little visit we have just enjoyed with you has meant to us all and particularly to me. The stimulus of those few quiet words yesterday morning and of the short talk we had together while we walked will remain with me for a long time.

My religious beliefs, or lack of them I should say, have long given me cause for anxiety but I have felt all along that as I

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grew older and my mind matured, I would come gradually to a firm belief in those things which are so real to you and to Mother, indeed to nearly all the people I intelled and training that I have met. It really is a source of great comfort.

Thanks you again and again for your kindness and generosity at this Christmas season, for the beautiful suitcase, your special Christmas greetings and telegram and for the monetary gift, but most of all to the delightful visit with you at Laurier House.

With fondest love and best wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year,

Affectionately your nephew,
Lyon

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December 28, 1936.

My Dear Lyon.

I thank you for sending me the telegram telling of the safe arrival, at Toronto, of your mother, Arthur and yourself. I was glad to know that the journey back had been a pleasant one.

I just cannot tell you how much pleasure your visit and that of Arthur and your mother brought to me at this Christmas Season. It has left many memories which will be always deeply cherished.

In the joy of seeing you all and having so much to talk about, I fear I did not begin to express my appreciation of your choice of a Christmas gift for me. Nothing could have been more welcome than the excellent photograph of yourself, with its most welcome of all inscriptions.

May I avail myself of this letter to extend to you anew, my best of wishes for the New Year and for your birthday anniversary.

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1937 will be a memorable year for our family but for none more than the members of it who bear the name of one whose memory promises to be so greatly honoured in the course of its days. Nothing affords me more real delight than the certain knowledge that the family tradition will be honourably maintained in your own career.

With fondest love,

P.S.- Try to get Arthur to give up smoking, and keep his feet dry, and his body warm. These are essential, I believe. If he is to be spared endless colds, and a break-down at some critical moment, which might prove more serious than one would care to say

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January 2, 1936.

Dear Lyon:

I received the enclosed from a friend of mine in the United States to whom I had written of your intention to follow up your medical studies by post graduate hospital work before entering actively upon the practice of your profession. My friend says that the enclosed was written by a friend of his who is now in Austria, and he thinks it might be of interest to my medical nephew. I cannot vouch for its value, but it may be of some service to you.

I was greatly pleased with the letters received from Arthur, your mother and yourself. What a happy time we all have had together!

The telegram of New Year's greetings from your mother, Arthur and yourself brought me great pleasure. I thank you all greatly for it.

With renewed good wishes for the New Year and for your birthday,

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Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a note in reply to your letter which came to-day to thank you for your kind thought in sending me the paper on Hodgkin's Disease and to let you know that we saw Mother off from the Union Station last night in grand style.

The paper will certainly be of value to me as it deals with a subject concerning which there is much contro-

pleasant of our experiences. She has gone back to Denver, bless her, with her mind and body rested, with a fresh vigour and drive, and with the anticipation of my visiting her in June before I start my internship.

I have been accepted at the Toronto General Hospital and will begin work there on July 1, 1937. Arthur has found that his salary is to be $135.00 a month — a small fortune, I'd say!

With this letter goes my very fondest love, dear Uncle Willie, and my heartfelt appreciation of your continual watch over my progress.

Ever affectionately your nephew,
Rae

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versy and speculation in the medical world of today. I love recent articles on important subjects, so I am particularly indebted to you and the kind action of your friend. Will you please convey to him my sincere appreciation and greatest thanks?

Mother has had the most wonderfully happy two weeks, I believe. She has spent since Father passed away. The whole trip has meant so very much to her and to us all that I think this Christmas season will stand out in all our memories as one of the most

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Personal January 8, 1937

My. Dear Lyon:

This is just a line to congratulate you on having been accepted at the Toronto General Hospital, and on your decision to begin work there on July the 1st of this year.

I congratulate you even more upon the decision you have made than upon the appointment, excellent as it is. The decision, of course, is the foundation of all the rest. To appearances, it means a very considerable present sacrifice. I have yet to discover where a decision to forego immediate gain for the sake of larger and more efficient service in the long run does not mean the highest possible good in the end. I am sure your decision is a right one, and all the finer because of the reasons which have governed in the making of it.

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I am delighted with Arthur's success, and I am sending him,as well,a line of congratulation today.

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flu which has been going the rounds in Toronto. He is quite over it now but he felt rather miserable for almost two weeks.

I have been going to a lot of big dances the last month, most of which were free because of my position as President of the Medical Athletic Society. It has truly been the grandest and happiest year of all the seven I have been at U. of T. and I shall always remember it as such.

I hope you are not finding the winter an over-long one and that you have been as fortunate in identifying illness as I have.

Believe me as ever, your
loving nephew, Lyon

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41 Murray Street
Toronto, Ontario
February 28, 1937

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have come to the end of another lap in my work for this year and tomorrow morning I am starting in on my Medicine Trimester which will go on for the remaining 10 wks. of the year. Then the final exams and the Dominion Councils and I'll be a licensed doctor! Graduation comes June 3 this year I believe. How I wish you could find time or an opportunity to be in Toronto on that day! Mother will not be coming up on account of the trip at Christmas time. I am planning to take the bus for Denver

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very, very fascinating. But I still have another year in which to decide on what branch of the profession I wish to enter so I'm leaving that very vexing question to the future.

I have been studying the art and science of bringing babies into the world the last five weeks, but, while it is very interesting and attractive, I cannot see making it my life work at all. By the end of the next 10 wks. I should know whether I have any interest for internal medicine or not.

I have been keeping in excellent health, thank goodness and so has Mother. But Art has not fared as well. He has had quite a bad time with the tho very day after graduation so I can spend as long a time as possible in Denver with her before starting in on my internship at Toronto General Hospital on July 1st.

This letter is simply to let you know how I've been getting on and what my plans for the near future are. I wonder many times how your health is and how you are standing the rigorous strain of your many tasks.

I have been working fairly steadily the last 2 months and I have learned a lot of new things. I still have my fondness for surgery but I found Paediatrics — the care of infants and children —

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41 Murray St.
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April 7, 1937

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have been waiting until you returned from your trip to the United States to write thanking you for your kind gift of $10.00 on the night we had supper with you on your private car. That was an occasion of very great pleasure both to Arthur and myself and going to visit Cousin Lora time has come at last — it certainly seemed very far off then! I can not tell you how gratefully your assistance in this regard has been received both by Mother and by myself.

Arthur is doing very well. He has found a new place to live at 36 Bernard Ave. which he likes very well and the cost of which is compatible with his salary. Mother is very well and happy according to her letters.

With all my thanks, and very fondest love, dear Uncle Willie, I remain

Affectionately, your nephew,
Lyon

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and the other a thesis in Pathology which is required of every student in his graduating year. It pretty well took all my stuff to get those done because I do detest writing theses! The final examinations will be coming along exactly one month from today and much has to be done between then and now.

My application for the Dominion Council Examinations is now due and with it I must send a cheque for $75.00. This you very kindly offered to aid me with and asked me to let you know when I needed it. That right afterwards made it a perfect evening.

I hope you found the rest and relaxation in the United States that you seemed so badly in need of the last time I saw you. By the accounts in the papers, your interview with Mr. Roosevelt seems to have been very satisfactory.

I have been working extremely hard the past month on two theses I had to prepare this year — one a paper, which I read before the AOA Honor Society on March the 22nd

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April 13, 1937

My dear Lyon:

I am sorry to have been so long in sending you the money for your Dominion Council examinations. I enclose a cheque for $100.00: seventy-five of which is for the Council examinations, and the other twenty-five is to help you meet incidental expenditures in connection with the trip which I hear you are to take to Baltimore sometime this month. I was pleased to learn that you had been selected as one to represent some of your colleagues who are to meet at the gathering in that city.

If, by any chance, Dr. Lewellys Barker should have to do with any of the gatherings you may be attending, do not hesitate to ask for an introduction to him, and let Dr. Barker know that I had suggested your so doing. He is a leading physician in Baltimore, and a great personal friend of mine. I saw him when in the States a few weeks ago, and told him of the progress you have made in your studies.

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With this cheque, I send my best of wishes for the success of your examinations before the Dominion Council.

I hope you will not work too hard between now and the time of your final examinations. My advice would be to take all the rest you possibly can. To be in good physical and mental condition, when you come to write on the papers themselves, is certain to be worth more than any additional knowledge you may gain at the cost of fatigue.

I send my best of wishes for every success in your final examinations. I shall probably not have another chance to write you before leaving for England, so please let this letter bring to you, in the interval, my fondest love and every good wish. My address in London will be c/o The High Commissioner for Canada, Canada House. When your examinations are over, I shall be glad if you will let me know how you think you have done, and also the results when they are out.

Please give my fondest love to Arthur. I am glad he likes his new place of residence.

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Dear Uncle Willie,

Ah is with most grateful thanks that I acknowledge the receipt yesterday of your letter with its enclosed cheque for $100.00. Your generosity in sending me the extra $25.00 to help out with the trip to Baltimore is very greatly appreciated, an appreciation which I am ever at a loss to express in words.

I am leaving for Baltimore tomorrow night for a conference which is being held at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine by Prof. J Gregory of Johns-Hopkins. I think the trip will be a most enjoyable one.

I hope this letter reaches you before you leave for England and I hope too that you will have a good rest and vacation during the trip over and while you're there as well as carrying out your official duties.

Thank you again, dear Uncle Willie, for all your kind help and advice. I'll take care of myself the next month — you may be sure of that. Good-bye and may you have a bon voyage!

As ever, affectionately yours,

Ryon

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the Association of Medical Students, Saturday afternoon, evening and Sunday morning on the general subjects of Medical education, ethics and economics. I was appointed by the Medical Society to represent this university at the Conference. I have been doing some work regarding gathering suggestions from the undergraduates for the improvement of the medical course here, and that is how I came to get the appointment to this conference. I shall certain look up Dr. Barker while I am there. I went in to see Dr. Gallie yesterday afternoon and he has given me a letter of introduction to Professor Dean Lewis

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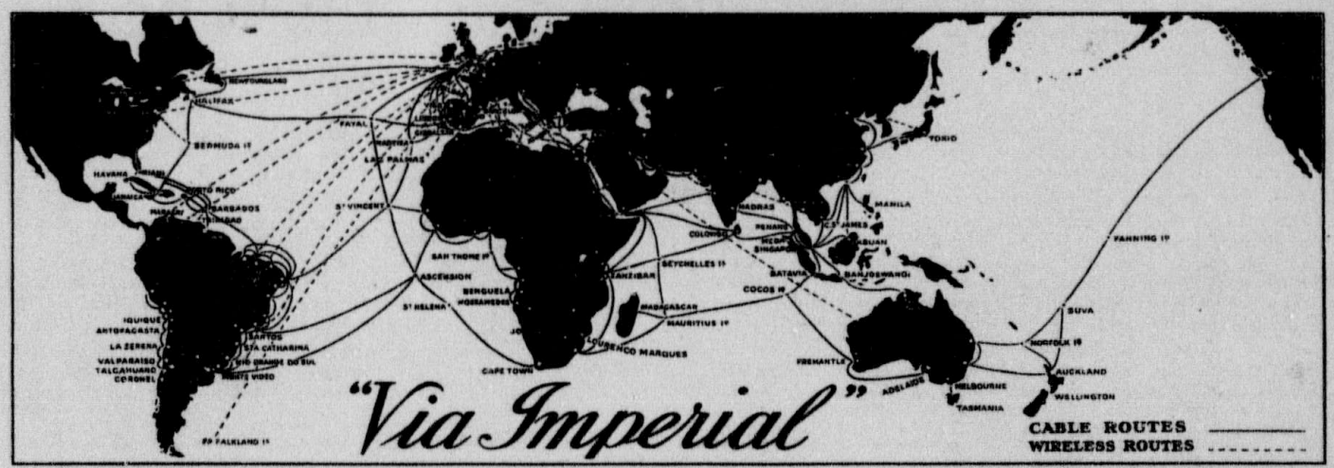

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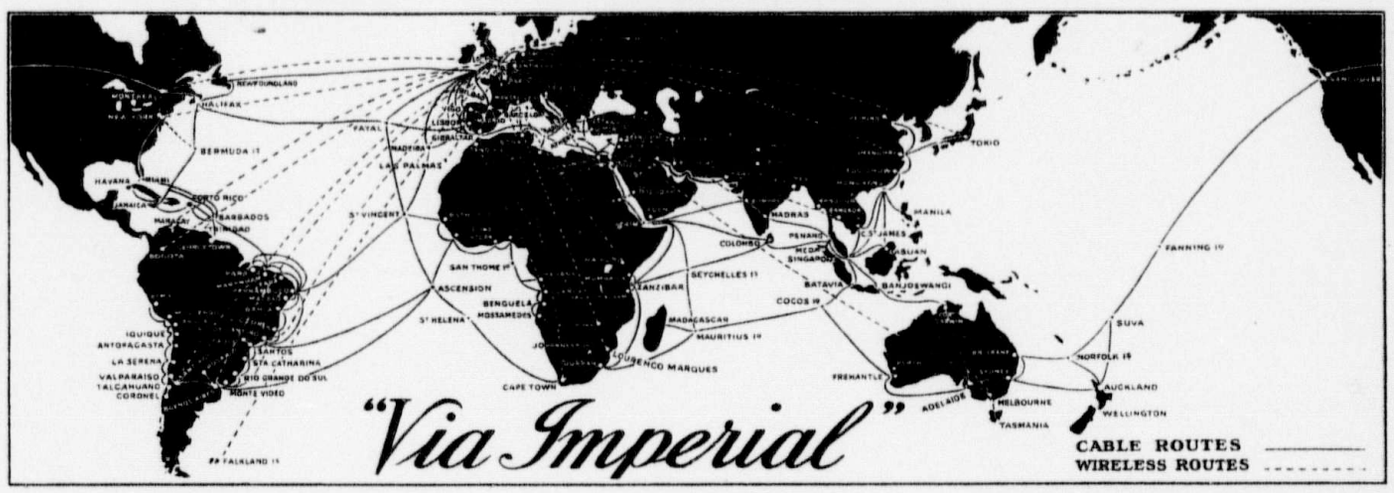

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UNCLE WILLIE

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placed on the ear, nose and throat ward. The fellow who was to be with me was away overseas and had obtained a month's leave of absence, so I was alone. The heat plus the newness of the job robbed me of my ability to sleep and I finally became so exhausted at the end of a week that I had to ask Dr. Gray for a week off to rest up in. That I did, going up to Lake Couchiching for a few days. I returned to Work last Monday morning feeling very much better and more rested. Things have been going very well since I got back, thank goodness, as there is another chap on the ward helping me out.

I have been following your movements from the Coronation then the Imperial Conference and thence to France, Belgium and Germany with the greatest interest. You have certainly done a most

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Toronto General Hospital
July 25, 1937

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have been unforgivably long in writing you but the adjustment of my whole life which I have had to make since entering hospital and the hectic three weeks I spent in Denver before that have upset my usual activities completely.

Hospital life is totally new to me and the restrictions it places on one as well as the responsibilities make one realize how different the life of a college student is from that of

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wards on the University Campus. Arthur and I drove to Denver in my uncle's, Mr. Davis', ford car. We had a lovely two weeks fun and visiting around while we were down there and then came back on ~~July~~ June 30, bringing Mother with us.

Mother is in the very best of health and came to Canada so as to be with her sister, Mrs. Davis who was not very well. Mrs. Davis has improved very greatly since Mother came and is now feeling like a million dollars. Arthur is back at work at the Hydro and is very happy. The cards you sent us were perfectly grand and we have managed to get some of them altered to fit. Thank you so much for the lovely gift.

I moved into the hospital the night we arrived from Denver, to begin work the next day. I was a man who is out in the world, whether in business or in a profession.

The Dominion Council examinations were very strenuous and I felt very tired after they were over. They were not so difficult as they were long and arduous. I got through everything clear and am now in a position to get my license to practice without further examination, the license fee being itself 75 cts. But that I will not need for another year or so because one can intern up to 2 years without a license.

Graduation was on Thursday, June 10, about 4 days after the Councils had finished. It was a lot more fun than I expected in view of the garden party after-

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class.

I hope you have returned from your long trip abroad feeling rested and in the best of health. I have read in the papers of your coming next month to speak at North York. I hope we shall all be able to attend that meeting and see you, if only for a short time.

Thank you again for the mitts & clothes and also for your kind cable-gram from London. I will write again in the near future.

As always, affectionately yours,

Bryce

interesting bit of travel since I last talked to you over the long-distance telephone. I was listening in to your radio talks last Monday night and enjoyed it very much, particularly your statements regarding the possibility of war in future and the part Canada might have to play in it. There seems to be no doubt that momentous events in world history are not far away.

I would like to tell you about the work I'm doing and some of the problems that are weighing, perhaps too heavily, on my mind. I have not as yet

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I certainly do feel undecided about it and it interferes with my happiness because I can't seem to help "stewing" about it.

The work at the hospital consists in routine history-taking and making laboratory tests for the most part. We are really not learning a tremendous amount. One does it in his first year here but usually requires two or more years before he gets anywhere.

The weather is cooler now and we haven't got the tremendously stifling sort of heat that laid me out two weeks ago. I am getting away from the hospital about every second night and am keeping in touch almost daily with Mother and Arthur. The food is fine at this hospital and I have a very comfortable room in the quarters on the 4th floor. So that part of things is fine decided what line of Medicine I want to go in for although I have always fancied surgery. The Gallie course is the big thing in surgical training in this hospital, and comprises a three year appointment. I had hopes of getting an appointment to it next year but I fear that will not be possible as Prof. Gallie usually picks men with at least two years or more graduate experience. So what to do next year has me stumped. I feel I must begin to earn money pretty soon as Mother can and must no longer have the weight of my support to carry. I can manage the next two years on what I have saved. I think, without calling on her. Beyond that, I don't know what I'll do if I don't begin earning money myself.

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August 17, 1937

Dear Uncle Willie,

I don't know when the sound of your voice has given me greater pleasure than it did yesterday and the kind encouragement it expressed has filled me with greater hope than I have had for a long time.

I am writing you first of all to thank you with all my heart for the generous gift which is on its way — one which, I feel, I in no way deserve. As in the past, I find myself totally unable to express in words the depth of my appreciation, not of the gift itself so much as of the thought and kind interest in me which it betokens. I am also writing you to explain in detail why I am here as a patient in the private pavilion so that you may know fully before we meet two weeks from now all the circumstances which, to wait till then to explain, would only detract both from our few moments together and from the happiness of the occasion. After you have learned the nature of my illness you will understand and appreciate why I did not feel like writing anybody about myself.

I will try to be as frank with you in all my statements as I have been with Dr. Hyland, a specialist in Neurology on the staff of this hospital, who sent me in here and

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has been looking after me since with greater kindness and understanding than I ever expected. I told you in my last letter of the main events following the final examinations up to my commencing my internship. I, as indeed did most of my classmates, found the Council exams very tiring and somewhat boring. I was also feeling tired from the rush and strain of final year and all its extra-mural activities. Then came graduation and the trip down to Denver with Arthur by motorcar. We were pretty much on the go the whole time.

I got back to Toronto the day before starting in at the hospital and went right to work next day alone on a ward where there should have been two, the other lad being still away in Scotland on a holiday. I worked at breakneck pace for 4 days trying to get on to the hospital routine, learn procedures concerning which our medical training had been very scanty, and keep things going along without getting behind. All of this, combined with the heat wave that came at that time, produced in me a state of physical exhaustion which I had never known before. But the worst feature of the whole thing was the mental reaction I underwent. I became convinced that the quality of my work was poor and that I couldn't do the work I had been trained to do. As you may imagine, I did

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not have this conviction long before I became totally unable to do even the simplest tasks. So I went to Dr. Gray, the superintendent of the hospital, and asked him for a week's leave of absence to rest up in which he readily granted me.

I stayed with Mother for a few days at Mrs. Davis' home and then went up to Lake Couchiching for the remainder of the time. Returning to work, I felt greatly rested and everything went well for a week. Then the same feeling of incompetency began to return and developed into an actual fear and dislike of the work. I began to feel that I would never become a doctor and to dread the work and responsibility that lay ahead. All the while I realized fully the road along which my thoughts were leading me. I knew just what things lay in the balance and yet I felt my grasp on the job slipping more and more. For 10 days I fought against these unreasonable and illogical feelings and my incompetency increased as I robbed myself of the desire to do my work at all. And during this time Mother and Arthur and Margery were all doing their level best to encourage me and point out the fallacies in my reasoning. In spite of all this I finally arrived at the point, two weeks ago today, where I knew I could no longer continue on and was actually on the point of going to Dr. Gray and

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resigning my position on the interne staff (even though I realized full well it meant wrecking all my medical career) when I decided as a last resort to seek the help of Dr. Hyland whom I had had as a teacher and whose knowledge of mental conditions I knew to be very great. He immediately recognized my condition as one of nervous fatigue and stated, with an absolutely certainty in his words that I knew to be genuine, that it was a definite organic illness of the mind which was absolutely self-limited and 100% recoverable after a suitable period of complete rest. He asked me to place myself completely in his hands and let him assume full responsibility for my present predicament and future welfare. Thus he completely lifted the burden from my shoulders and at the same time saved me from resigning my job. He arranged immediately for my accomodation for a month in the private pavilion at no cost whatever (because I am on the hospital staff) and explained the situation fully to Dr. Gray, arranging with him for me to return to active work on October 1st and not till then.

Of course I felt pretty low and hopeless when I first came in and I could not see possibly how I would ever be able to go back and face it all again. But that at-

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titude has left me now as I have become rested and as time has submerged the awful misery & July somewhat. I feel much stronger, saner, and my logic is more correct than it was. I have had daily talks with Dr. Hyland and Mother and Margery have been in every day, Arthur almost every day. I have had very few other visitors and have just been resting quietly in bed most of the time. The doctor says that my whole mental state was caused by a definite organic dysfunction over which I had no more control than if it had been pneumonia or something like that. I will remain in bed until a week from Saturday when, he says, it will be quite all right to get up and go to the exhibition with you. There is nothing I'd love better than to do that. I am also very keen for Margery to meet you and for you to make her acquaintance if it is possible. It would be pretty swell for me if she could come to the exhibition with us.

Plans for the month of ~~October~~ September are not definite as yet. We can discuss them with you when we see you. You will understand now, I am sure, why I did not write you before. I had all this mental agony at the time I last wrote to you but I was still trying to fight it & then so I didn't dare to admit to you what was really

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going on in my mind. I feel so much better now and, after your kind words & praise and encouragement last night, I felt that I wanted you to know everything. I will have lots of things to fight in myself when I go back to work but I think I know how to fight them and I will always have Dr. Hyland to go to if I feel these ideas returning. He seems to feel, as you do, that this is the greatest period of strain in a man's life and I guess it has just affected me more markedly and in a different way from other chaps.

I don't know whether I have given you a clear conception or not of the nature of my illness. If there is any question in your mind that I can answer, I'll be only too happy to do so.

Let me thank you again, sir, for your extreme kindness and generosity. I am looking forward to seeing you more than I can say. With all my love, believe me as ever

Your affectionate nephew,

Lyon

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Dr. W. L. M. King,
Private Patients Pavilion,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto.

Have been delayed again getting off letter to you. Will be forwarded with enclosure tomorrow without fail. Have read your letter with deepest sympathy. I understand your condition perfectly. Once you get well rested and a change you will be in better shape than ever. Much looking forward to good time with you next week. Fondest love.

Uncle Willie.

(Charge: W. L. Mackenzie King,
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August 21, 1937

My dear Lyon:

It is strange how many times I have tried to get off a letter to you and, invariably, something very pressing has prevented me from carrying out my wish. When I received word in England of your having graduated from the University at the head of your class, after your seven year course, I was more delighted than words could express. I sent you a brief cable, intending, of course, to supplement it by a letter. When writing, I meant to enclose a cheque for $100.00, as a gift, to enable you to enjoy something of a vacation after all your hard work.

I never dreamt that you would be taking on the work of the General Hospital immediately. I had it in mind that this would not come until September, and that you would have the summer free. Word which I subsequently received, that you were to be in Denver with Arthur during his vacation, strengthened that impression. As a matter of fact, until I received your letter a couple of weeks ago, telling me that you had actually entered on your duties at the hospital, I had not realized that your vacation was at an end.

While in England, I was so preoccupied with the work of the Conference and matters incidental to my sojourn abroad, that I had hardly any time for writing. You were very much in my thoughts, and I spoke to many of my friends about the honours you had won at graduation, always hoping that I would get a moment to write you of them myself. When I got back to Canada, there were so many matters of first importance demanding the attention of my colleagues and myself that I had to give every moment of my time to them. The foremost, of course, was the preparation of the radio broadcast. As I wanted to write you at some length, I kept putting off the letter until I had cleared my desk of these urgent matters. Unfortunately, others unforeseen followed rapidly, as the way was cleared, and when your letter came, telling me of your work at the hospital, I was again deprived of sending an immediate communication.

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I should, of course, have telephoned you at once. Just how I came to miss doing so, immediately after my return, I cannot explain to myself, except that I was expecting to receive a letter from Arthur and yourself, and I thought I would await its receipt before communicating with you.

I am really very sorry not to have had sent some word to you at once, for you must have experienced some disappointment at not receiving from me the expression of delight which you had a right to assume I would send as soon as I learned of how splendidly you had done at the time of graduation. Let me say right here that I see no difference between first and second, so far as being at the top of the list is concerned, unless it should happen that the margin between the two was a very wide one. In your case, I understand it was a difference of only six marks. Really, I think your achievement a marvellous one, and how you managed it, with all you had to do and consider besides, I find it difficult to understand. You have reason to be very proud, and every reason to look forward to a career of exceptional service to your fellow-man, and satisfaction to yourself and to all those near and dear to you.

Please find herewith the cheque I had meant to send you from London, and please feel that it was meant to afford you a chance to enjoy your well-earned holiday a little more than would be possible without it.

I shall not attempt, in a letter, to say very much about your having had to give up for a short time, in the manner you have, beyond saying that it is the most natural thing in the world that such should be the case. Please do not let it cause you the least concern. I have been through many experiences of the kind in my life and know all that is involved in the way of exhaustion. I am only thankful that you were wise enough to speak out to the other Doctors at the hospital about your condition, and to accept their counsel and advice in meeting it. You will get over the present difficulty all right, and will be in first-rate shape before the time comes to take on your work anew. Have no concern about that. All this we can talk over together when we meet.

And that brings me to what I have most in mind to say in this letter. It has occurred to me that if, instead of going to the Exhibition on Saturday next, I were to bring you down in my car on Friday night, to spend Saturday and Sunday with me at Kingsmere, we would have a better chance to talk over everything than could be afforded by the few hours we might have together in Toronto. I have also thought that, if your mother and Arthur were free to come, we might all come down together.

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Should Arthur not find it possible to get off for the forenoon on Saturday, he, perhaps, could come down on a later train. That would be better, I think, than motoring down and back. Personally, I know from experience that long motor trips are a much greater strain on one's nervous system than is generally supposed. I found out during the political campaigns that I could not speak as well after motoring, nor could I sleep as well. For that reason, I have given up, as much as possible, travelling by motor car, but use the railway coach instead.

Now, I have one other thought, which is this: I would like very much to meet "Margery", and shall watch for that opportunity when in Toronto. It has occurred to me, however, that both you and she, and all of us, would have a much better time together if, instead of going to the Exhibition, she were to come down to Ottawa with your mother, Arthur and yourself. If this can be arranged, I will be glad to undertake to give you all this little trip as a part of the expression of my delight at the honours you have won at graduation, and to make up for the loss I felt, and which I am sure you experienced in a measure, of not being with you, or getting any word to you, on the day you received your graduation diploma.

I am planning to come up to Toronto on Tuesday night, so as to be in the city on Wednesday (August 25th). I will call at the Hospital to see you sometime during the morning, or early afternoon, and if, meanwhile, having talked the matter over with the other Doctors, they think it is all right for you to take this little journey, we can then plan out the details of it together. Meanwhile, I shall drop a line to your mother and Arthur, so that they also may be able to plan what is necessary in the event of finding it possible to come down.

I shall be spending Wednesday night and part of Thursday with Sir William Mulock, at Newmarket; and Thursday night, and most of Friday, with your Aunt Jennie, at Barrie. The idea would be, instead of waiting over in Toronto to be with you all and take in the Exhibition on Saturday, to have you, your mother, Margery and Arthur come down with me in my car on Friday night, and for you all to return on the regular train on Sunday night. I will look after the tickets, sleeping accommodation, etc. If this suits all around, we could plan to have a little drive about Ottawa, as well as spending most of the time at Kingsmere. It is very lovely here just now, and I think you would all greatly enjoy the visit.

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I shall not write more just now, only to say once again that I hope you will have no concern whatever about the future, which, I am sure, will develop in ways far surpassing anything you may have in mind at present. You have earned it all yourself, and no words could begin to express how proud of you I am, and the fact that you bear my name, as well as that of your father*is*. No one could have done more honour to both than you have already done.

With fondest love,

Believe me, dear Lyon,

Dr. W. L. M. King,
Private Patients' Pavilion,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto, Ontario.

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August 23, 1937

Dear Uncle Willie,

You can have no conception of the utter delight and happiness with which your long letter, which came into my hands this morning, has filled me. Again let me express to you my deepest appreciation of your generous gift to me. But what has thrilled me even more than that is the prospect of spending a whole week-end with you at Kingsmere. And to have included Margery in your invitation is something I had merely dreamed of but never expected!

Your kindness and interest and love often touch me to the bottom of my heart but at this moment I am almost overwhelmed by them. For the first time since I started entering at the beginning of July I feel really and completely happy. Nothing you could have done would give, not only me, but Mother and Arthur as well, greater

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pleasure than this chance to be with you at Kingsmere. Margery, with whom I have already communicated, is as delighted as she can be and asks me to convey to you her sincerest appreciation.

I am looking forward greatly to seeing you on Wednesday morning. I hope this letter reaches you before you leave tomorrow night; it is just a scratch to tell you how great is my happiness. With fondest love, as ever,

Affectionately yours,

Lyon

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Please wire collect whether you think plan suggested my letter best one for this week-end, in relation to your mother, Arthur, and Marjorie, as well as yourself, or should I plan to remain over in Toronto Saturday instead. Wish to make reservations immediately if former plan decided on.

Uncle Willie

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LYON.

This is a Collect message and will be charged to your account unless we are notified at once to the contrary.

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a letter of introduction to Dr. Henderson, the big orthopaedic surgeon in the Mayo Clinic.

This bit of a note takes with it all my love and my very deepest appreciation of your great kindness in having us all with you. Margery had the time of her life and simply loved every minute.

With fondest love and best wishes for the coming winter, I remain as ever

Your affectionate nephew,
Lyon

Toronto, Ontario
August 30, 1937

Dear Uncle Willie,

Our trip back to Toronto was most pleasant and we all slept very comfortably.

I cannot tell you what untold pleasure the happy week-end with you has brought each one of us. I have never enjoyed a more restful visit in my life and every minute brought its full quantum

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of happiness. The silver eversharp pencil will be a life long souvenir not only of the coronation but of my graduation and of our happy stay with you at Kingsmere.

I am enclosing Dr. Balfour's letter and will be writing him today or tomorrow.

Our little visit with Dr. Jones was most pleasant even though a mix-up in the message we sent found him in bed when we arrived. He is a grand man and is sending me

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Personal September 3, 1937

My dear Lyon:

I was greatly pleased to receive your loving letter, and to know from it that you and Arthur and Margery carried away so many happy memories of your little visit to Kingsmere. It was a good time for all of us, and one which it will always be a great pleasure to recall.

I am returning with this letter the letter from Dr. Balfour. I cannot recall having ever read a letter which impressed me more. You have an exceptionally good friend in him and in Dr. Jones, who also has written me most appreciatively of your father and mother, as well as of yourself and Arthur. I tried to see Dr. Jones at the Chateau, but he had left for Montreal just shortly before I called. How fortunate it was that his visit to Ottawa coincided with your own and Arthur's!

Do not fail to take advantage of Dr. Balfour's invitation to visit him at Minnesota. Let him know quite definitely that gaining a Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic would appeal to you more than all else. Apart from the training you will receive there, to have so powerful a friend as Dr. Balfour interesting himself in your career will be worth much to you throughout life.

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It seems to me that your whole course has opened up in a Providential manner. What pleases me most is that you owe it all in the most intimate way to the lives of your father and mother, and what they have bequeathed to you and others by way of example, and to your own splendid efforts. Now that you are beginning this new part of your life, I hope you will cease to be anxious about anything. Cultivate the habits which will bring with them rest of body and contentment of mind. Get all the happiness out of life you can, and do it by being obedient in all things to the celestial and immortal voice of conscience. The more you can fill your mind with beautiful inspiring thoughts, - books, pictures, places and personal associations, the easier your work will become, and the more your life will mean to others.

I shall wait to hear from you about your visit to Minnesota, and will either send you a cheque in advance if you will let me know what the amount is likely to be, or refund the amount after the visit has been made. Make it a source of pleasurable opportunity, to enjoy opportunities en route, as well as an important venture in your own professional career.

I hope you are having a good rest with your uncle Stanley. Please give my kind remembrances and good wishes to him.

When you write Margery tell her how very much I enjoyed, not only meeting her, but the talks we had together, and how greatly I look forward to their renewal through years to come. Thank her, too for the charming letter which she has sent me.

With fondest love and my best of wishes always,
Believe me, Dear Lyon,
Your affectionate uncle,
Willie

Dr. W. L. M. King,

Toronto, Ontario.

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Schumacher, Ont.
September 4, 1937

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have been having one of the most enjoyable holidays in my lifetime here at Schumacher with my Uncle Stan and his daughter, Joy. I am getting a complete rest and change and will go back to the hospital feeling a

passable pleasure that our visit together last week-end gave me. I have written to Dr. Balfour about the trip to Rochester and am awaiting his answer.

With very fondest love and best wishes, I remain as always

Your affectionate nephew,

Byron

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different person altogether from the one who started in there in July.

Mother left for Denver last Tuesday night and I left for the north on the same night. I have been golfing, swimming, and dancing to my heart's content ever since I arrived.

I am just writing to let you know how I am and to thank you again for the unsur-

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P.S. The following is the expense account for this trip.

Return fare + Pullman Toronto - Chicago	29.00
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Meals, tips, taxi, etc.	6.32
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FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

TO

Mr. Henry

Please write to Lyon King and tell him that I thought he might like to see Dr. Balfour's letter to me. Send him also a copy of my reply.

Dr. Balfour's letter and my reply to be filed at L.H.

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Ottawa, September 22, 1937

Dr. W. L. M. King,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Lyon:

Mr. King thought you might like to see a recent letter he received from Dr. Donald Balfour of Rochester, and he has asked me as well to send you a copy of his reply.

Yours sincerely,

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

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Personal September 20, 1937.

I have just received your more than kind letter of the 16th instant. Again may I thank you for your interest in my nephew, Lyon King, and for your words concerning my brother. I am most grateful for both.

Mrs. King returned to Denver some weeks ago. She will, therefore, not have the pleasure of visiting you and Mrs. Balfour, at the time Lyon may be going to see you. I gathered she was expecting you and Mrs. Balfour might be visiting Denver some time this month or next, and was much hoping that she might have the pleasure of seeing you both while you were there.

With kindest regards,

Believe me,

Dr. Donald C. Balfour,
Rochester,
Minnesota.

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Dr. Donald C. Balfour
Rochester, Minnesota.

September 16, 1937.

My dear Honorable Mr. King,

On my return from a short vacation in the west, I find your letter about Lyon. I feel very gratified that I succeeded at least in conveying to him my desire to be of any help I could in his further education. What you have said in reference to this, and your comments on the training in The Mayo Foundation, are much appreciated. I hope that in the event Lyon should receive a fellowship here you would have no reason to change your opinion.

I have also received a letter from Lyon telling me that you have made it possible for him to come out and visit the Clinic and Foundation. We shall be delighted to see him. It has occurred to me, since you have said in your letter that Mrs. King has been visiting there, that she might be coming with him on her return to Denver. If this be true, Mrs. Balfour and I would like to have them both stay with us, as we have frequently regretted that it has been such a long time since we have seen her.

I know you must understand as well as any one can, because of your long and outstanding career in national and international affairs, why I consider it a privilege to be in a position to offer any guidance and assistance to the family of some one whom I admired as much as I did your brother, and to find that such help is so richly merited, as it is by his son.

With kindest regards, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

"Donald Balfour"

The Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King
Laurier House
Ottawa, Canada.

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know you well. There are 280 fellows there at the clinic in all branches of Medicine and Surgery. Dr. Balfour says that there are some 5 or 6 thousand applications every year, not only from U.S.A. but also from Canada and Great Britain. Dr. Balfour is the director of the Mayo Foundation which is the body in charge of the Fellowships and appointments to them. The committee of selection consists of Dr. Balfour and four other men,

Toronto General Hosp.
Sept. 29, 1937

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have just returned from Rochester where I have enjoyed an extremely pleasant visit with Dr. Balfour and Mrs. Balfour. Their home is spacious and beautiful and they have a country home and farm almost as big as Moorside.

I returned from Timmins early last Friday morning after the best

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Prof. Graham. Dr. Balfour met me at the station in Rochester on Saturday evening and we went directly out to the farm where we spent the night. We had many long talks together during which I learned all about the Surgical Fellowships. The requirements, as you know, are graduation from a Grade-A medical school and one year's interneship in a recognized hospital plus references from two people who

and most restful three weeks I have ever spent in my life. My uncle and cousin spared no pains to entertain me while I was up there and I feel 100% strong and well now and ready to go back to work with no more trouble.

I left for Rochester on Friday evening, the same day I came down from Timmins, having utilized the time in Toronto to go in to see Dr. Hyland, Dr. Gray &

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is purely diagnostic in function). The surgical fellow spends his first two years in the clinic doing general diagnosis and the second two years in the hospitals assisting at operations and carrying out treatment. Dr. Balfour says he will be very glad to help me get one of these fellowships. I certainly am one lucky boy!

I'll be writing again in the near future, sir. Meanwhile I am, as always

Your loving nephew,
Lyon

one of whom is the ortho-paedic specialist, Dr. Henderson, to whom Dr. Fosdick Jones gave me a letter of introduction (grammar not so hot there!) when he was in Ottawa. Dr. Balfour had me meet each member of the committee save one who was not there that day. They all seemed to me splendid gentlemen.

On Sunday evening Dr. Balfour entertained to tea at his home several very famous men in

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their surgical training as first assistants. The work is all done on private patients and the fellows are trained personally by doctors which they (the fellows) are allowed to pick for themselves. It is probably the most wonderful place in the world to obtain a surgical education.

The clinic is housed in a fine new building which is hooked up by underground ~~to~~ subways with four hospitals where the patients are sent from the clinic (which itself

the Medical world among whom were Dr. Will and Dr. Charles Mayo, Dr. Henderson and Dr. Morris Fishbein, the editor of the Journal of the American Medical Ass'n. The Mayo bros. remembered Father well and Dr. Henderson was in his year at Toronto University!

These fellowships pay a stipend of $900 a year and are nominally for 3 years. Most of the fellows, however, stay for a fourth year to complete

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September 30, 1937

My dear Lyon:

I have just read with delight your letter of yesterday, which was received on this afternoon's mail.

First of all, may I say how happy I am that you have so completely regained your health and strength. Had you had, before beginning work at the hospital, the little holiday which you have had since, you would never have experienced the slightest mishap. You were suffering from exhaustion and fatigue, and nothing more. See to it that it does not occur again, either as regards yourself or Arthur.

Your visit to Rochester was, in every way, splendid. From the way you were welcomed by Dr. Balfour and his colleagues, you may, I think, feel assured that one of the surgical fellowships will be yours as soon as you have completed the year at the Toronto General. I should look forward to that, and not entertain any other thought than going

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on with post-graduate work. You will see for yourself what an exceptional fine lot of men you will be associated with at the Mayo Clinic. The sacrfices which you will have to make meanwhile will be more than offset by the satisfaction which you will gain in the practice of your profession for the remainder of your life and what your training at the Mayo Clinic will serve to bring in the way of immediate rewards.

You must have been very proud to see the esteem with which your father and his name are held by many of the distinguished men with whom you met. Though his life was brought to an early close, he has left a name in his profession which will ever be on its roll of honour, and very high up on the roll. It will, I know, be a joy to him to hear, as he will from afar, that you are following so nobly in his steps, and that you have won for yourself the position of distinction which you already have gained.

I enclose my cheque in payment of the expenses of the trip. In doing so, I send with the cheque my warmest congratulations as well as my fondest love.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto, Ontario.

Cheque for $60.00 enclosed

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Toronto General Hospital
October 2, 1937

Dear Uncle Hillie,

Many, many thanks for your cheque received this morning and for the grand letter that accompanied it. It was most kind of you to give me the tips to Rochester and I certainly enjoyed every minute of it.

I am back to work

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now in the hospital and this time everything seems a pleasure and a joy instead of a nightmare.

I received yesterday your letter written on Sept. 3rd enclosing copies of the Dr. Jones' letter to you and your reply. It was held for me by the hospital authorities.

Thanking you again, dear Uncle Willie, I remain as always,

Lovingly your nephew,

Lyon

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Toronto General Hospital
November 14, 1937

Dear Uncle Willie,

The memory of the few brief words I had with you when you were in Toronto on the occasion of doing honor to Secretary Hull still remains fresh. I was extremely annoyed, not to mention sorry, that emergency circumstances prevented my accompanying Arthur to the train that night. He told me, however, of his visit with you so it partly made up for my not being there myself.

him for a recommendation from this University which he said he would be very glad to give. But after hearing about this alternative he became much more interested in the fact that I had wanted to go into the Baillie course; he said that the demands were not as remote as I had thought & a man beginning the course right after his junior rotation; and that I was one of the ones he had in mind for the course at some future date. Finally he told me not to put in an application for the Rochester Fellowship until he let me know one way or another about an appointment to his course and he would see to it that I was informed while there was yet time to get in my applic-

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throughout the year. Moreover, the course lasts 3 yrs. only and by that time, a man has become an operating surgeon of considerable experience. Compare that to the Mayo training where, having trained for 4 years, a man has done very little if any surgery on his own and has been a year longer at it than the former.

I went in the other afternoon to have a talk to Professor Ballie about the matter. I told him that I had always wanted to get a job in the Ballie course but that, due to the fact that I had never heard of a man beginning right after his junior rotation, I had planned on alternatives. I told him all about Rochester and asked

I have just finished my surgical work on Ward B and have begun work in Medicine on Ward A. There only chest and heart cases are dealt with. I am certainly in need of a little medical experience.

I have been thinking all the while about plans for next year and observing closely the work of the senior men in the Ballie course. The remarkable amount of surgery they are given themselves to do as well as the responsibility they are allowed to assume have made a really tremendous impression on me. Under the expert guidance of 3 or 4 top-notch surgeons, the one senior on the ward learns first-hand everything about all the myriad cases he handles

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which my application must be in. That is how matters stand now and I will appreciate greatly, as I have always done in the past, your viewpoint and advice in the matter.

I would like to thank you again for giving me the trip to Rochester and making it possible not only to get first hand information of the Mayo Fellowships but also placing in my hands something which has undoubtedly been a strong lever in winning an appointment to the Sallie course if such should be forthcoming.

Fondest love, as ever, Dear. I hope you are well and happy as but I saw you. As always.

Most affectionately yours.

Lyon

cation at the other place.

I asked him of course about the relative merits of the two courses and he said without hesitation that it depended on whether a man wished to live and work in Canada or U.S.A. If the latter, then a Mayo training was undoubtedly the more desirable; but if the former, at least so far as Ontario was concerned, the former was the much to be preferred. I have talked this over also with Dr. Woolsey who confirms it completely. It is true certainly among the members of the Medical profession and the Sallie training every year is coming more and more to assume the prestige in Canada that the Mayo Fellowships have in the states.

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do that than go to Rochester. If I could not get into the Gallie course I would abandon it entirely and go to Rochester. Dr. Gallie knows that and so, if he really wants to have me in his course, he will make it possible for me to start next July.

Just what the chances are that actually happening I don't know. Anyway I wanted to tell you and Mother all about it and get your advice. I have put in my application for the Gallie course but I can rescind it any time if necessary. I have written Dr. Balfour saying that I would like to consider the matter yet a while longer and asking him to let me know the latest date by

Now, sir, one thing I am certain and that is that I should prefer Canada to USA as a place to live and work. I should prefer Ottawa as a spot to begin in before all others if it were possible. If not, Ottawa, then a city about the same size. I have no particular desire to be a "big shot" surgeon although a staff position in a hospital would be very acceptable to me, naturally. Above all, I want to get through as soon as I can and get started earning my own living. If I can do that in 2 yrs. time instead of 4 I would prefer a course that would permit of it.

In short, Uncle Willie, if I could get into the Gallie course next year I would rather

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Personal November 18, 1937

My dear Lyon:

I have just received your letter of November the 14th.

I would rather wait until there is an opportunity to talk over with you personally the alternatives of Toronto and Rochester, before attempting to express a view, one way or the other. You would be wise not to act on impulse, or hasten unduly with respect to a decision either way. There is much to be said for either course. The main thing is to be careful, meanwhile, while seeking one position, not to prejudice your chances for the other.

So far as Canada is concerned, my own opinion is your chances would be in every way as good, if not better, if you were known to have had post graduate training of the Mayo Clinic, rather than post graduate training of a Toronto school.

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Don't forget that, in life, success depends much on the personal interest men in positions of authority take in one. You have that at the Mayo Clinic to a quite exceptional degree. It is something to be kept very much in mind. Also, what provision will be made by Toronto for living allowances the meanwhile. Are they as good as the Mayo's.

My advice would be to be governed by what will help you in your profession in the long run, above all else. Let no other considerations such as early beginning at earning money influence your judgment. That will prove a mistake in the end.

I have found my association with the United States in post graduate work of the greatest value to me all my life. I believe a man is better off for receiving some of his training "abroad". My own preference, frankly, would be for the Mayo Clinic, considering its reputation, the personal interest on the part of Dr. Balfour

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and others, and a residence for a while in the United States. I believe in the long run these considerations will be found to outweigh all others.

You would be as well off to start in Ottawa or anywhere else after Mayo's as Toronto. Many of our people go to the Mayo's for their major operations. It has a world-wide reputation.

Added by hand:

The more I think of it, the more I believe you would be making a mistake not to take the chance you have at Rochester. Dr. Balfour and others have taken a personal interest in you there, which you are not likely to meet with and have not met with as yet at Toronto. A couple of years in the

Dr. W. L. M. King,
C/o The Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto,
Ontario.

United States, amid new surroundings, and in contact with new minds will of itself be of great advantage to you now and later. It is a mistake to grow up in one environment, if there is the possibility of having two equally good. Your life later on, is what to keep in mind at present. Had I remained at Toronto, I would have been a professor perhaps or a journalist, with a circumscribed vision in either progession. I certainly would never have become Prime Minister.

My advice to you is to look to a course in the United States, and a year in England, before you look to making the beginning in your profession, which is to determine the whole of your future. It is the present sacrifice that brings the greatest future gain. I feel quite sure of this.

Yours affectionately,

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Toronto General Hosp.
Thursday. Nov. 18

Dear Uncle Willie,

This is simply to acknowledge the receipt yesterday of your very kind letter with its good advice. I have not the time just now to write properly so I will wait until the week-end.

You may rest assured that I shall not make any hasty or ill-advised decisions in this important matter but will wait until I have everyone's opinion (whose opinion I value) and then act in a manner which I

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judge to be best after thorough consideration of all angles.

Thank you again, sir. I shall write again in the immediate future.

Affectionately, as always,

Lyon

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Toronto General Hosp.
November 22. 1937

Dear Uncle Willie,

Another short note this time to tell you that, after thinking the matter through from all possible angles, I have definitely decided to go to Rochester next July and complete the four-year course in Surgery there.

It has been a long period of indecision and I can tell you, it certainly feels great to have made up my mind. The things that concerned me most were two: (1) would there be prejudice against American-trained surg-

me in giving me your highly valued advice in this important matter.

With fondest love and best wishes for the future, I am, as always,

Yours most affectionately,
Lyon

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that the Gallie men do but they are approximately 4 times the volume of cases. Also the factors of ~~teaching~~ learning in a school other than one's own, of making new contacts and associations, etc. are so important as to outweigh almost every other consideration.

And so it is with utmost satisfaction and happiness that I have made this choice not only because it harmonizes with what both Mother and yourself wished but also because I feel thoroughly sure in my own mind it is the course for me.

Thank you again and again, dear Uncle Willie, for your great kindness in sending me to Rochester and for the help and interest you have shown

eous in Canada on the part of the general practitioners and physicians who supply surgeons with the majority of their practice? (2) Would the training at Rochester give me as much practical experience in operative surgery as I knew the Gallie course would?

These two questions I have been able to answer fairly satisfactorily for myself since talking the matter over with various people. I do not think there will be much danger from the former; anyway, it seems to be that personality and training will speak far louder than any international sentiment.

As to the latter, I do not think the Mayo fellows do the amount of work on their own

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November 25, 1937

My dear Lyon:

I am glad to know that you have definitely decided to avail yourself of the exceptional opportunities which the Mayo Clinic at Rochester is certain to afford. I am sure, in making this decision, you have acted wisely.

I have found that such contacts as I have had with other countries have been more valuable to me in my life than almost any other factor which has contributed to my public work.

You need have no concern about the experience gained at the Mayo Clinic being in any way a handicap to your future in Canada. There were days when an education in Germany was the hall-mark of high attainment in many walks of life. Today, I am quite sure that throughout the world no institution stands higher in your profession than the Mayo Clinic.

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To have a chance of personal contact with those at the head of that institution, and that for personal, as well as professional reasons, is an opportunity which, to my mind, would have been fatal to forego.

I should not be concerned about the four years. You may find that three may be sufficient, with, possibly, a fourth year in England, or elsewhere. One can only work out the future a step at a time. The only sure path to success is to see that each step taken is the wisest one in the light of experience available at the time.

Again let me say that I think you have acted very wisely in your decision.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
c/o Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto, Ontario.

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L.H.

Ottawa,
November 26, 1937

Dear Lyon:

May I trouble you to let me have, for our records, what degrees you are entitled to carry after your name?

Yours sincerely,

H. R. L. Henry,
Private Secretary.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Dr. W. L. M. King,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto.

Warmest thanks, dear Lyon, your kind telegram birthday wishes. Fondest love.

Uncle Willie.

Charge: Prime Minister's Office.

MK/EH

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though we were not there to share it with her.

I told Arthur what you spoke to me about over the phone. The only thing that worries him is the probability of starting in at K.E. on a salary much less than that he is getting now at the Hydro. He was, however, tremendously delighted that you had spoken to Mr. Dymond about him. He is in quite a fix with the car situation. He says he needs a car at all costs in order to hold his job, yet I don't see how he can afford to get another one even with a down payment until some more definite action has been taken in regard to his damage-suit.

Anyway, we had a grand Christmas and I hope you got as much real enjoyment out of it as your duties would let you. With fondest love

As ever affectionately yours, Lyon

Toronto General Hospital
Toronto, Ontario
December 26, 1937

Dear Uncle Willie,

It is with most grateful thanks that I acknowledge the receipt of your lovely Christmas letter and its enclosed cheque. It will certainly do much to make my somewhat flimsy financial status more solid as well as providing me with a certain instrument known as an auriscope used in diagnosis of affections of the ear. I have long wanted this rather expensive instrument and your kind and

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clinic, 3 mos. on each service. At the end of that time you are entitled to receive a Master's degree in Surgery after passing written & oral examinations. One may then proceed to a 4th year as first assistant to one staff-man for the year. This job pays $1200 a year instead of $900. It is not included in the fellowship but many fellows go on and take the extra year if they are fortunate enough to get an appointment.

Art and I spent a very enjoyable day together yesterday at the homes of our various relatives. I gave Margery your message and she sends to you her affectionate regards. He called Mother on the long-distance phone last night and had a grand long chat with her. She apparently was having a swell Christmas with her many friends even

generous gift has enabled me to get it at last.

Your letter was a source of the greatest pleasure to me. I too was very glad, not to mention relieved, to hear the news of my appointment. The appointment I have received is for [a 3-year Fellowship in Clinical Surgery provided by the Mayo Foundation for the purpose of training men as surgical specialists. The first two years are spent in the Mayo Clinic doing general surgical diagnostic work, surgical pathology, and also in preparing a thesis on some phase of Surgery which particularly interests one. The third year is spent as an interne in hospital in which one is second assistant to 4 different staff-men of the

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December 26, 1937.

My dear Lyon:

Your Christmas gift, card and greetings, with all that they brought of love and good wishes from you, added very much to the happiness of my Christmas Day.

The nut bowl, crackers and picks will be a real addition to my Kingsmere household equipment. You will be pleased, I am sure, to know that I experimented with the entire outfit at dinner at Laurier House last night, and can vouch for its effectiveness as well as attractiveness and its utility. I send you my warmest thanks for this gift, and for all the thought which went into it, and the love it brings with it.

You were right in believing that there are many nutty aswell as knotty problems to solve these days. Unless they are met with a sense of humour as well as with firmness and determination, they cannot be satisfactorily solved. Your symbolical as well as practical gift suggests the best means of tackling problems as they accumulate from day to day. It is well to confine them, as largely as possible, within a limited area, and best to tackle them one at a time. This, you and I will each seek to do as the years go by.

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One of the greatest pleasures I have had at this Christmas Season is the certain knowledge that, for you, the next three years, at least, are secure and that the path you have chosen is the right one. I am perfectly certain that no wiser decision could possibly have been made, and that the opportunity which has opened up before you is one that is, in every way, providential. Your father, I know, would have approved it above every other course, and, I am sure he rejoices in the wisdom you have shown, and will continue to guide and direct your thoughts in the future as he has in the past. You may be sure that he is at your side all the time. Your mother, I know, is delighted, and that must add to your happiness as well as hers.

I thought your voice sounded very clear and strong and bright over the 'phone when we talked together a day or two ago. That was a fine note for the close of a memorable year. The new year will, I believe, prove to be a very good one for you. May it be one filled with much happiness and honourable achievement.

With fondest love,

Believe me, dear Lyon,

Dr. W. L. M. King,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto,
Ontario.

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December 23, 1937.

My dear Lyon:

I am enclosing the little gift of which I spoke to you over the 'phone today. I shall be pleased if you will accept it with my best wishes for a joyous Christmas Season and a very happy New Year. It carries, as well, much love to you.

When you see Margery, as no doubt you will on Christmas Day, please give my best of wishes to her, and thank her for the beautiful card carrying her good wishes which she sent to me for Christmas. I was glad to receive the lovely card that came from you.

No word could have given me more pleasure at this Christmas Season than that of your having received yesterday, a wire telling you that you had been awarded a three year Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, in Rochester. I look upon this appointment as the hallmark of guarantee not of success only, but of distinction in your profession. I cannot congratulate you too warmly upon it.

I wish you would send me the exact particulars, by that I mean, the designation of the

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Fellowship itself, and the full name of the institution. Any particulars you can give concerning the nature of your studies and researches while there, will also be of real interest to me. Evidently you made a good impression on your trip to Rochester in the Summer. With the friends you have in Dr. Balfour and other members of the staff, you may be sure of that personal interest in your future which will materially help rapidly to advance you in your profession. The one sure road of advancement is, of course, the thoroughness with which you are accustomed to pursue your work.

I shall miss not seeing you at the Christmas Season, but knowing that you are well able to look after yourself, and have many friends in Toronto who will be glad to share your spare hours with you, I feel certain that your Christmas will be a very happy and memorable one. I hope you will do what you can to see that Arthur also has a happy time.

With fondest love and all good wishes,

Believe me, dear Lyon,

Dr. W. L. M. King,
c/o The Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto,
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December 29, 1937.

Dear Lyon:

I was greatly pleased to receive your letter written the day after Christmas, and to learn from it that you and Arthur had been so much together throughout the day, and have had what seems to me to have been a very happy Christmas.

Please tell Arthur not to count on anything turning up immediately at the General Electric. Opportunities of employment, these days, are few and far between, especially in best managed and established concerns. The most I think he could expect is that the General Electric Company will keep him in mind in the event of some opportunity opening up in the course of the new year, where they think his services would be of advantage to the Company giving him an opening.

My advice to him would be to regard his present post as one with which he is wholly satisfied, save

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that he wishes to secure through the years, something that promises more in the way of security and advancement. Advise him strongly against incurring additional expenditures such as those which the purchase of another car would involve.

I am glad to have the particulars you have given me concerning the Fellowship in clinical surgery provided by the Mayo Foundation. I continue to be more and more pleased that you have received and accepted that appointment.

With my fondest love and best of wishes for the New Year,

Believe me, as always,
dear Lyon,

W. L. M. King, Esq., M.D.,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto,
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W. L.M. King, Esq., M.D.,
c/o Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto, Ontario.

My love and best wishes to you, dear Lyon, for a happy and prosperous New Year and a very happy birthday anniversary.

Uncle Willie.

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Toronto General Hospital
Toronto, Ontario
January 3, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have received two letters and a birthday telegram from you since I last wrote all of which were not only flattering in that I was so constantly in your thoughts but also extremely interesting. I am glad you liked the nutbowl. It was with so little trepidation that I picked it out for I feared it might appeal as strongly to your taste as it did to mine. But it appears done that there is danger of that opportunity being wasted if I don't watch out.

I guess you will be head over heels in trouble & worries in the very near future when Parliament opens. Here's wishing you the best of good health for the new year, sir, and I do hope your strenuous duties will not take too much out of you.

Very fondest love to you as ever, dear Uncle Willie, and in this I am heartily joined by Margery.

Ever affectionately yours,

Peggy

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to have done so and that fact has given me as much pleasure as the receipt of your own generous gift.

I don't see how you always remember such a relatively insignificant event as my birthday but your kindly greetings arriving by telegraph on that day have never failed to thrill me.

I am just as busy as I can be at present. I have changed Wards again. This time I am on Ward H where all the diabetics, nephritics, arthritics and gen-Traintestinal cases are handled. It is a phase of medicine that I have long been waiting to get at and I feel I have my opportunity. But there is so much routine work to be

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Ottawa, March 18, 1938.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto.

Just a line to let you know that you and Arthur and your mother are much in my thoughts on this sacred anniversary, and to send you every loving good wish.

Uncle Willie.

Charge: Prime Minister's Office.

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Toronto General Hospital
Toronto, Ontario
March 25, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

I was very greatly delighted to receive your kind wire last Friday as a remembrance of Father's passing. I beg of you your pardon for having been so negligent in acknowledging it; at present I am on the Emergency Service here and we are

but am looking forward to Rochester in July with every hope of a successful and happy training course down there.

Thank you again for your loving thought on March 18. As always, with fondest love,

Yours most affectionately,

Lyon

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as well as religion. I enjoy reading the book very much.

Mother is quite well but has been having a lot of trouble getting her rooms upstairs rented and adjusting the home to meet the new needs, etc. Arthur is well installed in Peterborough now and seems to be faring not badly.

I hope your heavy duties are not proving excessively tiring. I have very often thought of you and would greatly welcome any possible chance of seeing you personally again.

I am afraid I've not made the most of this year at the General very busy all the time — more so than on any of the other wards. We are almost constantly on call and when we're not, we are the trying to catch up on sleep.

Ever since Christmas I have been bothered, worse at times than others, by the same sort of inward wrangling that troubled me so much last July. The last couple of months haven't been very happy ones but I am hoping for better all the time. Mother sent me Harry Emerson Fosdick's book entitled "Successful Christian Living" and he certainly seems to have a marvellous conception of morals and ethics

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Personal April 11, 1938

My dear Lyon:

I was glad to receive your letter of March the 25th, though sorry to learn from it and much concerned to hear that since Christmas you had experienced some of the depression which you had felt at times in July last.

I am inclined to believe that the condition of which you speak owes its origin, in the first place, to a measure of fatigue arising from excessive work, and in the second place, from insufficient exercise, and possibly wrong diet. Recalling my own experiences in the past, and what I find in the present, I am sure that there is nothing which is more disconcerting to one's mind and body than a want of balance in the many activities with which one's hours and days are filled.

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There is the danger of too much rest, as well as too little, particularly in the mornings. I am a strong believer in early rising, and in going early to bed. A little rest during the day, if only for a quarter or a half an hour, is a wonderful tonic to the system. One has to guard, above all else, against fatigue and overcrowding. That can only be done by rigidly declining to take on more in a day of work or engagements than one can discharge with ease. The necessity of keeping a certain feeling of freedom about one is essential to good work, as well as to health.

The mention in your letter that you are constantly on call, and when not, are "trying to catch up on sleep", makes clear to my mind that there is something wrong with the system at the hospital, or that you are attempting, outside of hospital hours, more than you should. I am sure, as you

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examine cases that come into the hospital, you will increasingly discover that rest is what is most needed to effect recovery. Particularly at your years, and with your occupations what they are, do you require plenty of out-door exercise. In these days, where there is such a temptation to motor, and when it is hard to find the open spaces in which to enjoy one's self, is there a temptation to forego this side of things. However, with Queens Park so near by, you should find it possible to get out for a little stroll first thing in the morning, and to take other walks during the day with at least an hour's exercise in the afternoon. If you have not tried this, I wish you would. A regular routine each day, with changes at the end of the week, taking a complete afternoon off for relaxation, should help you very much.

Equally with exercise and rest for the body, you need

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the right kind of reading. The book your mother has sent you is of the right kind. Your father was a strong believer in the writings of William James. I should think you might find in his "Varieties of Religious Experience" the kind of thought that would be helpful to you in your profession, as well as in your daily life. There are two books by Annie Payson Call, one entitled, "The Freedom of Life" and the other "Power Through Repose", which Dr. Barker recommended to me some years ago, and which it would be worth your reading. He also recommended a curious kind of a book called, "Old Age, Its Cause and Prevention", by Sanford Bennett, the man who grew young at Seventy, as well worth reading. The exercises which it sets forth are well worth while. "Yourself and your Body", by Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, you might also find of interest. Another author to whose writings your father attached much importance was

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William Macdougall. His introduction to Social Psychology you would, I think, find of interest and value. Your father's own book on "Nerves and Personal Power" cannot be read and followed too often.

I am sure that in your case what is needed is more in the way of fresh contacts, and I truly believe that you will find yourself a different and much happier man when you get into the new environment that you will find yourself in when you go to the Mayo Clinic.

It does not do to take too seriously those things in life which tend to occasion depression. They are usually more associated with worry, disappointment or other mental condition than with anything pertaining to the physical organism. It does not do to brood, and the only way of avoiding brooding, is to refresh the mind with new scenes

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and interests, through the medium of books or in other ways. What I believe, however, counts for most is the Christian Faith, and conforming one's life to its ideals from day to day as completely as one can. The return of Spring always helps one very much to overcome the gloom that to some extent is apt to settle down on one during the long winter months, where out-of-door activities are restricted. It is a great thing to watch the processes of nature from day to day, and to be on the lookout for the arrival of birds, the coming of the leaves, flowers, etc., etc. It is amazing what these things, which are in the reach of us all, help to bring in the way of happiness to one who is ready to share their message.

Please let this letter bring to you my best of

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wishes for the Easter Season,
and, with it, as well, my
fondest love.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
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Toronto,
Ontario.

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A three year Fellowship in Clinical Surgery provided by the Mayo Foundation for the purpose of training men as surgical specialists. The first two years are spent in the Mayo Clinic doing general surgical diagnostic work, surgical pathology, and also in preparing a thesis on some phase of surgery which particularly interests one. The third year is spent as an interne in hospital, in which one is second assistant to four different staff-men of the Clinic, three months on each service. At the end of that time one is entitled to receive a Master's degree in surgery after passing written or oral examinations. One may then proceed to a fourth year as first assistant to one staff-man for the year. This job pays $1200. a year instead of $900. It is not included in the Fellowship, but many fellows go on and take the extra year if they are fortunate enough to get an appointment.

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Toronto General Hospital
Toronto, Ontario
April 13, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

I was very happy to receive your grand long letter yesterday with all its kindly suggestions toward a more reasonable and well-balanced mode de la vie. Fortunately, I am happy to be able to say that I have completely risen above the depression & spirits I was in when I last wrote you.

though, so my sleeping hours will be much more regular than they have been in the past 6 weeks.

Thanks you again for your kindly interest. I will be finished at T.B.H. on June 22nd and must be in Rochester ready to begin work on July 4th. I could welcome any opportunity to see and talk with you during that time. I long once before I go, & if possible, to have you meet Margery again.

My very fondest love as ever to you, dear Uncle Willie,

Your affectionate nephew,

Leyon

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thing has resolved itself spontaneously without let or hindrance from other people. I have become a new personality altogether since throwing off that mantle of depression and I am feeling now as happy and eager for new things as ever before.

I shall most certainly avail myself as soon as possible of the reading matter you have suggested. I am only sorry that your exhortation to be in bed early can not be followed religiously in my case because I am on call so constantly. I will be going to the Emergency Dept. at the end of this week this time there was no complete change in environment and outlook responsible for it as there was the last time. I felt completely forlorn and hopeless and yet, by simply carrying on from day to day as best I could, I was able to survive the low spell and rise completely out of it till now I feel as if I have regained all my former self confidence and ability and am once more doing the type of work which won for me the silver medal during my undergraduate career. I cannot tell you how bolstered up I feel by the fact that this

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Toronto General Hospital

Toronto, Ontario
April 22, 1958

Dear Uncle Willie,

Please excuse the hospital stationery; I am just fresh out of all my own. Being still on Emergency, I find it hard to get out during the day and even when I do, I never remember to get such things.

Your loving Easter wire gave me very great pleasure and I was certainly glad to get it. I too was thinking of you that day and wishing nightly for a chance to see and talk with you again. My head is running over with plans for the future and I am commencing now to gather things together for

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going away. I have to be in Rochester on the fourth & July and will be starting in at the clinic (work, doing general diagnostic work and generally familiarizing myself with the organization & the clinic during the first three months. I have arranged with Dr. Logan to get the last week in June off & on a holiday before I go down. If there is any chance I will be seeing you in that week, I'd just jump at it!

I have been looking into immigration regulations and travelling expenses to Rochester, both of which are going to prove costly. One has to pay $10.00 to get a student visa and $8.00 more at the border for head tax. I have to furnish duplicate copies of my birth certificate, police dossier, duplicates of my appointment at Rochester, statement & my bank balance, certificate & Medical Degree, etc., etc. all in order to get a visa for the U.S.A.! Then there is the problem & how to get all my stuff (including skis, golf clubs & tennis racquet, to say nothing & books) down to Rochester. I guess the best way to do it is to go down by train, taking everything with

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me on the baggage car and paying the difference over and above 50 lbs. That would be an expensive as going down by bus and expressing all my stuff. I want to be down there a day or so ahead of time to look around a bit and I'll just stay somewhere temporarily till I find the place I want to live in.

I wanted to ask you too, sir, what you would like done about the joint account that you took out for the both of us back in 1930. It is still in the Bank of Montreal, untouched. Since I will be closing out all my Toronto account I wondered what to do about it.

The time is drawing very close now and there are only two more short months left here at the T.G.H. There are still a lot of services I remain bad but the ones I've had have been very good ones. I am just beginning to get out for a bit of tennis in the af-

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terrible cold. The weather is lovely and one just can't stay indoors all the time, a thing which is very easy in winter.

Mother and Art are both well & helping and I feel like a million dollars. I hope you are well and finding time for your Kingsmere hobbies as well as your other duties. Have you made any additions to your ruins? I don't imagine you'll be doing much to them before summer is here.

May this letter bring you my very fondest love as ever.

Your loving nephew,

Lyon

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Ottawa, April 26, 1938

Dr. W. L. M. King,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto.

I will be in Toronto for Mr. Forster's funeral tomorrow and will arrange somehow to see you during course of day. Will have to phone when I find out about other engagements.

Uncle Willie.

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Toronto General Hosp.
Toronto, Ont.
April 29, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

The pleasure & seeing you and having dinner with you on Wednesday evening was very, very great. I have never seen you looking better and I hope your good health continues unimpaired for all the years to come.

On inquiring of the

and generous that I am
ever at a loss to express
the full depths & my ap-
preciation and happiness. I
can only attempt to carry
on the good work at Roch-
ester that I have started here
and never let my standards
down.

Good-bye for now. Hoping
to see you at Niagara in
June (Marge, by the way, was
perfectly delighted to be included
in your invitation). I remain
as ever affectionately,

Your loving nephew,
Ryan

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Bank of Montreal regarding the balance at present in our joint account, I find it is $147.47 ! That's a real increase over the original deposit of $125.00, isn't it ? Your generous offer to double the amount, whatever it was, was almost too unbelievable to be true. I thought once you were joking at first. But it will certainly give me something very solid and substantial to take to Rochester with me and a comforting reserve in case of necessity.

You are so very kind

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April 29, 1938

My dear Lyon:

I am glad to find that the amount in our joint account has increased from $125.00, from the time at which the deposit was made, to $147.47, where it stands at present. By adding $152.53 to the amount, it would be increased to a round $300. Accordingly, as promised, I am enclosing my cheque for the amount of the deposit, plus interest, and adding sufficient to it to bring the total to the round figure of $300. As you say, if, in the interval, expenses can be met out of other funds you may have on hand, that will be a substantial amount to have as security, when you start at Rochester.

I would suggest your finding out in detail what it will cost you to send your books and other belongings by freight; also, the amount for visas, etc., and the cost of your tickets, sleeper, etc. If you

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will let me know what these are, when the time comes, I shall be glad to lend you a hand in making the necessary move.

The idea of having the account made out as a joint account was, as I recall, to provide against any possible contingency with respect to your estate in the event of anything happening which would make it difficult or impossible for you to withdraw the amount yourself. It is well, I think, for everyone to make some provision of the kind. There is always difficulty, where money is on deposit to the credit of one person only, of having it withdrawn in the event of the demise of the individual, unless no end of legal requirements are met in the first instance - as, for example, proving a will, or getting out papers with regard to intestate estates, etc., etc.

I think it might be well for you to have your account made out jointly either in the name of Arthur, your mother, or myself, and to have the same policy followed with respect to any deposits your mother or Arthur may have in a bank. Not that this

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precaution is likely to be necessary, but the practice, if kept up, is certain to save embarrassment on some occasion.

Please regard this money as wholly your own, to be used as you may find necessary at any time. So far, however, as it is possible to keep it in reserve against unforseen contingencies, it would, I think, be well to do so. It has pleased me very much to find that this sum, which was deposited so many years ago that I had forgotten about it, has, through your careful husbanding of your resources, remained intact and gained the interest it has.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto, Ontario.

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Toronto General Hosp.
Toronto, Ont.
May 5, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

It is with most grateful thanks that I acknowledge the receipt of your registered letter yesterday containing the cheque for $152.53. I don't know what arrangements I will be making about my banking business but I think I will leave the original $147.47 in the bank of Montreal where it is at present

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and simply deposit this additional sum there as well. That will leave the account under our joint-names and I will keep it as the reserve of reserves.

Thank you again for your kindness. It certainly has beautifully bolstered up my somewhat shaky financial status.

Believe me, as ever, your affectionate nephew,

Lyon

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June 11, 1938

My dear Lyon:

-- I enclose a letter which I have just written to Arthur and which explains itself.

No doubt, you will have received, ere this, an invitation to the celebrations at Niagara on Saturday of next week (June the 18th). This is an event which you should not miss on any account. The occasion is one pretty much in memory of your grandfather, and those who were associated with him in the struggle for Responsible Government.

Let me hear from you and Arthur as to whether I shall expect you to turn up at Niagara on Saturday morning, as planned.

With fondest love,

Your loving uncle,

"Willie"

Dr. W. L. M. King,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto,
Ontario.

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Toronto General Hosp.
Toronto, Ontario
June 12, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

It seems ages since I had saw you at dinner on the train during the last week in April. I guess that is because I have since been on surgery for a month and was so very busy that I had no time for anything else but the ward and its affairs. I am now on the two and a half dollars and the expenses incurred in arranging for my immigration have amounted to $12.50. So all in all it has been quite an expensive business. I'm all keyed up now for leaving. I stop work at the hospital on June 25, the next 5 days constituting my summer holidays. However this present month in Anaesthetics is proving more than a holiday as it doesn't cost me anything & I really enjoy the work.

Fondest love, as ever, dear Uncle Willie. Hoping to see you next Saturday. I am, as always

Affectionately yours,

Ryon

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and believe that you said then it would be quite all right. We'll most likely motor over in Arthur's car, possibly even take the boat. I trust these arrangements will meet with your approval and that we may have an opportunity to see you at Niagara if only for a few short moments.

My plans for leaving for Rochester and for immigration, etc. ~~have~~ are practically complete now. I'll be leaving at 9:45 p.m. (standard time) on Fri. night, July 1st., getting into Rochester the next morning at 7:45. The total train fare down there, including sleeper car, will amount to $24.79. The baggage express charge will be around

Anaesthetic Staff learning to pour ether and give gas, etc. A very useful accomplishment it is too, for any doctor!

A received an invitation card from the Niagara Parks Commission for the unveiling of the Mackenzie Memorial Arch next Sat. p.m., June 18th. I presume that Art got one also. I am hoping that things will work out so I can get over all right. As it is a grand opportunity for a real outing I would like to take Marge along too and Art would probably also want to invite someone. I spoke of this the last time I saw you

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Toronto, Ont.
June 13. 1938

Dear Uncle Willie.

Your letter arrived this morning, crossing with mine. In the light of the arrangements you have outlined. I have called off the girls going along and Arthur and I will drive over alone to Niagara falls, leaving as early as we can Saturday morning. I shall have to return late Saturday night, however, as

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I have only been able to arrange for the one day Sunday and will be on call on Sunday. However, that will not interfere with your plans in any way.

Hoping to have a most delightful day with you at the Falls. I am

Affectionately yours.

Ryan

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Ottawa, June 15, 1938

Dr. W. L. M. King,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto, Ontario.

It will be quite all right for you and Arthur to bring young ladies mentioned provided you plan to return to Toronto Saturday night or provided some arrangement can be made to have them stay with friends of their own, or elsewhere than at Brock Hotel. As members of family only have been invited as guests over night at hotel, I could not very well ask for this privilege to be extended to others. I will, however, try to work out with Arthur and yourself some arrangement which may be satisfactory.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

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Night Letter

Ottawa, June 16, 1938

Dr. W. L. M. King,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto, Ont.

Am looking forward to pleasure of seeing you and Arthur at Niagara on Saturday and having you spend day with me there. Have phoned Arthur suggesting you drive direct to Queenston, where the ceremonies commence at twelve noon.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

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Toronto General Hospital
Toronto, Ontario
June 22, 1938

Dear Uncle Hillie,

I can't tell you how thoroughly I enjoyed the trip to Niagara Falls and all the proceedings while there. It was a grand little holiday as well as being inspiring and instructive.

I thought you looked very well but rather tired. I imagine your strenuous life and the harassing debates in the House must take a good deal out of you.

I will be leaving for

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more excited as the time
draws closer for leaving. It
is really going to be swell. I
know. and sees so much more
fun than staying on here for
the Kallie course.

Many grateful thanks for
your kindly offer to meet
my travelling and immigration
expenses for me. It certainly
does helps. Fondest love and
best wishes as ever

Yours affectionately.

Roy

Rochester ~~also~~ one week from
tomorrow night, getting in there
the next night. That will give
me Saturday to find a place
to live and Sunday to get
settled there.

I finally have my im-
migration visa. Look, stick &
barrel but I found to my
disgust that I had to pay
an additional $10.20 for the
visa itself over and above
all the other expenses con-
nected with it. The $8 ~~00~~
fee I spoke about is head-tax
which is not paid till I
reach the border.

I am getting more and

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June 28, 1938

My dear Lyon:

As you are starting off to pursue your further post-graduate studies in medicine and surgery, I would like to make a little gift to you which will help to relieve your mind, as I promised, of some of the expenses of travel, and give you a little over for outlays you may find it necessary to make once you arrive at Rochester.

As I recall, my last contribution doubled the savings which you had in the bank at Toronto, bringing the total of those particular savings to Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00). I am now enclosing a draft for an additional Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) which will reimburse the amounts you have had or may have to pay out on account of travel and leave you Two Hundred and Forty Dollars ($240.00) or thereabouts to put in a bank at Rochester, on your arrival there. It would be well, I think, to open a small account at once in whatever bank you may be advised to make your deposits in. By drawing out by cheque what you spend from time to time, you can, in this way, keep record of expenditures in the simplest way.

If, after you get settled at Rochester, you find that the expenses are going to be heavier than you anticipated, or should feel in any way embarrassed, I wish you would let me know at once, and I will see what I can do to assist you a little further financially. I want you to go to Rochester feeling that in pursuing your studies there, you need not be worried on the score of finances. Also I want you to feel free to take your part with other physicians in requisite social activities, and enjoy freedom with respect to

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your mode of living, social interests, travel, etc. I shall count on your letting me know how your finances are from time to time. You have been so careful and honourable in all these matters that I have no hesitancy in relying upon your integrity and trusting your judgment in anything that pertains to your life and its work.

In deciding to go to Rochester, you have made a wise decision, one you will never regret. You will meet there men who will be friends through life and whose work will be an inspiration as well as an incentive to you. I believe you have, before you, a great career, and one which will mean much of service to your fellow-men and, as the years go by, I shall seek to play some little part in helping to make it what I believe it is going to be.

I hope you will think often, as I shall, of the little talk we had together, at Niagara, and of the intention you expressed at the time to make your further years of post-graduate studies, an occasion for rounding out your life and broadening your activities and interests in as many ways as possible.

I shall send you either to Toronto or to Rochester, a little book entitled "Daily Strength for Daily Needs". It is similar to a copy which I have and which I read every day, and have read every day for nearly a quarter of a century. I would like you to read one of its pages each morning, and also a chapter of the Bible. Beginning the day in that way will bring you more closely into touch with the Source of all Light and Power and Inspiration and Love. It will help you in your work and bring added joy to the days as they go by. You and I will be closely in touch with each other as we shall be reading the same passages and sharing the same thoughts at pretty much the same time.

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Be assured that your Father is watching over you, and is helping to direct your life and work. He will be rejoicing at all that you undertake, and will help you in it. My little part is only a means of helping to do the thing which I know he wants to have done for you. It makes me very happy to think that I can, in some small way, help to further the ends he cherished so deeply for both his boys.

Take plenty of time for rest and recreation. That is what for the rest of your life you will have to advise most of your patients to do. Begin by yourself setting the example which you will wish them to follow. Get all the joy you can out of your work. Remember it is a part of God's work that you are choosing for your life calling. May God bless and keep you.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
c/o Miss Margery Rean,
118 St. Leonard's Ave.,
Toronto,
Ontario.

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also where you can be
reached by phone Tomorrow

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Ottawa,
June 30, 1938

Dr. W. L. M. King,
Toronto General Hospital,
Toronto, Ontario.

Please wire me if letter sent to hospital received.

Also where you can be reached by 'phone tonight.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

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16 Douglas Drive
Toronto, Ont.
July 1, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

One hour exactly till train time left more than enough to write a brief note to you expressing my very deepest appreciation & your kindness, not only financially but in the sound advice you have given me in your letter, your injunction regarding the dinting & my hat, and above all for of the loving thought for me

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which led you to forsake me all the way to Peterboro simply to say goodbye by direct communication.

I understand fully what your desire concerning a respectable place to live signifies and I shall certainly see to it that your wishes are carried out as far as possible.

Time will not permit me to say more but once again I thank you with all my heart. I hope I may have the pleasure & seeing you again before many months have passed.

With fondest love as ever,
dear Uncle Willie,

Affectionately yours,

Rycon

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844 Center West
Rochester, Minn.
July 4, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

I arrived safely in Rochester two days ago after a pleasant train journey and have since become very comfortably settled in a nice room at the above address. I am going to like this new job very much — I can tell that right from the start. I spent Sat. and yesterday getting unpacked and settled and then started in at work this morning. I am assigned for my first duty

morning & evening. My boarding house provides all meals so I don't have to worry about them.

The Fellows have a club called the Wilson Club where you can also get meals and where the chaps gather round in the evenings to play bridge, smoke, etc.

Altogether I feel thoroughly happy and contented with life right now and I know it will continue to be that way.

I hope you are well and happy, sir. Fondest love and best wishes as ever,

Yours affectionately,
Lyon

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though small, feels very
cosy and homelike. The peo-
ple I am with seem very de-
cent and it will serve at
least as a temporary stopping
place till I find the place
I finally want to settle in.

The weather has been
very hot and stifling so far
and we have had one tre-
mendous thunder storm.

There are tennis courts,
a swimming pool and a golf
course within 6 blocks of
the clinic which all offer
excellent opportunities for
exercise & recreation. I am
living about 8 blocks from
the clinic which ensures a
fairly decent walk in the

to that section of the clinic
which handles the post-oper-
ative dressings and treatment
of wounds, etc. It is some-
thing which I count myself
very fortunate to get in on.

I saw Dr. Balfour this
morning and he was very
glad to see me again. I
have already made the ac-
quaintance of several of the
chaps who are starting in
with me. One of them is
from Buenos Aires and
another from Dublin, Ireland
so I've struck purely British
stock so far.

The room I have taken
faces both south & east. It
is bright & cheery and,

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At Kingsmere,
July 16, 1938

My dear Lyon:

I was delighted to receive your two letters: the one written in Toronto, at the moment of your departure for Rochester on the 1st of July, and the other on July 4th from Rochester. You seem to have succeeded in linking the national holidays of the two countries in association with the beginnings of your post-graduate work at the Mayo Foundation.

I am indeed pleased to know that the first impressions of Rochester and the Mayo Clinic were do favourable, and that you were able, with so little trouble, to find quarters to your liking. You did the right thing in starting with modest quarters, and giving yourself plenty of time to look about. It may well be that what you now have will serve you for the first year. At all events, y

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are in the fortunate position of being able to make a final decision after you have come to know the city itself better and to discover what other opportunities may present themselves. It is just possible that there may be something in the nature of a college residence. Should there by anything of the kind, it might be worth the additional outlay to secure quarters there. I have no doubt, however, that you will decide wisely on these matters as time goes on.

What pleases me most is that you have grasped so quickly the significance of the present opportunities in relation to your profession and your future. I am sure that, as time goes by, you will more than ever come to value the associations you have been privileged to make with medical men from different parts of the world, to say nothing of the exceptional opportunities of study which the Mayo Clinic affords.

I am glad to know of the equipment for tennis, swimming, golf, etc., and hope you will avail yourself to the full of opportunities for exercise and recreation. Your own

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health is more important than all else. If I were you, I would make it a point of seeking, in every possible way, to strengthen yourself physically.

The Wilson Club should prove a pleasant centre for social gatherings. I have no doubt you will also make the acquaintance of interesting people in Rochester, apart altogether from the Foundation. The wider and more diversified you can make your interests, the more enjoyable you will find the weeks and months as they pass, and the more helpful will be the background of your after life.

I have had a letter from your mother, which indicates how pleased she also is with your new venture, and also, I am happy to say, how settled everything seems now to be so far as her house is concerned.

I am enjoying Kingsmere at last! I found myself in better shape this year, at the end of the session, than at any time since I have been Prime Minister. I put that down to having

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made it a point to take as much rest as I could from day to day, and not to overdo. Only once, during the session, did I go beyond the fatigue line, and as a consequence I had to give up for a few days. Fatigue is the enemy we must all keep at bay.

I shall be glad to hear from you soon again, and periodically also, should that be a pleasure to you. I am, naturally, deeply interested in all you are doing, and anything you can tell me of your life and work will be much appreciated.

With fondest love and all good wishes,

Dr. W. L. M. King,
844 Center West,
Rochester,
Minnesota.

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844 Center St. West
Rochester. Minn.
August 8, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have been over long in acknowledging your swell letter which came about two weeks ago but that is because I've been stewing over another matter which I want to seek your advice on. I was very glad to know that you were getting a bit of a rest at Kingsmere and that you were not feeling too done in at the end of the long and arduous session.

The past month has been a very happy one for me. I formed a great many new acquaintances, attended two formal dances, and played a lot of tennis & some golf. In addition, I managed to get a bit of studying done too. The work I am doing at present is rather routine and not very interesting but the Rochester for a woman to obtain work. He referred me to Mr. Johnson, the personnel manager of the clinic, and I went to see him. He told me about the jobs for desk girls in the clinic. They are for seven months of the year only and pay 65.00 a month. They require no special training, the work is light and the hours are easy. He promised me that Marge could have a job as desk girl beginning next March if she wished it. That was due to Dr. Balfour's influence, of course.

Now that gives me a total joint income of $113.00 per mo. all year round. Good furnished apartments can be had for $40-50 monthly here in Rochester and Margery & I have estimated we could live on $100.00 a month fairly easily. That would mean cutting out such luxuries as a car, joining the golf club, going to football games in the fall, etc.

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look the situation over for myself. You have always said that for a young man to be married prematurely is to prejudice seriously his chances for being accepted in important appointments or jobs. Careful inquiry has convinced me that that is not true in Medicine. If a man is financially independent, whether he is married or not makes no whit of difference as far as his acceptibility for the job is concerned. This I find applies to England and Canada just as much as to the U.S. Many appointments prefer a man to be married and make provision for his wife.

The greatest problem in any marriage is the financial one and admittedly that is where my plans is weakest. As a fellows only get paid $75 a monthly which is little more than required to finance one's own self. I asked Dr. Balfour what opportunities there are in hours are very nice so I don't mind it at all.

What I wanted to seek your advice about was the question of marriage. I would like very much to get married shortly after Christmas if it were possible and I've already talked the matter over fully with Mother. I know well your viewpoint regarding marriage before one's training is complete but I'd like to advance a few arguments on the other side and tell you of my plans.

I have talked the matter over pretty carefully with Dr. Balfour and with other doctors whom I feel are pretty well informed on the subject. To begin with, 3/4 of the Fellows (and there are 280 in all) are married. Most have either married before they come or within the first year. I talked to Dr. Balfour about this when I was down last September but said no more to anyone till I got down here and could

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have a chance to continue with her studies in Psychology and perhaps try for a P.H.D. degree. I feel confident that her superior education and her winning personality would soon obtain for her a job that would not only be much more lucrative but would give her a much more stimulating impetus to go on with her study.

If you weigh all these considerations, dear Uncle Willie, against the possibility of my losing out on some good appointment because I'm married, I feel you cannot but agree that I would not be doing a highly foolish thing to get married now. I do not want to wait 3 or 4 years more till I'm settled and have a steady income. That would be taking all the fun & excitement out of life. Any other questions I'll be glad to answer in another letter and any advice will be most gratefully received. Fondest love as ever — Ryan

I have made the following arrangements regarding health insurance: I used a part of the money you gave me to add to our original joint-account to pay up the premiums on my $2500 life insurance policy for 4 years, thus making sure that would be taken care of for Mother's come what may. I also took advantage of a very fine offer by Margery's father to take out a second policy in Mother's favour while my health was A-1 and there were no restrictions. This policy is for $11,500 in the event of death, carries a disability benefit that automatically pays all premiums if I should get sick & be unable myself to pay them, and allows me to convert to any type of matured endowment insurance of the same value any time in the next 8 yrs. without having to undergo another

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wife's health. Under these terms expenses which can easily be accomodated for by careful budgeting remove entirely the danger of financial collapse from illness or death.

Over and above the $300 gift you made me at the end of June, I have $300 in savings of my own. Margery has about $500-odd of her own. Altogether our reserve and our prospects of joint-income are none too reassuring but we can manage it and remain independent of everybody and we're willing to undergo plenty of hardship and doing without in order to be together. As a doctor, I could be relied on to see that there were no children to complicate matters for the first few years.

If Marge comes down to Rochester, she'll not only have happiness she could get nowhere else but she'd physical examination or four any tests whatever. The premiums for this come to $100 a year. I used part of your gift to pay the initial premium and the rest I'll pay by setting aside $10 each month for 10 months. That protects Mother fully and when I become married, the transfer about 1/2 of it to my wife, taking out additional insurance as my earning power grows. A second $10 monthly I send to Mother as a very minor contribution to help with her expenses. One other provision I've made is to join the Wilson club, the dues of which are $16 yearly. This covers, in addition to the ordinary club privileges, health insurance up to a total of $400 against any illness I may have as a fellow. An additional $16 yearly would also insure my

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Dr. W. L. M. King,
844 Center West,
Rochester, Minn.

Very sorry to have been prevented, through great pressure of work, from answering your last letter. Will write in courxe of few days. Fondest love.

Uncle Willie.

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Dictated at Kingsmere,
August 27, 1938.

My dear Lyon:

I am sorry to have been so long in answering the important letter received from you a fortnight or more ago. Unfortunately, I have been extremely busy having had important speeches to prepare and deliver as well as much in the way of travel in addition to other pressing duties.

I also regret to say that the strain and hot weather combined of the past few weeks have left me with a pretty painful attack of sciatica. I am able to walk about but that is about all. Some days, the pain is very great. I am hoping by resting up for a few days to get rid of the worst. Dr. McCarthy, who is attending me, says that I should take, he thinks, three weeks in bed. I doubt if that will be necessary or can be managed. However, I shall do what I can to get rid of the trouble for, in every way, it is a telling as well as terrifying handicap.

I am glad you have written me so frankly concerning what you have in mind of the possibility of marriage. I am not surprised that being so completely alone, amid a new and strange environment, your thoughts should have tended in that direction, if indeed the matter is not one which you have been weighing carefully over a longer period of time. You are right to give so important a step the fullest possible consideration. I wish I were in a position to advise you what it is best to do. Your mother, I imagine, would be a safer guide than I would be for she will know more clearly than I would, how marriage without much, if anything, in the way of means is likely to affect not only your own happiness but more particularly that of Margery which should be, as I am sure you would wish to make it, the first consideration.

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Let me say, first of all, that you have not fully understood what I meant when I spoke about an early marriage being a handicap. I did not mean that the handicap would come through marriage itself, but rather through the additional financial obligations which marriage necessarily brings. I believe there is everything to be said for a Doctor, in particular, marrying just as soon as he is in a financial position to do so. To marry, however, without the means to meet the obligations of a home is, I think, the greatest of all possible risks. It may well be, as you say, that Margery will be able to supplement your income, but is that a good way in which to begin married life? That, of course, is something which you and she alone can decide.

Apart from that, however, would there be in the income that you could reasonably both count upon, enough to give to each of you the freedom to really enjoy the days as they pass without feeling too greatly the privations and burdens which they might otherwise bring? Personally, I would much rather see you wait a little longer before taking this final and irrevocable step. Would it not be best, at all events, to see out the first year or two at the Mayo Foundation, saving what you can in the interval until, at least, both you and Margery have a little more than you have today? That is something which you will have to settle between yourselves. I cannot, however, adivse you too strongly to weigh all sides very carefully.

It is natural, in contemplating a step of the kind, for one to see all possible advantages. There is, however, a very great danger of minimizing the obligations that may inevitably arise. For example, to find yourself in any locality without the means to move to another, or to begin practice anywhere, might prove very serious to your whole future, and by that I mean Margery's future as well as your own.

When I wrote you, at the time of your going to the Mayo Foundation, of not having any concern about the future, and that I would seek to be as much as I could at your back, I had in mind the position which you had secured and the extent to which the honorarium

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received would go to meet its obligations. The Mayo Foundation environment is not unlike that of a university where men can get along very well on limited means, if they are by themselves, and very little in a social or personal way is expected from them. The situation, however, becomes quite different when the provision that has to be made is that of a home. Had I thought that you were contemplating marriage before concluding your post graduate studies, I would have felt it necessary to point out wherein such assistance as I might be able to give, even at times of emergency, would necessarily be very limited.

As you know, I am wholly dependent upon the salary which I receive as Prime Minister, and the indemnity which I receive as a member of Parliament to meet the obligations of my public life. Fortunately, knowing the risks that I was taking for public service, friends have helped me to meet these obligations by providing and furnishing my homes and making some provision for their maintenance. Once, however, I cease to be in office which would mean, in all probability, ceasing to be a member of Parliament as well, I shall be without any source of income other than that which comes from what I have been able to put aside in the way of savings. My whole manner of life will have to be changed. At present, the expenses of my car are provided for by Government grant, and travel, by Government passes. Those sources of income will also be removed though the obligations to one who has held a prominent place in public life will still remain in considerable part.

That I shall have to give up the leadership of the party ere very long is only too evident. It might very possibly come at the time of, if not before the next general election which is next year. There is too the matter of my health which I am bound to realize is not what it was some years ago. What it may occasion in the way of outlays as the years go by, I cannot say. Then, too, I have to keep in mind the possibility of something happening to Harry Lay or my sister Jennie and the circumstances in which their family will find themselves, should either or both parents be taken away. There is no one to look to but myself. I am telling you these things because you may have gathered, from what you have seen of my home and possessions, that I have

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much more in the way of means than I have. As a matter of fact, these things are more or less necessary to my present position. They may all become encumbrances once I cease to hold that position. In reaching a decision as to your future, please have in mind these circumstances.

One reason I, myself, never married was that I knew that my father and mother and other members of the family had little or nothing in the way of reserve and that I was the only one to whom they could reasonably look for assistance once the time of great need might come. I am always grateful that I foresaw this, as I really do not know what might have happened if I had not found it possible to give some little assistance to them as well as maintain myself.

The more I think of the matter, the more I feel you would be very wise to wait at least a year or two before taking the step you have in mind. On the other hand, I should like you to know that I appreciate to the full just what your feelings about marriage may be, and what it would mean to you to have Margery at your side. If, therefore, you and she believe that you can get along by yourselves, and meet what in the way of obligation you may see ahead toward those who may also need your help, I would not wish any word of mine to deter you from taking a step which, I know, would mean very much to each of you. Do, however, I beg of you, think over what it may really mean, should there prove to be days of difficulty ahead and no source of revenue on which you could both rely.

I shall not write more at present but will count on hearing from you, from time to time. My word of counsel would be, regardless of any decision thus far reached, to give the matter as much in the way of further thought as you can bring your mind to give it.

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WLMK/HD

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844 Center Road
Rochester, Minn.
August 29, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thank you very much for your telegram of last Thursday. I fully realize how busy you have been, what with one thing and another going on continuously, and how pressed you must be in your correspondence.

I am writing now to acquaint you with a few new facts and some possibilities which have opened up along the lines I mentioned in my last letter to you. Margery and her Mother, Father and Aunt arrived in Rochester one week ago tonight, having motored over from Toronto with the dual purpose of paying me a visit and affording Mr. Rean a pleasant break in his journey west to California for a Sun Life Co. Conference. I had been looking forward to their coming ever since arriving here because I believed that, if Margery could see and talk with the powers that be in this clinic, she might stand an excellent chance of landing a really good job here. Miraculously enough this is just what has happened and I wanted to tell you all about it without further delay. The day after Marge got here, we went in to see Dr. Balfour and Mr. Johnson, the personnel manager of the clinic. Both men were very kind and took an immediate liking to Marge and therefore a personal interest in her. She told them about her M.A. in Psychology and her practical experience giving mental tests in the school in Toronto. It appears that the Dept. of Neurology

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in this clinic conducts various mental tests on many of their patients and, up to now, this work has been delegated to one old lady-doctor in her seventies who knows only the very old-fashioned methods of mental testing. The arrangements have admittedly been unsatisfactory but, because there was not a pressing demand for these tests, nothing has been done about organizing a special psychological department in conjunction with the Neurology Dept. Dr. Woltman, the head of the latter, was keenly interested in Marge and her work and has great visions of developing a really decent psychological branch of investigation in the clinic. It's an opportune moment if there ever was one; the field is ripe for someone with brains and personality and the necessary training and there is no telling what it may flower into. It's a chance of a lifetime for Marge to develop her specialty — she'll be on her own strictly, no others telling her what to do. Dr. Woltman has offered her the chance to do all the mental testing for his department and attend the Neurological conferences, giving her views when called for. Together they will start to organize that branch of Medicine in the Mayo clinic. In addition Marge is to do typing, chiefly of the Fellows' theses, and keep records of the doings of the Neurological Fellows that have graduated from the clinic. Her position will therefore be for all year round; her salary will be $ 35 a month by for the typing part of + whatever she makes giving mental tests which will be at least $ 20.00 a month more and possibly a whole lot more. You will realize yourself what unbelievable luck has come our way in obtaining a job with such promise for advancement and such opportunity for further research and study. It has been going entirely to the

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kind help & Dr. Balfour that this has come about and I'll be forever grateful to him. The new financial arrangements will fix our income at $1500 a year at least and probably a lot more and careful budgeting shows us that we can live quite comfortably on this sum.

Mr. Rean stopped by in Denver on his way to the west and had a long talk with Mother. Mother had previously consented to Marge's and my being married on the condition that we could make better financial arrangements. She now feels that these arrangements are satisfactory and that it will be quite all right for us to get married early in the coming new year.

Not having heard from you as yet, I do not know if there are other points you desire information about. I well know what your attitude toward marrying at my relative immaturity is and I gave you in my last letter reasons which, to me, seemed to outweigh your very reasonable objections. In the light of these amazing opportunities which have arisen in the past week, I feel that we would be extremely foolish not to grasp the chance that is at hand. Mother is heartily behind us now and feels that we will be doing the right thing to get married now rather than waiting till later and sacrificing not only our own personal happiness but also this chance for Marge to gain further training in her field. I hope with all my heart that you will feel too that this grand opportunity outweighs all other considerations and that, if you cannot give us your wholehearted approval, you will not feel that we

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are acting in a foolish and ill-advised manner. Perhaps you may be able to adopt a waiting and watchful attitude and reserve your judgement of our decision to marry now until you see how things work out.

You have always been a source of such great inspiration to me that I would hate to do anything which would cause you to feel I was ungrateful for and disregardless of all your advice and your numberless kindnesses. I feel that I will be doing the <u>right</u> thing to get married now and I am sure that you have confidence and faith enough in my judgement to believe that I am not rushing into something which I haven't given the very fullest thought and consideration. I feel somehow that you will be willing to stand by my decision in this greatest issue of a man's life.

I hope you are having time in which to get adequate rest in these very strenuous days, dear Uncle Willie. I shall be looking forward with all eagerness to a word from you. Fondest love and best wishes as ever,

Yours affectionately,
Lyon

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MAYO CLINIC
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

August 30, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

On making application today for the Minnesota State Board Examinations which all the Fellows are advised to write before they have completed their final year of the course, I find I have to send the Board a photostatic copy of my Medical Degree. As that Degree is in your safekeeping, would you be so kind as to have it sent to me at your earliest convenience? With many thanks and fondest love I remain

Affectionately, your nephew,

Lyon

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Dictated at Kingsmere,
September 1, 1938.

My dear Lyon:

I have just received your letter of August the 29th. It evidently crossed the one I had sent to you.

Since writing you, I also received a letter from your Mother telling me of the further developments of which your own letter makes mention. It would look, therefore, as if matters had worked out in accordance with your own and Margery's wish, and should prove all for the best. I am glad that this is so, and send to you both, with my fondest love, my very best of wishes.

I am still in bed with the attack of sciatica which laid me low, some days ago. Dr. McCarthy thinks I

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shall have to stay here for some little time, and certainly the pain is such that I get no pleasure out of attempting to move about. I am hoping, however, that one of these days, I shall wake up and find that the worst of the pain has disappeared, and that I can get on with my work again.

Were it not that I have to dictate from my bed, and have already had a rather heavy afternoon, I would write you at greater length. Not wishing, however, to delay an hour in letting you know of the due receipt of your letter, and of sending you and Margery my best of wishes, I have thought I should write at once if it were only but a line.

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gift last June (which is to be reserved entirely for any further educational opportunities which may present themselves), my life is insured for a total of $14,000. Our budget is planned to cover not only the premiums on my policies but also health insurance for both of us as long as we are associated with the Mayo Clinic. Thus all unforseen expenses are counteracted, our budget has been made and we shall have sufficient income + a bit of a margin to cover it and our reserve is more than adequate to handle any emergency outside of health which may arise. Finally, if these provisions should prove inadequate for some unknown reason, Mr. Rean is prepared to stand behind us whatever the eventuality. So I am not now and never have counted on support coming from outside of myself, least of all from you for the very reason that you have always been so kind to me and so ready and eager to help me. Nor do I expect help in any way from Mother financially. The educational advantages for Margery are so great here as they are

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Mayo Clinic
Rochester, Minn.
Sept. 2, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

I was extremely distressed to hear in your long letter of Aug. 27 that you were feeling so poorly and that you were suffering from sciatica. How painful that is I well know and nothing would do more than that to render you incapable of properly carrying out your work. I do wish I could be in Ottawa at the present time and render you what little assistance I could. I do hope your physician will recommend saline injection of the affected nerve roots if the trouble continues and if that has not already been carried out. It is unfortunate that my letter, which must have been rather upsetting to you should have come at such a time of business stress combined with physical ill-being. That

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from your decisions. Before going any further I would like to emphasize the point that, in contemplating marriage at this time, my major thought and effort has been given to the establishment of a financial basis on which our future life could be ~~xxx~~ managed independent of any other source of income or any other reserve outside of our own. Until I could be sure of that I did not even care to discuss with you or Mother the possibility of Marriage. I have had it in mind for three years at least but have never seen the way clear until the chance for Marge to get a job in the clinic came along. Mother did not feel the proposition which I first told you of was sufficient. So, when Marge came down here, we dug in together and managed by the greatest good fortune and the kind help of Dr. Balfour to obtain the new opportunity which I described in detail in my last letter. A combined income of at least $1500 a year is assured; Margery and I have a joint-reserve of $1200 exclusive of your kind

you will be most wise to retire from public life and give up the party leadership before the next general election I cannot doubt. You have given everything you've got to Canada and the Liberal Party and your job has been excellently done. You have earned the right to rest and quiet in the years to come. My only hope that your obligations at present will not many of them continue unabated after you have retired. None will feel more strongly than yourself the necessity of freeing yourself of as many of them as possible. I sincerely hope that the pain has eased somewhat by the time this letter reaches you.

Your very kind advice and the points which you raise regarding marriage are very gratefully received and acknowledged. I have read parts of your letter touching us to Margery and have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mother so that she too may derive the fullest benefit

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in you. I have no eyes whatever for any financial assistance you could render me in time of need. My debt to you already is so large that I could never adequately repay it but if loving care, both professionally and otherwise, can do something to repay that debt, then you will never want for that.

I hope I have cleared up the last doubts in your mind about my reasons for taking this course. And I do hope you will soon be rid of that rotten sciatica which can cause such ceaseless agony.

With fondest love as ever, dear Uncle, and best wishes for the already regaining of your health. I am as always,

Most affectionately yours,
Lyon

for me. Ever since I've known her I have made it perfectly plain and she has fully realized that marriage would not be possible unless we both contributed to our mutual support. Far from discouraging her, this has merely served to intensify her desire to get married. So keen is she to be married that her heart would not be in her work unless she could be.

Mother feels now, after talking the matter over with Dr. Jones, that we would not be acting unwisely to get married after Christmas and has given her whole hearted consent. I have thought a great length about everything you mentioned both before & since your letter came and my eyes are quite open to all the varied angles and ramifications of this matter. I am quite prepared to stand on my own feet and assume full responsibility in this thing and both Margery & I are willing to take whatever comes, good or bad, and see it through!

The point you make about wait-

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Margery's opportunity to develope this splendid job she's been offered would be lost if she didn't grasp it now and it seems to me that no better opportunity would ever arise. What then, dear Uncle Willie, would be the point in waiting another year or two? By getting married now we have everything to gain & nothing to lose. You may bank on it that we're both willing to give up a lot in the way of luxuries we might fancy for the privilege of living and working together.

It was very good of you in your effort to clarify the situation for me to take me so fully into your confidence and I very greatly appreciate it. You have told me before something of the obligations you bear as Prime Minister and I could see for myself in 1930 how the Private Car, the chauffeur, the Cadillac, etc. were all removed as soon as you went out of power. While I will always be in quest of your advice and be seeking to talk with you and confide

ing for another year or two before marrying is one that Mother also brought up. In reply, I would point out first that we are not counting on our reserve in any way to meet our current expenses. We would not be considering marriage if we hadn't an income sufficient to allow us to be independent of every source of money save it. Therefore, by waiting, we would only be increasing a reserve which is already large and which we (especially Margery) have bent every effort on increasing so that we might be married at the earliest possible date. We've been saving for nothing else these past 3 yrs. Also there is no demand likely to be made on that reserve big enough to wipe it out as we have safeguarded our lives and our health by insurance. Our opportunities for a greater income will improve in no way for the next 2½ yrs. as I'll earn no more than $900 yearly till I become a first assistant (when the salary jumps to $167.50 per ~~year~~ month)

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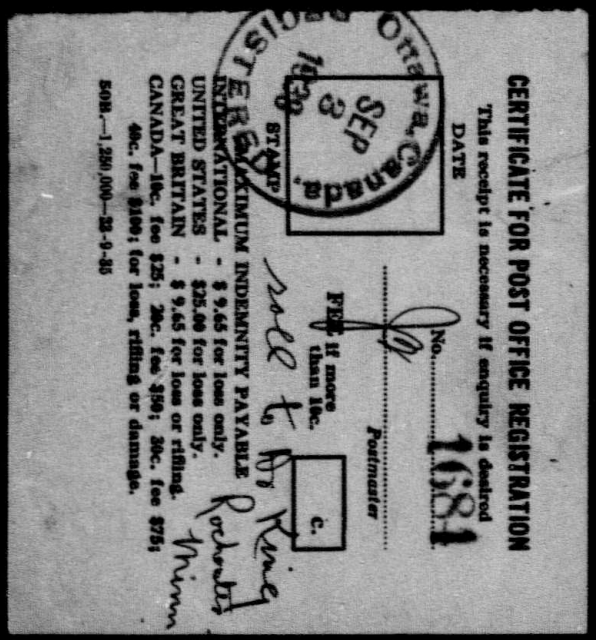

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L.M.

At Kingsmere, Que.,
September 5, 1938

My dear Lyon:

I have just received your letter of September the 2nd. I cannot thank you too warmly for all that it expresses of your love and concern.

I have made considerable improvement during the past few days. I am still in bed, where I have been now for over a week. I hope before the present week is out to be able to walk about again. I have had to have a night nurse, who, singularly enough, comes from the Kenniston, and has, as a part of her home, rooms in which your father and mother lived at the time you were born. She is the late Dr. Ball's sister-in-law. She is very good at applying the shortwave and galvanic treatment. That has given me much in the way of relief. I have Dr. McCarthy looking after me as a physician.

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For about three weeks, I do not think I slept on the average three hours a single night. Last night I managed five, with slight breaks. Except for the sciatica, I am in the best of health.

All that you tell me in your present letter of the way in which Margery and you have worked out your plans relieve my mind very greatly with respect to your forthcoming marriage. I am sure you will be able to work out the details of living without too much in the way of privation or embarrassment. The fact that you are associated with an institution as reliable as the Mayo Clinic, and have the friendship of Dr. Balfour, that each of you will be associated with its work, gives a background of security which, outside of an assured practice, it would be difficult to duplicate. My concern, frankly, was very largely for Margery. I know, of course, nothing of her circumstances or those of her family, and naturally was a little fearful lest her parents

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might feel that you had not fully appreciated what the obligations of married life were likely to be. If, however, as you tell me, they both wholly approve of the step you are about to take, and that Margery can count on having her father at her back in the event of any real critical situation arising, the risk is not nearly as great as I feared it might bw. Also, I was a little concerned lest your mother, too, might feel that you would be adding to, rather than lessening her anxieties. Having had the talks that she has had with Mr. Rean, Dr. Jones and others, she would be in a better position than anyone else to judge of the wisdom of the course you have decided upon. It relieves my mind to know that she feels as she does about it.

So long as the exact situation is understood on all sides, - and your letter lets me see that you have been seeking to view all with as great circumspect as possible, - I feel that you and

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Margery together will be able to work out your future satisfactorily, and that it should bring into the lives of each of you peace, happiness and inspiration, with increased powers of useful service to those to whom your lives are so splendidly dedicated.

I shall be glad to hear from you from time to time as to further developments, and of your enjoyment of your present life and work.

With fondest love,

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76 Dunglas Drive
Toronto
September 9th 1938

Dear Mr King-

I just received a letter from Lyon telling me that you have been ill in bed with sciatica. I sincerely hope that by the time this reaches you, you will be up and about again and feeling more comfortable.

I would like you to know how much we both appreciate the interest and sympathy with

sufficiently large that we hope to have, after establishing ourselves in our apartment, at least a thousand dollars in the bank. Barring some unforeseen emergency, we do not intend to touch this, but plan to use it either for further study for Lyon or to help him when he wants to establish his own practice.

While it is not possible to foresee every emergency, we feel reasonably secure and if the worst comes to the worst, Mother and

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seem to be an opportunity that is too worthwhile to pass by. While we realize that the financial aspect of an early marriage is not as secure as might be desired, we have looked into the cost of living in Rochester and have budgetted carefully and find that our mutual earnings will be quite sufficient to cover our needs and leave us a small margin for safety

As you probably know we have between us a sum of money which you have received our idea about getting married. Your approval means a great deal to Lyon and I know he is anxious to have you 'with us' on this point.

When he went down to Rochester in July, we had no thought of being married as soon as January although we were naturally anxious to be together whenever it was reasonably possible. This chance for me to do psychological work in the Clinic would

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Dad are always here to
stand behind us.

If we do decide to
be married in January
we hope it will be
at a time when it
is convenient for you
to come to Toronto. It
would mean so much
to both of us to have
you at our wedding.

I know you would
be pleased to see how
well Lyon is looking
and how happy he is
in his work at the Clinic

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I think he will always be grateful to you for the advice you gave him when he was trying to decide between the Gallie Course and the Mayo Clinic last winter. I don't think I have ever seen him any happier or better satisfied than he is at the present time.

With kindest regards-

Sincerely yours

Margery.

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wedding for either Jan. 7 or Dec. 21 depending on whether Mother can come to Canada for the wedding and if she can, which is the better date for her. She says she does not know yet how her work is going to shape up for next year and whether she can come at all or not depends largely and how well things turn out. I shall have saved enough by Xmas to take care of her travelling expenses both ways. Marge and I hope with all our hearts that you will be able to come too. Having both you and Mother there would make that occasion the happiest moment of my life.

It is with a full heart that I thank you again, dear Uncle Willie, for this greatest gift of all — your approval of our marriage. With every hope for a speedy recovery and my very fondest love, I remain as always,

Your loving nephew,

Ryan

Mayo Clinic
Rochester, Minn.
Sept. 12, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

I am terribly sorry there has been this lapse of time between the writing of your wonderful letter on the 5th and my reply but, for some reason, I did not receive it till this evening on returning home from the clinic. How delighted I am you may well imagine! Oh, you are the grandest chaps I've ever known!! If ever a man so completely filled the place of a boy's father as you have done, I'd like to meet him. Your generosity and kindness have at all times inspired me with wonder and with gratitude, but never have I felt myself so completely under your love and protection as I do now. Your understanding of this whole matter, so vital to me, and your kind acceptance of it have drawn me

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currence of this miserable sciatica.

I am sending your letter on to Mother because she is so anxious as I was concerning your illness and also, your loving acceptance of my plans for marriage will be of great comfort to her.

Thank you also for the letter preceding this one and also for the Medical Degree which arrived safely by about a week ago. I had the photostatic copy made and my application for the State Boards has been sent in. I'm having the degree framed now, as it must be done sooner or later, while it's fresh. One grand thing about the state boards which I just learned recently is that the clinic pays each fellow who tries and passes them a bonus of $80.00 ! The total cost of writing them, including fares + board + room while in Minneapolis comes to $50.00. That means a clean gain of $30.00. Isn't that a fortunate break?

Marge and I are planning on

closer to you than anything else could have done and I feel now as thoroughly at home with you as I do with Mother and as I would have with Father if he had been spared. You have been all a father could be to me, dear Uncle Willie, and I shall try always to be the son to you that he would have wanted me to be to him.

My delight exceeded all bounds to learn that you were feeling so much better. The past two weeks have been very worrisome to me as I have racked my brains over what I might do to be of help or assistance to you. Had this means been available, I would have dropped everything here temporarily and come to you myself. It would have been an impertinence to have Dr. McCarthy to come, I felt. But my relief is much intense to know that you feel is easing and that you expect soon to be back on your feet again. Please take things easily when you go back to work so there'll be no chance of re-

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September 16, 1938

My dear Lyon:

This is just a line to thank you for your loving letter of September 12th, and to let you know that I am pleased that your mind feels so much at rest, and that all is going so well with you.

I am still in bed with this wretched sciatica, but the pain has now pretty well gone and I have begun to pick up sleep at night. I am at Kingsmere still, but expect to get into the city on Monday.

I had a letter from Margery a few days ago, which I shall answer today, if possible. I am glad that you and she are so happy.

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If your wedding takes place in Toronto in January, I would, naturally, like very much to be present, and will make every effort toward that end. Of course, everything will depend upon how the European situation will have resolved itself by that time, and what the pressure of my public duties, as well as my own condition of health, may be.

I should mention, however, that if the wedding, as you suggested it might be, takes place on the last day of the old year, I do not think it would be possible for me to be present. I would not like to be away from Ottawa on the last day of the old year, nor on the first of the new. To do so would be to break a custom which I have held firmly to ever since I first came to Ottawa - of keeping the last of the old year and the beginning of the new year very quietly myself, as a time for meditation and reflection. I have

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always tried to end each year by having its obligations cleared away ere its close. That has meant a very steady application to work right up to the end.

With fondest love
and all good wishes,
Yours affectionately,

Dr. W. L. M. King,
844 Center West,
Rochester,
Minnesota,
U. S. A.

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September 16, 1938

My dear Margery:

It was very sweet of you to send me the kind letter which I received some days ago. I am indeed sorry not to have been able to send an earlier reply. I have been hoping that I might be able to send you a line by hand, but, unfortunately, I am still confined to bed, and I imagine it will be some little time before I can attempt much in the way of letter writing, save by dictation. Rather than delay longer, I am sending this dictated line.

First of all, let me say how pleased I am that you and Lyon have been able to work out your problems in a way which will permit you to share each others life and work at the Mayo Clinic. I have, naturally, felt some concern, lest your own happiness, even more than Lyon's future, might be prejudiced by too early a marriage.

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In my own case, I recall feeling very strongly that, until I had sufficient to provide a home and ensure freedom from anxiety to others, I should not so much as consider the question of marriage. In this, perhaps, I went to the other extreme, and it may be that the better policy would have been to chance the struggles and vicissitudes, rather than to have gone on alone to too late a time in one's life.

There seem, to me, to be marked differences between the world of today and what it was in the Victorian era, which I still well remember. In no particular is the difference more marked than that of the attitude of young people toward marriage and sharing in a business profession as well as home life.

It may well be, therefore, that all will work out for the best, so far as you and Lyon are concerned. Personally, I have great confidence in each of you, and believe it will. I send to you both my deepest and most affectionate wishes for your happiness.

Yours very sincerely,

Miss Margery Rean,
76 Douglas Drive,
Toronto, Ontario.

P.S. I am indeed grateful for your kind inquiries and wishes re my health.

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MAYO CLINIC
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

September 23, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thanks you very much for your letter which arrived about a week ago. The fact that you could not come to our wedding on Dec. 31 fits in very well with our plans because Mrs. Rean has several important reasons for not wanting to have the wedding on that date if it can be avoided. The most likely date, therefore, will be Saturday, Jan. 7 provided it will be possible for Mother to come to the wedding if it's held then. She will not know for another week or so yet just how her work will shape up for the year so can not definitely say whether she'll be able to come or not just at present. I was very greatly delighted at your saying you would like to be there. Nothing could give us greater pleasure.

Margery was very pleased with the letter you wrote her in answer to hers and, as you may well imagine, it will be always one of her prized possessions.

I am getting along quite rapidly with my review work for the exams and should finish up in nice time. A new complication arose yesterday in a letter I got from the Medical State Board concerning my application for a license to

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practice in Minnesota - In addition to the photostatic copy of my degree, they also want evidence of my Canadian citizenship. As there is an awful lot of rigmarole to go through in getting a birth certificate and as the time is very short before the first of the month, I wondered if you'd be so kind as to have your secretary drop a short line to the Minnesota State Board of Medical Examiners, 230 Lowry Medical Arts Bldg., St. Paul, Minn. simply attesting to the fact, with the authority of your name, that I am a Canadian Citizen. I would very greatly appreciate it.

I will write again after the exams are over and let you know how I fared. There should be no trouble at all because the exams are quite easy. It's been the opportunity for retracing the old, old footsteps once again. It's very good for one's professional acumen to review these important fundamental sciences periodically & I'm very glad of the chance to do it at this time.

Fondest love and best wishes for a quick improvement in your health, dear Uncle Willie. & hope the advent of this letter may find us up and walking quietly around the grounds at Kingsmere.

As ever, affectionately yours,

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September 26, 1938

My dear Lyon:

I enclose a copy of the letter which I have sent to the Minnesota State Board of Medical Examiners.

I came back to the City from Kingsmere a week ago, after three weeks in bed. I have been able to walk about since, and am improving in health from day to day. Though still suffering a little pain with my right leg, I believe that the worst is past.

I am glad to know that all is going so well with you. These are anxious times for the world, and it looks as if war is inevitable. Come what may, I hope you and Arthur will not feel unduly concerned.

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I have just talked with Arthur over the 'phone, and he seems to be well and happy, and much enjoying his life in Peterborough.

With fondest love,

Dr. W. L. M. King,
844 Centre West,
Rochester,
Minnesota.

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Ottawa,
September 26, 1938

Minnesota State Board of Medical Examiners,
230 Lowry Medical Arts Building,
St. Paul,
Minnesota.

Dear Sirs:

My nephew, Dr. W. L. M. King, of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, has written me to say that the Minnesota State Board of Medical Examiners desires evidence of his birth as a Canadian citizen.

I hereby certify that my nephew, Dr. King, is a son of Dr. D. Macdougall King, who was practising medicine in the city of Ottawa at the time of the birth of Dr. King and his brother, Arthur King, who were twin boys. They continued to live in the city for some time after their birth, and they are both Canadian citizens.

I shall be pleased if this attestation to the fact will serve the purpose of affording the necessary evidence of my nephew's Canadian citizenship.

Yours sincerely,

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Mayo Clinic
Rochester, Minn.
October 24, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

I hope this letter will find you back at work and completely restored to your former state of good health. That wretched sciatica was a tremendous handicap to have visited on you just at a time when every diplomatic nerve fibre was under the highest possible tension. I'll bet the strain could be heard to ease up in Ottawa when the war scare was settled by the Munich pact.

I still have before me your letter of Sept. 26 in which you sent me the copy of your note to the State Board re my Canadian Citizenship. I have waited so long to acknowledge it simply because I wanted to give you definite news

I'm absolutely happy in my work.

The second part of the examinations came off last week and at last I'm able to breathe freely again. I won't know the results of those for another month but I'm sure I had no trouble. Now I can start in attending the many seminars & lectures which are going on all through the winter in the clinic.

Plans for the wedding are coming along. The date's been set for either the 6th or 7th of January. Mother has written that she'll be there, rain or shine and all that's needed now is a similar promise from you and I'll be the happiest man in the world. Margery is so excited she's standing on her head half the time instead of her feet. She's as busy as a one-armed painter with hives!

This letter takes you as ever my very fondest love & best wishes, dear Uncle Willie, Always yours affectionately,

Bryce

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real thing. For this and the following 5 months I'll be seeing every type & quality of patient when he first comes to the clinic. We see these people before anyone else does, have a chance to take his history, examine him & come to some conclusion as to what's wrong with him. Then he passes through the laboratory mill of the clinic, coming back 2 or 3 days later to see the consultant on our floor. That is, after seeing him initially, he is out of our hands. But we can follow right along and note the result of all the laboratory investigation, the comments & reports of the various specialists that are called into consultation, the final diagnosis and the treatment or recommendations for treatment of that patient. We have our hands in all the pies and it is a really wonderful way to learn the handling of patients from A to Z. So

far how things had gone. I wrote the basic sciences off three weeks ago. I did a lot of study for them as found them all very simple and diffle-pie compared to our own Toronto University exams. I was certainly glad, however, of the stimulus which they afforded me to get busy and review the old groundwork I re-hashed so frantically at the time of the Jr. F.R.C.S. exams.

I got through the basics without trouble and spent the next week getting accustomed to the new section I'm on. I left the varicose vein department at the first of this month and was tremendously glad to get away from the boring place. I am now on one of the general diagnostic floors and am doing just the work that I hoped I'd get when I applied for this appointment. It is the

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Rotterdam,

November 2, 1938.

Personal

Dear Lyon:

I received yesterday, at Nassau, your kind and loving letter of October the 24th. It reached me there along with other mail sent by air from Ottawa.

Dr. Skelton and I are just getting back from a voyage and rest which had done each of us no end of good. We went first from New York to Bermuda; after spending part of a week there, went on to Jamaica, where we again had a few days' rest on the Island, and, from there, went on to Cuba, spending Saturday and Sunday at Havana. We spent yesterday at Nassau and expect to be in New York on Friday. I shall probable go on, from New York, to Baltimore, to see Dr. Barker, before returning to Ottawa, where I expect to be before the 11th of this month.

I am glad to be able to tell you that I feel greatly improved in health by this much needed rest and change. I am sorry to say that the sciatica has not wholly disappeared. I am conscious, many times, of the presence of the sciatic nerve, and have, in particular, to watch my step going downstairs, lest my right knee gives out, as it has done onee or twice, from straining some ligament, or shifting of a cartilage. It is with respect to this, in particular, that I wish to consult Dr. Barker with whom, as you know, I have consulted, from time to time, in the course of the last few years.

My leg bothers me a little when I walk. My right foot keeps flapping on the floor in a manner quite different from that of the left foot. However, all that, I imagine,

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is just some shrinkage in the nerves, or a failure properly to co-ordinate which, I trust, will come all right in time, with a due proportion of rest and exercise.

I am glad to know that your examinations went so well, and that you are now at a part of the work which you find most interesting.

I can imagine the delight with which you are looking forward to your visit to Toronto, in January, and to your marriage to Margery, at that time. I thought of having Parliament meet in the first week of the new year, but if you are to be married on either the 6th or the 7th, I shall have to see if my colleagues will not agree to a postponement to some day in the following week. You may be sure I will do the best I can to be on hand for that event. I am glad that you have received word from your mother that she will be able to be present. What a joy it will be to her, as well as to Arthur and yourself, to all meet again on so momentous an occasion.

I am indeed glad to know that you are so greatly enjoying your work, and that the opportunity is the quite exceptional one which you describe. I felt sure you would make no mistake in going to the Mayo Clinic. Apparently, everything is turning out much beyond our highest expectations.

With fondest love and all good wishes,

Believe me, dear Lyon,

Dr. W.L.M. King,
844 Centre West,
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Mayo Clinic
Rochester, Minn.
Nov. 21. 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

It gives me the very greatest pleasure to report to you that I was successful in all my state board exams and am now a registered medical practitioner in the State of Minnesota, licensed to practice Medicine & Surgery an obsession will allow me! It's certainly a grand and glorious feeling to have that behind me & be able to look forward to 2 1/2 yrs. of pure study along the lines in which I'm most interested.

Your very kind & cheerful letter of Nov. 2 written on the unfurnished, meaning we can buy all our own furniture — something we've both always wanted to do. The floor is completely covered with carpet. The bed is one of those disappearing things that goes into a cupboard during the day & leaves the living room free.

My last piece of news is that Dr. Balfour has arranged for Marge to take a special position at St. Mary's hospital in some new ~~work~~ research that's being done in the field of electro-encephalography (recording of brain-waves in diagnosis of brain diseases & tumors). I'll explain all about it to you when I see you in Toronto. It gives her a chance to develop her own training and she might even be able to go on & get a P.H.D. herself!

I do hope you're right back as near fair as it's possible to get, dear Uncle Willie. This letter takes you, as ever, my very fondest love & best wishes.

Affectionately yours, Bryson

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unday, Jan. 7. S'll we arriving in Toronto on Sat., Dec. 31st. They've given me a two-week holiday here, starting on that day; we'll return to Rochester the day following the wedding and have a week together to get settled in before I have to go back to work.

One of the best pieces of news I have for you is that I've finally got an apartment arranged for! They are scarce as hen's teeth in this town and almost as expensive. One can't get a decent place within blocks of the clinic for less than $55 or $60 a month. I just hesitated to get a place where the apartment isn't even finished yet. She is in an old house, only 4 blocks from the clinic, which has been completely rebuilt inside & everything made new & modern. We're to have a ground-floor, Murphy-bed apartment (living room, kitchenette, and bath) for $45 a month

R.M.S. Rotterdam gave me very great pleasure. To know that your health was so greatly improved, even if the sciatica had not entirely cleared up, was good news to me. What a lovely trip you had! Wish I could have been along in the capacity of assistant medical advisor or something.

Concerning the flapping of your right foot, I am a little worried. Fortunately, for my peace of mind, you will have seen Dr Barker and he will have given you the best possible advice and the most accurate information about the whole thing.

Marge & I were tremendously tickled to think our marriage would be an occasion worth post-poning parliament for. It will be grand having you with us - the wedding is definitely set for Sat-

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Rochester, Minn.
December 13, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a short note to wish you many happy returns of the day for your coming birthday on Saturday. I hope that the beginning of your next year will find you fully recovered from the illness which has been such a trial to you this past year and that you will leave behind with it all vestiges of the suffering and pain you have endured with such fortitude.

I hope you have been able to get the maximum amount of rest possible and that Dr. Barker was able to give you advice which was of real help.

January 7 is getting closer

work than I ever thought it did.

I got a sewell radio at Sears-Roebuck about a week ago. They just happened to be having a sale on the day I went in and I got a large console-cabinet set for the price of a small table radio set. The stores in Rochester are very fine considering the size and population of the town.

I do hope, dear Uncle Willie, that you are feeling up to par again and that your work is not telling too heavily on you. This letter takes you my very best wishes for your happiness and good health and my fondest love.

Always affectionately yours,

Rogers

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tection of her family. she'll have the grandest time of her life keeping her own home in order. I have been able to secure the loveliest new apartment for her and the fact that she can furnish it herself will bring her more pleasure than anything else possibly could.

My uncles Bob & Harold have offered to hold a stag dinner at the Ypres Club for me a couple of days before the wedding. I'll have a chance to get all the boys together for one last big party before we go our separate ways.

Margery is busy with various teas and showers. She is a very busy young lady at present. I think if it were going to go on much longer she'd blow up from sheer high blood pressure. Mrs. Rean & her family are busy with all the preparations. I guess preparing for a wedding takes a heck of a lot more and closer &, as you may well imagine, Marge and I are getting more excited every day. Mother is looking forward with keenest pleasure to coming to Canada after Christmas. She is going to leave Denver about 2 days after Christmas & come to ~~Canada~~ Rochester on her way to Canada and spend 2 or possibly 3 days with me here. She'll be able to meet Dr. Balfour again and see all around this wonderful institution for herself. I'll have a grand time showing her the various places.

Rochester has certainly turned out to be a paradise for me. I've never been as happy in my life as in the past 6 mos. and I look forward to the next 3 years with the utmost of enthusiasm and light-heartedness. While it will be somewhat of a wrench for Margery to leave the security and pro-

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December 22, 1938

My dear Lyon:

This letter is just to bring to you my love and best wishes at the Christmas Season, and to carry with it a Christmas gift of $50.00, which I shall be glad if you will use toward defraying the expenses of your trip from Rochester to Toronto for the occasion of your own and Margery's wedding.

I have no doubt that this particular journey is one to which you are looking forward with delight, and I shall be happy indeed if my little gift will contribute in some measure to the pleasure of it. I can imagine how delightful it will be, seeing that it will be shared by your mother. I am so glad to know that she is going to spend a few days with you in Rochester before leaving for Toronto.

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I was delighted to receive your loving birthday letter, and all its good wishes.

I was also particularly interested in hearing what you had to tell me of your good fortune in securing a pleasant appartment for your bride and yourself. I am sure you will both be exceedingly happy in your new home, and a great incentive to each other in your work.

For some weeks past, I have had hardly a minute to myself. For this reason, and because I am anxious to get this letter off by tonight's mail, and also because I shall be seeing you so soon, I shall not write more.

Once again, however, let this line bring to you my fondest love and best of wishes.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
844 Center West,
Rochester, Minn.

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Ottawa, December 24, 1938.

Dr. W.L.M. King,
844 Centre St., W.,
Rochester, Minn.

Fondest love and all good wishes, dear Lyon, for a Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

Uncle Willie.

Charge: Prime Minister's Office.

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417 3rd Ave. S.W.
Rochester, Minn.
Dec. 25, 1938

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a note, before I partake of Christmas dinner, to thank You for your all-too-generous gift of $50.00 and for your telegram of good wishes today. I need not say how great a help your kindly gift will be to me as I have undertaken to help Mother with her railroad expenses as well as meet my own and

letter and also on the back of the envelope. The "S.W." means south-west and tells which of the four quarters of the town the letter belongs in. So it is all-important and so is 3rd Ave. The Sts (streets) run east & west, the avenues north & south. The only roads having names are Center St. & Broadway, the two axes.

I hope you have had a holiday & restful Christmas season, dear Uncle Willie, and I'm looking forward with all eagerness to seeing you again. Fondest love as ever. Affectionately Lyon

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on the night following. We're leaving Rochester on Friday and will arrive in Toronto at 1:55 p.m. on Saturday.

I had a pleasant Christmas eve with friends last night and a bunch of the boys are having dinner together at Mrs. Ward's today. We've been invited to Dr. Chas. Mayo's farm tonight for a bit of a quiet evening which I shall enjoy very much.

I have put my new address at the head of the Margery's. Your special letter arrived yesterday afternoon and I was pleased beyond words to know that you were busy and back in your former good health, as far as I could judge from your letter.

I got a very nice telegram from Mother today. She is very happy and is looking forward with greatest pleasure to visiting me in Rochester before going on to Canada. She will be here on Wednesday evening and Mrs. Balfour has asked us both to dinner

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The day after Christmas,
December 26, 1938.

My dear Lyon:

I was so pleased to receive from you, on Christmas morning, your loving gift and the good wishes which came with it.

The copy of "Benjamin Franklin" is a most welcome addition to my Library. There is no more interesting reading than biography, and no inspiration greater than that of the lives of men who have faithfully and well served their day and generation.

I know what a happy time you will be having with your Mother when this letter reaches you. Please let it bring my fondest love to you both.

Please let it bring, as well, my very best of wishes for the New Year.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
844 Center West,
Rochester,
Minnesota.

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76 Douglas Drive
Toronto, Ont.
January 2, 1939

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thank you so much for your kind telegram & good wishes and Happy returns for our birthday. It was good to hear your voice on the phone last night after so long a time. Mr. Rean and I were at the Parliament Bldgs. this morning and were received by Mr. Matthews. I understand he is a warm personal friend & yours.

I do hope I shall find you looking well and wholly recovered from your recent illness.

With fondest love as ever, dear Uncle Willie, and all good wishes for the new year, I am

Always yours affectionately

Lyon

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Mr. Rean asked me to find out whether you would be in Toronto all day next Saturday and, if so, whether your day would be filled with other engagements. He would very much like to have a small dinner for you at the Ontario Club in honour of the occasion but did not know how your time would be disposed when you arrived here.

I am looking forward with the greatest anticipation and joy to seeing you again next Saturday

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January 3, 1939

My dear Lyon:

Will you please thank Mr. Rean for his kind thought in inviting me to dinner at the Ontario Club on Saturday next?

I wrote Arthur this morning making mention of my engagements for the day. They include a call on Mr. and Mrs. Rean on Saturday afternoon. Charlie Lindsey had invited me to, lunch at noon dine with him on Saturday night, but I declined, thinking it best to make no engagements later than the tea hour on Saturday.

I am sure Mr. Rean will also be more than occupied at that time. In the circumstances, I wish you would kindly say to him how very much I appreciate his kind thought in extending to me an invitation to dinner, but I think, all circumstances considered, on this occasion I should forego that pleasure.

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I am looking forward to being at the reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rean after the wedding on Saturday night. Unhappily, I have to return to Ottawa the same night. I am sure, however, that before returning to Ottawa there will be plenty of time to enjoy the reception and to see something of the bride and groom, as well as other guests.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
c/o Arthur King Esq.,
38 Bernard Avenue,
Toronto,
Ontario.

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P.S. Since dictating this letter, Mr. Rean's kind invitation to luncheon has come to hand. I jave replied saying I had reserved the luncheon hour for your mother, Arthur and yourself for luncheon on my car at 1.

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Dear Mr King -

This morning's mail brought your grand letter and present and I don't want to wait even one day to say how much we appreciate it. Words simply cannot convey one's thanks at a time like this but I know that you will understand what we mean like

family and your presence will mean a great deal to us both.

I would like you to know how very proud I am to be "marrying into" your family. I have always been a firm believer in tradition and that to make the best of life one must have a back ground as well as

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future emergency. Since we hope we won't need it for that we'd like to use the balance of the money to buy furniture when we are finally permanently established. We were so pleased to find, when Lyon received his letter, that you had a similar plan in mind.

We are delighted that you are going to be able to be here for the wedding. Lyon looks to you as the head of the

to be able to pay.

Lyon was with me when your letter arrived and, naturally, we discussed what we would like to do with the money. First of all we wanted to get something concrete, such as a silver tea service - which we would always have as a token of your love and generosity. The balance would go into the bank as security against a

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This takes with it my best wishes for a Very Happy New Year. I'm looking forward to seeing you on Saturday

with fondest love.

Sincerely

Margery.

76 Douglas Drive
January 3rd, 1939.

How nice it was to have received a letter from you dated "Christmas Day". I was doubly pleased to find to-day that the writing of it held special significance for you also.

May I say once again, 'thank you' - not only for your gift - but also for a very beautiful letter which I will always cherish.

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ideals and a goal.
I feel very humble
indeed when I think
of the traditions that
are being entrusted
to us to pass on to
our family.

We appreciate very
much the fact that
you took time
during all the activities
of Christmas and New
Years Day to write
us. Both Mother
and I remarked on

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76 Douglas Drive
Toronto, Ont.
January 4, 1939

Dear Uncle Willie,

Margery has just read to me her letter of thanks to you in appreciation of your undreamed-of kindness to us both. I find in my wife to be a person far more gifted than I in the art of phraseology and diction and she has expressed far more adequately than I should be able the depth of our appreciation and happiness.

The beauty of your letters to us on our wedding day has never been surpassed by anything you must look to us to fill your days with happiness. If I am successful, we will not have need of your financial assistance much longer but, no matter what success comes to us, we will never be able to do without your love and everlasting thoughtfulness.

I am looking forward with all my heart to seeing you on Saturday and we will have much to say to one another. May this letter bring to you some little part of the gratitude and love which is in our hearts today.

Your loving nephew,
Ryon

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needs of our first little one to show, with your pleasure, we long ago decided to give the name of William Lyon Mackenzie King so that that great name might be perpetuated to a fourth generation.

To Margery and to me, you have been and always will be, dear Uncle Willie, our fourth parent. I am sure my dear Father looks down from his heavenly abode with satisfaction and content to see his place so lovingly and completely filled in our lives. Father you are and will ever be to Margery and me and when the time comes when you must retire from public life and give up active work in my experience or in hers. long after the money you sent us has been spent, those letters will live on and become numbered among our most priceless treasures.

As Margery has said, we were much happy that your wish regarding the disposition of your gift should coincide so precisely with our own. We have decided to get a tea service in silver plate which we will always have and use year in & year out. The remainder will be placed in a separate account in the bank to be used specially and only to bring into the world, when the time comes, and supply the

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Ottawa, January 8, 1939.

Dr. and Mrs. W.L.M. King,
417 - 3rd Avenue S.W.,
Rochester, Minnesota.

A warm welcome to your new home together with fondest love and renewed best of wishes to you both.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

Charge: Prime Minister's Office.

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417 3rd Ave. S.W.
Rochester, Minn.
Jan. 15, 1939

Dear Uncle Willie,

One week ago today we were on the final leaving Toronto. Since then, things have been moving so fast and amid such confusion that only now is some reality beginning to emerge once more. We abandoned all thought of letter writing and concentrated on getting the

from her yesterday to cafe it all.

Your wire was waiting for us in Rochester when we arrived home and was a warm welcome indeed.

We are in the midst now of replying to all the kind messages we have received so I can not write longer at present. Margi joins me in sending you our fondest love and very best wishes. I'll be writing again in the near future.

Affectionately as ever, Bryce

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dandy tea service Margery and I got with part of the money. Mother went with us to Marshall-Field's in Chicago and bought us a silver tray to match. So now we have the whole set and it is certainly a prize possession.

We had dinner with Mrs. Bartlett Richards in Chicago. She was the one who met Mother and me in Chicago on the way up from Rochester. She was most kind to us and a wedding present arrived

house settled, and what a job it's been!

And what a swell wedding it was! I never had such a good time in my life. It was lovely having you there and your beautiful words in your toast to the bride, quite took my breath away, especially where you touched upon Father. Your lovely gift has been the rock bottom of all our wedding presents and has afforded us a very gratifying sense of security. You saw the

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Ottawa, March 18, 1939

Dr. W. L. M. King,
417 Third Avenue S.W.
Rochester, Minn.

You and Margery are much in my thoughts today. Every loving good wish.

Uncle Willie.

Charge;
Prime Minister's Office.

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MAYO CLINIC
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

March 23, 1939

Dear Uncle Willie,

Margery and I were very pleased to receive your kind wire of remembrances and love on the anniversary of Father's passing. I certainly have felt as if we very close to us the past few months. Mother seems to be keeping very well and happy and busy in Denver and, as far as I can tell, things are going very nicely for her.

I hope you are feeling strong & able easily to handle your complex duties without overfatigue or too much nervous strain. These are surely anxious days and ones where those who are in authority must keep their heads and not act without weighty consideration of all issues.

We have never been happier in our lives than we have been the past 2½ mos. Margery was taken onto the permanent staff of the clinic last week, which means that she will have sick leave with pay and certain benefits arrangements

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she did not enjoy before. Also she has an assistant now so that the work is more divided up and her hours are not so binding. As we split the housekeeping 50-50, she feels no great strain and looks as happy as a lark. I am gratified to say she hasn't been the least bit homesick since she came down here.

Our apartment is now fully furnished and we are very proud of it indeed. Not the least of our decorations is a swell, large potted fern which we got for about $1.50. The weather is getting warmer & warmer & Marge is planning soon to dig up a patch of ground in back & plant a few simple vegetables. We started on an itemized budget at the beginning of February & were very pleased to find we'd saved about $15.00 on it at the end of the month. We're going to put all the money we save out of our monthly budget into a special fund to be used only for travelling expenses. We're both crazy to visit California & the ~~south~~ southern border states before we leave Rochester. Margie's head is full of all kinds of plans concerning future trips. I never saw

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a person who got so much pleasure simply out of making plans. It doesn't matter to her whether they turn out at all; she just plans new things each time.

My work continues to be absorbing and interesting. I'll be changing over to some other dept. the end of this month, where to I don't know yet. Marge loves the work she's doing because she's handling patients and gets her hand in on interpreting the records.

We are very conveniently located as far as the task is concerned because we're only 4 blocks to walk to the swimming pool, tennis courts, and golf course. So we're looking forward to a lot of fun this summer.

The Reans are planning on driving out in the latter part of May or early in June to see us. I needn't tell you how Marge is looking forward to that. We have both wondered several times if, in the

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course of your travel over Canada with the King and Queen, you might even be near enough to Rochester to drop down for a short visit. We'd love it if you could see the place here. I'm going to be sending you some fairly good photographs we've taken of the inside of the apartment shortly. They'll give you an idea of how things look inside.

Thank you again for your telegram and Marge joins with me in sending you our fondest love and very best wishes as ever.

Affectionately yours,

Bryon

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NIGHT LETTER

Ottawa, April 8, 1939

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. M. King,
417 - 3rd Ave., S.W.,
Rochester, Minn.

Affectionate Easter Greetings. All good wishes.

Uncle Willie.

CHG: PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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417 3rd Ave. S.W.
Rochester, Minn.
May 2, 1939

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a note to wish you well on your trip to the west with the King and Queen and to thank you for your kind Easter telegram. Your message on that day and also the one on Mar. 18 brought you very close to us here in Rochester.

I have been on the medical emergency service at St. Mary's hospital and last month happened to be a very heavy

know where my wife learned to cook but it was a faculty which I didn't, she had before I married her, I can swear to that!

I'm enclosing some snapshots taken by a friend of ours of the inside of the apartment. You will probably recognize at a glance the peculiar object at the sink doing his duty with a will. That is the chief washer-upper of the plates and bottles & a good one he is if practice has anything to do with it!

Margery joins with me in sending you our very fondest love & all best wishes for a happy and successful sojourn with their Majesties.

Affectionately as always,
Ryon

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simply wanted to tell you how delighted we'd be to see you again if it could be managed.

We had a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Rean last week. Mr. Rean had to come to Chicago on business, so they utilized that opportunity to come on to Rochester to visit us. Mr. Rean only stayed 2 days but Mrs. Rean stayed a whole week. They were very pleased with the apartment & landlady and particularly with Marge's culinary attainments. She really outdid herself for them and I can assure you that, should you come, you would feast in a royal manner indeed. I don't

one, which rather interfered with my correspondence, feeble as it always is.

I am still very satisfied with the work here and am enjoying the service & am on at present even more than the foregoing as I am learning the actual treatment of medical cases as well as their diagnosis.

We have been wondering whether it would be at all possible, either on the way out to the west or on the way back, to break your journey & come down to Rochester in a flying visit. I do not imagine it would be possible for you to do so but

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May 8, 1939

My dear Lyon:

I have been just a little concerned about Arthur. Mr. Gordon, of Peterborough, who has been so kind to him, tells me he has had a bit of a cold most of the winter, and that he appears to be a bit run down. He spent a night with me here some weeks ago, and I thought he was looking rather thin.

I imagine Arthur needs a rest, and is also a bit homesick. He has had no break in work for a long time. Gordon thinks, and I think, that he should have a careful medical examination, to make sure that all is well with him. Also, I think he should, if possible, arrange for a little holiday with his mother in Denver. I am seeking to see if in some way this cannot be arranged.

For a time, Arthur seemed very anxious to get into some research work which would help him to develop some original ideas of his

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own. He was anxious to know about the opportunities of research at Ottawa, and I promised to see that he got that opportunity. I think he now understands that what he has in mind has already been very carefully studied by others, who have gone much beyond anything he could think of at present. His desire for research is a good one, and I am anxious to encourage it as much as possible. I have no doubt that, in part, it has been fostered by your own example and fine progress. However, he must learn that it will be some time yet before he can think of devoting his life to study rather than to practical work, and that what is necessary first of all is to get the income which will enable him to live comfortably and, in due time, have a home of his own.

I am doing what I can, in a quiet way, to see if Arthur cannot get some permanency in his work. His desires have, I think, been occasioning some unsettling in his own mind about the work he was doing at Peterborough, and as the year there was a period of study and

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probation I am not sure that during this latter part of it, at least, he has applied himself with as much concentration as perhaps he should have done.

Could you not send Arthur a line that might be a bit helpful, and also persuade him to have a proper medical examination. Perhaps, too, you could arrange with your Uncle, Dr. Harold Wookey, in Toronto, to have this done for him. Another thing, I wish you would write him about his sitting up too late at nights. I have tried two or three times to get him on the telephone as late as midnight, but he has not been in. I had that experience again last night. Mr. Gordon, in one of his letters, mentioned that Arthur had stayed at his house until after midnight. That, of course, is all wrong. He should be in bed at ten o'clock. A word from you, as a physician, would be more helpful than any word from myself. Knowing the possible weaknesses of his constitution, I do feel that he is in need of

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every attention just at present, if he is to be saved anything in the nature of a permanent undermining of his health with possible consequences which might be most distressing.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
417 - 3td Avenue S.W.,
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May 8, 1939

My dear Lyon:

I was very pleased to receive, a day or two ago, the snapshots which came with your letter of May 2nd, and also the letter itself. The pictures give one a good idea of your quarters, of which I can well understand your being so proud.

I wish it were possible for me to pay you a little visit to or from the West. That, however, will be quite impossible, as I shall have to be with the King and Queen throughout the entire time of their visit in Canada. Some day, however, I hope a chance may offer to pay a visit to Rochester and to visit you and Margery in your little home.

You will appreciate the reasons which make it impossible for me to send more than this line at this time. When the Royal visit is over, I shall

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417 3rd Ave. S.W.
Rochester, Minn.
May 14, 1939

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a little note to thank you for your letters of the 8th and to wish you God-speed on your momentous trans-Canada journey with the King and Queen.

Margery and I are feeling very sorry for ourselves that we should be away from Canada just the year when this tremendous event is to take place. I can just imagine what a welcome will be prepared all over Canada for

& entertaining you in our own home.

We are both well and happy. The spring season has been lovely so far and promises to continue so.

In closing let me send you again our best wishes for a most happy trip.

With fondest love,

Affectionately yours,

Lyon

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know that he is finding things discouraging and not much to his taste and would be very grateful for anything you might do to make more secure his future. I well know what the effect was on me of insecurity as to my future at the time I began my internship last year.

Of course I ~~suspected~~ it would be impossible for you to diverge from your trip with their Majesties to pay a visit to Rochester but both Margery and I wanted you to know how dearly we would love seeing you again & having the chance them and how far their visit will go toward bettering inter-provincial relations. It is indeed a time of great rejoicing and we both realize how much this means to you.

May this letter take you all our best love and congratulations and you may be sure our thoughts will be with you every day of your journey.

I shall do my best to impress upon Arthur the need for looking after himself more carefully and for getting a thorough medical check-up as soon as possible. I am sorry to

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Jasper Park Lodge,
June 1, 1939

Dear Lyon:

This is just to send to Margery and yourself, my love and best wishes, and to let you know that you are both 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.

Yours affectionately,

Dr. W. L. M. King,
417 - 3rd Ave., S.W.,
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4173rd Ave. S.W.
Rochester, Minn.
July 28, 1939

Dear Uncle Willie,

Marge and I were reading tonight in the Aug. 1st number of McLean's the "Backstage at Ottawa" column and were very thrilled at the article concerning you. Whether true or not, it was undoubtedly complimentary to you and we certainly got a great kick out of it ourselves.

It served also to remind me that it's been overly long since I last wrote you and that you must be wondering how things are going down here. Let me say first how very pleased we were that the Royal Visit was such an overwhelming success it was for we were fully cognizant of the almost intolerable burden of responsibility which lay

Holidays. Lastly Nora (Margery's sister) paid us a 10 day visit, leaving only last Sunday. So our spring & summer so far have been filled with family visits. There is a supreme pleasure in being able to entertain one's loved ones in his own home that is a new sensation to me and I'll never forget it.

Thank you very much for your kind letter sent from the Royal train. We shall value it very highly as a memory of that occasion.

I have been on the emergency medical & surgical service at St. Mary's hospital for the past 4 months & will be there the next 2 mos. It is the culmination of all I've ever wanted in the way of training. We see and are responsible for the diagnosis and preliminary care of all acute medical and surgical cases that come to the

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them still together. A great stillness pervaded Rochester today though work went on the same as usual. Dr. Will's funeral is to be held on Sunday. The autographed photos of the Mayo Bros. are now among my most priceless possessions.

Margery and I are as well and happy as two people could be. We find a perfect peace & contentment in being together down here and we do not want for very much. Our joint salaries support us comfortably and we have all we could ask for. We had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Rean at the end of April. Mother spent 10 days with us early this month and was given a thorough medical check-up at the clinic. Her health was found to be A-1 generally! Arthur spent several days around the beginning of June with us before going on out to Denver for his

on your shoulders before, during and after their visit. It has indeed established a precedent of the very highest international importance and I can realize to some extent what the beneficial effects will be on Canadian welfare and national inter-relations. Marge and I wish to extend you our heartiest congratulations at "pulling off" this magnificent task with almost no hitch to mar its perfection. I am anxious indeed concerning the state of your health and whether or not you have undergone any reaction to the great strain. I sincerely hope that such has not happened.

Dr. Will and Dr. Charlie are dead, their deaths taking place 2 mos. apart to the day. It is fitting somehow that, having lived side by side and striven for so long together, death should find

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enjoy together and which is free of the spirit of competition. That plus our flower garden are our main hobbies. The rest of the time I spend trying to catch up on sleep lost during the night calls. All in all it's a great life. I hope Arthur gets his work situation straightened out soon. He was by way of becoming rather jittery when he was here with us: a little more of that uncertainty and distaste for his present job and he'll be requiring a rest cure! I tried to get across to him the things you urged in your last letter but I don't know much good it did.

This is a long screed for me but I've owed you a letter for some time now. I do hope you're well + feeling fit + fine. Fondest love as ever from us both, Affectionately Lyon

clinic. Because they are too ill to be seen as outpatients at the clinic, they have to come right into hospital for immediate treatment. I think I've met up with almost everything in the book in the last 4 mo.

We've been trying to assess the future (one of my favourite pastimes as you probably know) and lay plans for the present that will eventually bring us what we want to get. Both Margery and I feel definitely that we want to live under the Canadian flag more than anywhere else in the world. We both feel likewise that a year in England could not be better spent if it could be managed. As to the part of Canada we'd like to live in, Toronto is definitely out (we don't like the bigness of the city). We'd love Ottawa (perhaps

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the New Year & first two weeks in January next year & are coming to Toronto to stay with Margery's family. We should dearly love to pay you a visit in Ottawa and come for long enough to go through the parliament bldg's again and perhaps look over the hospital situation in Ottawa.

After I've finished this medical emergency stuff I'll be spending the next 6 mos. in surgical pathology ~~examining~~ the material from the operating rooms. During that time I'll also try to get my thesis done (haven't picked the subject yet) and work in a little ~~[illegible]~~ anaesthesia on the side. After that comes the straight surgery which is what I came down here for in the first place.

Margie and I have discovered in golf a pastime which we can more than anywhere else. It's not too large a city yet it's a cultural centre and (from all I hear) a grand place to live. I'm thinking of investigating the possibilities in Ottawa for work in general surgery but wanted to communicate with you & get your slant on things first.

I'm still in the fog about whether to stay here a fourth year or not. I'm not altogether convinced it would be the best way of putting in a year. By the end of 3 yrs. I'll be pretty will saturated with the ways of this clinic and would welcome an opportunity to do things on my own for a change. At any rate, I know you'll have an opinion which to me will be very valuable. We're planning on taking our holidays around

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August 19, 1939

Dear Lyon:

I was very pleased to receive your long and interesting letter written on the 28th of last month.

It delights me to know that you and Margery are so happy, and that all is going so well with you. You are both exceedingly fortunate to have been able to make the start together in life which your association with and opportunities at the Rochester Clinic afford. I cannot conceive how you possibly could have been more fortunate than you have been.

I was glad to learn from your letter that Mr. and Mrs. Rean as well as Nora and your mother and Arthur have been able to visit you at your own home. I know what a pleasure it is to be able to entertain one's friends, but even more those of one's own family. Your letter recalls what it used to be to me to have my father and mother down to Kingsmere in the summer time, and also the pleasure the visits of other members of the family brought.

I was pleased to learn of your having a garden and giving some time to it, and also of your enjoying golf. By all means, while concentrating on your immediate work, keep your interests as broad as you can.

As to the future, while it is always pleasant and advisable to be looking ahead, there is no surer path to the accomplishment of what is best than that of making the most along the way of the opportunities at hand. Those which the friendship of Dr. Balfour and the opportunities which the Mayo Clinic afford are as great as any you are ever likely to have. Make the most of them in every way. There will be time enough to decide on where you may be best ultimately to begin practice on

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your own account when you have completed the years which are still before you in Rochester. By that time, we may all be facing a very different world than we are today. I pray it may not be so but it is difficult to believe otherwise when European conditions present today as close a parallel to ante Munich days as is possible short of actual war.

If war does not come, we may have a general election in Canada this year. Please, however, keep this strictly to yourself. What the outcome of the election may be, no one, of course, can tell. Just where I may be and what I may be doing, once a campaign is over, I cannot, of course, at the moment foretell. Just whether the Christmas Season may prove to be the best time for a visit by Margery and yourself will necessarily have to await the events of the interval. Naturally, I am glad to know that you had it in your thoughts to pay me a visit at that time. What may be possible, we shall, of course, have to decide later on.

I was delighted to receive your wire at Toronto. No doubt, you noticed, when listening to the radio, that I was pretty tired when I was speaking at the Banquet. I was so tired that I found it very difficult to collect and express my thoughts. The event itself, however, was a very fine one, and a great tribute of personal and party loyalty. I was glad that Arthur was able to be present. I thought he was looking much better than when I last saw him. I am so glad he was able to have the little visit he had with you.

I have taken most of the summer to catch up on arrears of correspondence and other matters which accumulated at the time I was with Their Majesties on the Royal Tour. This letter pretty well brings up to date those that are outstanding. It is the end of one week. At the beginning of the next, I start to prepare for the alternatives of war or of a political campaign - a difficult situation to face.

With fondest love and best wishes to Margery and yourself,

Believe me, as always,

Dr. W. L. M. King,
417 - 3rd Ave. S.W.,
Rochester, Minn.

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Ottawa
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Dr. W. L. M. King,
417 - 3rd Avenue S.W.,
Rochester, Minnesota.

Will broadcast nine-thirty tonight Ottawa standard time. Understand broadcast will not be carried by American network but if reception conditions favourable you might be able to tune in on Ottawa station. Love to Margery and yourself.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

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I'd expected it would be. I have started in also on some intensive reading in an effort to correlate all the knowledge gained during this past summer.

Our holidays are to the two weeks following Christmas and we expect to leave here in time to be in Toronto some time the day before Christmas. I do hope we have a chance to see and talk with you again. There is so much I want to discuss with you and get, knowing you are probably busier than you've ever been in your life, we are quite prepared to forego that pleasure if need be.

I hope you are well and not feeling too keenly the strain of these fateful days. You must know that we are both thinking of you constantly and join[illegible] in sending you our very fondest love and best wishes.

Affectionately yours, as ever,
Lyon

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417 3rd Ave. S.W.
Rochester, Minn.
October 29, 1939

Dear Uncle Willie,

We were both delighted to receive your kind telegram afforaising us of the speech you were to deliver by radio last Friday night and still more delighted to be able to get most of your speech with fair clarity over the C.B.C. station at Watrous, Sask. As I understand it, you are to speak again next Tuesday evening and we shall be listening in with great interest and expectation.

I have never, personally, felt myself so strongly allied with the British Empire than I do at the present time. I feel she did more than enough to prevent this war and would be willing to offer my services instantly if I felt they were either needed or desired. I agree with all the things you

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& thanked you for it. The issues of which you spoke then have long since come to a head and I imagine it was worth a great deal to you to have the suspense ended even though war did come. We have only to read the magazines and papers to realize that the people of Canada seem to feel your government is doing all that can be done to help England the most with the least strain on Canada's internal economy.

We are both well and extremely happy. The lovely fall weather is most exhilarating. Arthur, with his permanent stiff job at C.D.E., and Mother with several new pupils both seem to be fine and dandy. I am working now in the department of anesthesia and will be till Christmas. It is a bit of practical work which is essential to surgery, I think. I have to get up pretty early in the morning but am finding that not nearly so hard as

expressed in your speech concerning Germany's true aims, etc. The feeling here in the middle west concerning Canada's role so far in this crisis is that the whole thing has been most carefully & wisely managed which is a tribute to your discretion that I'm sure will warm your heart. I was talking with Dr. Balfour about it only today and that is his sentiment, I know.

Both Marge & I were thrilled & relieved at the overwhelming Liberal Victory in Quebec. I'm afraid I am not in a position to appreciate with much keenness the issues at stake but I do know what a very great relief and pleasure it must have been to you.

I am ashamed of myself for never having answered your dandy letter of August 19. There was so much of steadiness and encouragement in it for me that I ought to have written you immediately

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Personal

Ottawa,
November 30, 1939

Dear Dr. Balfour:

I have received many communications at unexpected times and from unexpected sources. I doubt, however, if I have, at any time, received a pleasanter surprise or a communication for which I have felt a profounder sense of gratitude than that derived from your letter of the 27th instant which I received last night.

Naturally, I am immensely pleased to know that my nephew is justifying to the extent he is the expectation and confidence you so generously placed in him. To have, from you, the word of assurance which your letter brings concerning his probable future in his chosen profession is immensely satisfying alike to my heart and mind.

As I dictate this line, I cannot but think of what your friend-

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watch for an early chance to write you again.

With fondest love to Margery and yourself,

Dr. W. L. M. King,
417 - 3rd Avenue S.W.,
Rochester,
Minnesota.

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417 3rd Ave. S.W.
Rochester, Minn.
December 14, 1939

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a short note to wish you a very happy birthday and to let you know we are thinking of you many times and looking forward to seeing you at this Christmas season if it is at all possible.

We are leaving here a week from today and expect to

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head. Most of the Canadian boys down here feel that way. As I know.

Margery joins with me in sending you our fondest love and best wishes.

Always yours affectionately,

Lyon

be in Toronto by 9:30 Saturday night, Dec. 23rd. She'll be staying a good 2 wks., so if you are not too dreadfully busy, an opportunity may present itself sometime during that interval for us to see, if only for a few minutes.

I hope this birthday finds you in the best of health and not too over-tired. Canada is certainly embroiled in seething cauldron and I am sure the majority of people in Canada feel just a wee bit safer and more secure with a Liberal government in power with yourself at the

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December 23, 1939

My dear Lyon:

This line is just to bring to Margery and yourself my best of wishes for a very happy Christmas and much happiness in the New Year.

Please extend my best of wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Rean.

I tried, last night, to reach Arthur on the telephone, but he was out, and this morning, when I tried again, they told me he was on his way to Toronto. I assume, therefore, that you will be seeing him today and you will likely know where he is to be on Christmas Day. If you do, I wish you would either hold or send on to him the enclosed envelope, which contains my Christmas gift to him.

The other envelope contains my gift to Margery and yourself. I shall be glad if, with the enclosure, you and Margery would secure some little remembrance to your liking for

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your home at Rochester, or apply the amount towards the necessary outlays of this Christmas season.

I am hoping it may be possible, before the year is out, or at the beginning of the New Year, for me to arrange to see Margery and yourself either here or in Toronto. As I write, however, the pressure of public duties, combined with the Christmas season, makes it difficult for me to see what free moment I may have ere the New Year sets in. You will both be much in my thoughts, and you may be sure that, if it can be arranged at all, I shall see you both before you return to Rochester.

I cannot tell you how pleased I have been with all I have heard of the success you and Margery have achieved in your professional work, and of your happiness in your little home. May each year add to its joys and to the attainments of Margery and yourself in your chosen fields of work.

With fondest love,

Dr. W. L. M. King,
76 Douglas Drive,
Toronto, Ontario.

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December 26, 1939

My dear Lyon:

Let me thank you and Margery very warmly for the Christmas gift which came from you both at this Christmas season.

It was well on in the afternoon before I got a chance to open Christmas gifts and greetings, and on toward midnight before I was free in the evening, or I would have rung you and Margery up to express my thanks over the telephone and to convey my good wishes to you both for the Christmas season.

I am sure I shall find the tie case of real service when I begin to travel again, if I shall ever get that chance. This year, though I have a private car at my disposal, I have not been in it once since the outbreak of war.

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I was delighted, too, to receive the loving letter from Margery and yourself sending your congratulations and good wishes on my sixty-fifth birthday anniversary. Unfortunately, I had not seen it at the time I telephoned and wrote you on Saturday last. I think there are between one and two thousand letters or cards of greetings which I have still to see. This will give you an idea of how little my time has come to be my own.

I thank you warmly for having my birthday in your thoughts and for the good wishes that you have sent. If I am not mistaken, your own and Margery's birthday comes on the 2nd of January. Please let this letter bring to you my best of wishes for the day and for many happy returns.

I fear it is becoming increasingly impossible for me to plan to have you come down to Ottawa before you return to Rochester.

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I am almost equally afraid I shall not be able to get up to Toronto before the year is out. However, if I find a chance at all for one or the other, I shall telegraph or telephone you at once, for I should very much like to see you and Margery again, particularly to talk with you of your work and of your future. As regards the latter, much will depend on what happens to all of us in the course of the next year or two.

I am glad indeed that you are where you are and engaged in the all-important work in which you are engaged. Both you and Margery will, I know, in the course of your lives, greatly serve the needs of humanity. That, after all, is the real and highest purpose of all our lives.

I did not say that I hope you have had a happy Christmas and are enjoying the days, for I know how full of happiness they are sure

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to be. I am glad you are having the little holiday you are.

Please give my kindest remembrances to Mr. and Mrs. Rean. To Margery and yourself I send, with renewed thanks for your letter and gift, my best of wishes for the New Year.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
c/o W. C. Rean, Esq.,
76 Douglas Drive,
Toronto, Ontario.

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16 Douglas Drive
Toronto, Ont.
Dec. 28, 1939

Dear Uncle Willie,

I beg forgiveness for this unpardonable delay in acknowledging your Christmas greetings and the more than generous present of $25.00. Visiting here in Toronto after a year's absence has kept us both so preoccupied that our correspondence has been sadly neglected, I fear.

Thank you so much for your letter yesterday. Our disappointment will naturally be of Margie's first home-coming (she has never before been away from home) will never be quite surpassed as far as she is concerned.

I will write at greater length in a few days to tell you of our immediate plans for the future as soon as they have become slightly more crystallized than they are now. In the meantime, we have not given up all hope of seeing you.

Margery joins me, again in thanking you for your kind generosity, and in wishing you all success and happiness in the New Year. Fondest love as ever,

Affectionately yours, Rgon

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So maybe next week may be less full for you than this has been.

If we do not see you, we want you to know that you are ever in our thoughts and the pleasure of being with you again will only be all the greater for the unavoidable delay. We have not made up our minds as to how we shall use your Christmas gift but we intend to ~~at any~~ use at least a part of it in buying something for our home that will be a remembrance of your kindness on this occasion.

To say that we are both having a wonderfully joyful holiday is putting it mildly. The thrill

acute if an opportunity for seeing you does not present itself before we have to go back to Rochester, but we fully realize how extremely busy you are and we have not at any time counted heavily on seeing you because we knew you might not have a single minute to yourself.

You may not be aware that we shall be in Toronto for the whole of next week as well as this as we are taking our whole 1940 2-weeks holiday at this time. We'll not be leaving for Rochester till Sunday evening, Jan. 7, at 9:45.

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417 3rd Ave. S.W.
Rochester, Minn.
January 28, 1940

Dear Uncle Willie,

If you were busy before Christmas you must be 10 times as busy now. I am writing to wish you all good fortune and the best of good luck in the coming general elections. You are much in our thoughts these days. Canada is up against the toughest period in her existance right now and sound leadership will be desperately needed before long. I cannot tell you how thrilled we both were at your refusal to carry on longer without a vote of confidence from the people. I would bet everything I own on the certainty I feel of your success

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in a larger apartment. Mother is as thrilled as we are at the prospect.

My work continues to bring me great enjoyment. I'm working in the pathological laboratory at St. Mary's hospital studying medicine through a microscope. It is work I haven't done since I was a student and it certainly is fun as well as educating.

Mother & Art are both very well. I hope your health continues to be good. Margery joins with me in sending you our very fondest love and, again, all good wishes.

Yours affectionately,
Lyon

in this, very probably your last campaign. This Hepburn is quite a fellow; I hope he will submit his resignation if your government is returned to power because he has definitely ceased to be an asset of any kind to the liberal party. May God be with you, sir, and bring you victory in this gravest hour of your whole career!

We are fine and very happy where we are. You will be very happy to know that our family is soon to number three instead of two. Next July is the probable date of arrival and we are making all due preparations. This will necessitate our moving to larger quarters within the next couple of months. We are hoping to be able to stay in the house we're in at present, but

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417 3rd Ave. S.W.
Rochester, Minn.
March 17, 1940

Dear Uncle Willie,

Our hearts and minds are full of thoughts for you in these trying days and of best wishes for a successful termination of this campaign. While we have missed most of the election talks from Canada, we have yet managed to click on the nights you were speaking. Probably we have a one-sided view of the issues at stake but I certainly hope you are returned with a majority which will be sufficient to overrule all opposition. These are tough days for the United Kingdom and some of the fens have to keep in the fall which will, at the same time, be $5.00 a month cheaper in rent.

Yesterday Marge and I functioned as bridesmaid and best man at the wedding of Frank Elliott, one of our best friends here. He is the nephew of the Hon. J.C. Elliott who, I understand, is an old friend of yours. Frank married a girl from Alberta, an extremely fine looking person. So we've had a great week helping them celebrate.

Fondest love and again, all good wishes for the 26th.

Yours affectionately,
Lyon

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for good at the end of this month and will occupy herself with her chief hobby: gardening. We have a generous strip of ground down the side of the house on which our apartment is located. We cultivated it last summer with considerable success & a lot of enjoyment.

I am busily engaged in the long task of my thesis for the M.S. degree. I personally feel that theses at this stage of the game are practically a waste of effort because we have still so much to learn in a general way. I know it's wise to familiarize oneself with research methods, etc. but I feel I could put in the time to so much better advantage in other ways.

We are going to move upstairs to a regular bedroom apartment

their heads and maintain a clear vision on the whole world (from our point of view) may change its face.

Aside all together from family relationships, my intelligence & my medical training tell me that the man with 20 yrs. of public leadership behind him is going to steer a straighter and wiser course for Canada than anybody with one, two or even 5-10 years' experience, regardless of their ability.

Here's hoping, sir, and here's wishing you the very best of good luck from the bottoms of our hearts.

Margery is feeling very very well in spite of the fact that the baby is in its 24th week now. She is planning to stop work

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March 18, 1940

My dear Lyon,

You will understand, I hope, the circumstances which have made it next to impossible for me to do much in the way of correspondence since the beginning of the present year. I was deeply disappointed not to be able to see you and Margery at the Christmas Season, either at Ottawa or Toronto. I was equally disappointed at not being able to be present at Jean's wedding in Barrie. I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting her husband.

These, however, are only indications of the extent to which my time has had to be given all but exclusively to public affairs. First there was the prospect of meeting Parliament in a second war session. Then, instead, a general election, and this at a time of war. To let you see how all important it has been for me to be continually on the bridge there was one day when for a few hours - it was after the Governor General's death - when there was no Parliament, no Governor General, no Administrator and no Ministers excepting myself at the capital, and this at a time of war, with no one to advise the King with respect to Canadian affairs except myself or to give directions with respect to any matters which might have arisen at that time.

I greatly enjoyed the two letters which I have received from you since the beginning of the year. Naturally, I have been deeply interested in what you have told me of the probable addition to your family in the course of a short time. I hope all will go well for Margery and yourself and that you will not find the additional obligations which family needs occasion too difficult for you to meet. I shall be interested in knowing how you and Margery are managing at the Clinic and in your own home.

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The elections have now nearly run their course - a week from tomorrow and they will be over. I have not the least doubt that the government will be sustained by a splendid majority. While that condition has served to ease somewhat the strain of a campaign, it has not by any means completely removed it. It is not an easy thing to manage the business of the country, to further the country's war effort and to participate in a general election all at one and the same time. However, I have striven from day to day to do the best I could, but not to overdo, and on the whole I am in better shape in this concluding week of the campaign than I was in the opening one seven or eight weeks ago.

Your father, I know, will be much in your thoughts today. It seems hardly possible to believe that it was on the 18th of this month, eighteen years ago, that his brave spirit found its release from long suffering. I am sure that he has watched carefully over your career and that the success of it has been, in large measure, the result of the inspiration of his thought, as well as the example of his life. I am anxious you should know that I have had you much in my thoughts today, so am taking this moment off from the demands of the campaign to send you just this line. It carries with it, as always, my fondest and best love to Margery and yourself.

Your loving mother,

Dr. W. L. M. King,
417 - 3rd Ave., S.W.,
Rochester,
Minnesota.

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Ottawa, March 24, 1940

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. M. King,
417 Third Avenue S.W.,
Rochester, Minnesota.

Every loving good wish for the Easter season.

Uncle Willie.

(Charge:
Prime Minister's Office)

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Family

417 3rd Ave. S.W.
Rochester, Minn.
March 27, 1940

Dear Uncle Willie,

Our delight knew no bounds last night when it was at last announced that the Liberal Govt. had been returned to power beyond any shadow of doubt. And then to learn this morning that it had won a 131-seat majority really put the cap on. Please accept our heartiest congratulations and best wishes along with the thousands which must be pouring in from every side. Please don't bother to acknowledge them till your tremendous wave of added work in re-convening Parliament is well over.

I'm afraid I've been doing a lot of bragging to my American friends this morning but I really feel as good as if I myself had had everything at stake. Your overwhelming majority can not but simplify your parliamentary procedure and the election has effectively pricked the balloons of those who only thought it was to hurry

Benefit-Insurance plan, dues for which we have paid every quarter since coming here). So you need have no fear that this addition to the family will embarrass me financially in any way.

Mother is very well and just as delighted at your success as we are. Good news came from Arthur this week: he has been given the assignment of increasing the efficiency of the Wire Dept. of the Canad. Gen'l Electric plant at Peterboro. This will necessitate a study of time & speed factors in the handling of materials and technical procedures. Sort of an efficiency expert's job as nearly as I can make out. He is extremely contented as this job combines his desire for research work with his equally strong desire for personal business contacts and diplomacy. Perhaps he has written you of this himself.

Margery joins with me in sending you our very fondest love and our deep appreciation of your remembrance of us at a time when you were too busy to turn around.

Affectionately yours, as always,

Rycon

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with her family — a reunion which they are looking forward to as much as she is. Her father generously offered to meet the expenses of the trip.

A word as to our financial status for I know it will interest you: we managed to save from our first year's joint earnings $350.00 ~~and~~ inclusive of the trip to Canada at Christmas time. Next fall we are going to move upstairs (as I told you before) to a larger, bed-room apartment which will be $5.00 a month cheaper in rent. I have another 15 mos. to go on my 3-year fellowship before I can expect any increase over my monthly income of 75.00. According to our past year's experience we have been able to arrange a budget such that the $350.00 we have saved will nicely cover the deficit created by Marge's stopping her work, for that 15-mo. period. All my insurance premiums are paid up to June/1941 and we have a reserve of slightly over $500.00 in the Canadian banks. Also I have already put aside enough money to cover hospital expenses during the baby's arrival (the Clinic pays half those expenses according to the Fellows'

the government re its war effort throughout the duration of parliament.

Thank you so much for your letter last week, written in the midst of such furious activity. I have never been able to appreciate with quite such clarity as now the magnitude of your job. We both hope & pray your health & feeling of well being will withstand the rigours of another term of office. The grand article in the Star Weekly thrilled us both to the core and the pamphlet giving the resumé of your political career, I must admit, has straightened me out on the chronological order of events for the first time in my life. Thank you too for the Easter telegram — it beats me how you think of these things! Your loving thoughts of father on the anniversary of his passing were deeply appreciated.

We are faring very well in spite of the continued wintry weather. Margery is very well and we are both planning to celebrate her last day at work next Sat. evening. She will spend the next 2-3 wks. getting the spring cleaning done and then will depart for Toronto to spend 3 weeks

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Dictated at Virginia Beach, Va.,
April 21, 1940

Dear Lyon:

This line is just to bring to Margery and yourself - if Margery is still with you - my warmest of thanks for the letter you sent to me on the day following the recent elections and the hearty congratulations it conveyed.

From the letterhead of this paper, you will see that, at the moment, I too am in the United States. I have been taking a "vacation" here mostly, I confess, to get caught up on correspondence. It has been devoted in the main to overtaking arrears of correspondence, and I have managed as well to get a considerable rest, some exercise and to do a little wedding. The quiet and freedom from interruption have been a great boon.

I am going on tomorrow to Warm Springs to spend a night with President Roosevelt - please keep confidential lest it should be announced in the press. I then return to Canada after spending a day or two at Williamsburg and Washington.

The new Parliament reassembles on the 16th of May so from the moment of my return to Ottawa, I shall be very busy.

I was glad to have the particulars you gave me of your domestic affairs and would like to congratulate you on the way you have managed your finances. That eases my mind very much particularly in view of the addition to your home which you are expecting in the near future.

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While passing through Baltimore, I had lunch with Dr. Barker and afterwards a physical examination, the record of which was remarkably good. Dr. Barker recalled the talk he had with you and was glad to get the particulars I was able to give him of your work in connection with the Mayo Foundation. You certainly made the right choice when you decided to go there for post graduate studies before entering actively upon the practice of your profession.

With fondest love to Margery and yourself,

Yours affectionately,

Dr. W. L. M. King,
417 - 3rd Ave., S.W.,
Rochester,
Minnesota.

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417 3rd Ave. S.W.
Rochester, Minn.
June 7, 1940

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your letter from Virginia Beach came a long time ago and I have never written to thank you for remembering us at that time. I have found it peculiarly hard to write letters or even to do my work for that matter in the past two months. Much has happened that must have been the cause of greatest anxiety to you and the situation is today still of the utmost gravity. Margery and I are having a tough time trying to keep our perspective clear amidst all the rumors and propaganda that flow from the radio stations and scream at one from newspaper headlines.

I was so glad you had had a chance to rest at the Beach before carrying on with the reassembly of parliament. I'll bet you needed

parents were overjoyed to have her with them again.

I was particularly pleased to hear that Dr. Barker had given you a clean bill of health. There's no doubt about it that the added weight of the war has given you a new lease on life and tapped some hidden source of reserve power.

Margery joins with me in sending you all good wishes and fondest love. As ever

Yours affectionately,

Lyon

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be starting in on surgery on the 1st of July. So the new location will make it a lot easier to get home from the hospital. One's time off is rather meager on the surgical services, unfortunately, so I'll not be seeing as much of my home as formerly.

Mother left Denver yesterday for a visit with the Davises at Ithaca, N.Y. She is going to look after the children while they (the Davises) take a 2 wk. leave of absence before the Prof. takes over his new duties as head of Smith College. She is planning to meet Arthur at Niagara Falls, N.Y., for a brief visit on the way to Ithaca. Art apparently has been very well and busy at his job in Peterboro. He says business has increased tremendously in the past 6 mos. Mother plans to stop at Rochester on her way back to Denver for a short stay with us. We shan't be a bit crowded now with our new rooms.

Margery's visit with her family in April was most pleasant and her it more than you ever needed one before. I only hope it was complete and not interrupted by affairs of state which could not wait for your return.

The time is drawing near when the long-awaited new-arrival is due to make its appearance. Margery has continued to remain in the best of good health and seems to be enjoying life more than ever these days. We are going to move in a couple of weeks from our present lodgings to a place that has a separate bedroom and is less expensive to rent. The new address will be

114 7th Ave. N.W.
Rochester, Minn.

It is the entire upstairs of a house which has been made over into an apartment and everything in it is new and fresh. We shall, as before, be furnishing it ourselves. The location is excellent as regards its proximity to Colonial & St. Mary's Hospitals. I have been on surgical pathology since Christmas but will

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Day letter Ottawa, July 22, 1940

Dr. W.L.M. King,
114 - 7th Avenue N.W.,
Rochester, Minn.

Greatly pleased to learn of birth of little lad of which word has come in your wire just received. May he prove to be, as I believe he will, a great blessing to both his parents and an honour to the name he bears. I send to him, Margery and yourself my fondest love and best of wishes.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

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surgery, at long last, and really feel I am getting now what I came for in the beginning. Only now am I in a position to realize of what inestimable value the past 2 years' training has been to me.

I hope you are well and not finding these difficult days a strain too grave to bear lightly. I will write again from time to time to keep you acquainted with the infant's progress.

Margery joins me in sending our fondest love.

Affectionately. Lyon

114 7th Ave. N.W.
Rochester, Minn.
July 23, 1940

Dear Uncle Willie,

I need not tell you what great joy the new arrival in our family has given to both of us. Suffice it to say that one cannot realize beforehand the exhilaration that comes from having a first-born.

William Lyon Mackenzie-III was born at 4:00 a.m. yesterday morning, July 22, and he weighs 8 lbs. 9 oz. He is a very big baby and in excellent condition. Margery went through the ordeal without turning

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the baby to his new home.

Thank you for your very kind wire in reply to mine. I endeavoured to phone you long distance but was unable to convince them that you should be disturbed at that time of night!

Mother is in Canada at present; she and Arthur are taking a 2 week boating trip up through the Georgian Bay as a holiday. We got a wire from them today saying that they had seen the birth notice in the Globe & sending their congratulations.

I am now working in a hair. The whole thing only lasted 2½ hrs! She is feeling very fit today and the infant has just cast a spell over me that makes me want to drag all my friends helter-skelter upstairs to see him.

Margery's mother is coming to Rochester next week-end and will probably arrive next Sunday evening. She plans to stay a week to 10 days.

At the end of last month we completed our moving into our new quarters and the intervening time has been ample in which to get everything finished up. All is in readiness for welcoming

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Letter from Dr. King July 23/40
re birth of son typed in
"Family Records" box.

September 21, 1940

I am afraid that you and Margery will think I have been very lacking in enthusiasm over the arrival of your little son and heir. No doubt, Had I enjoyed a like experience, I might have had a letter off to you before this. My telegram was meant merely as an immediate word. I had hoped ere this to be able to renew my congratulations in extended form by letter. Unfortunately, our parliament was still in session when your little man made his appearance in the world, and since adjournment I have been so pressed with public duties from day to day that personal correspondence has had to go all but completely by the board.

May I now take occasion to say how greatly I rejoice that you and Margery have been made so happy by the addition to your home, and how sincerely I hope, as I believe will be the case, that the little lad will become a source of [illegible] comfort and joy to each of you as the years go by.

I was glad to learn, in a letter received from your mother this week, that she had been able to spend a few days with you, and to share your happiness. She is most enthusiastic about the little lad. I was pleased also to know that Margery had been able to have her mother with her for a time, and that, notwithstanding, both of you are part now of a family, as well as of a household, you have been able to resume professional duties.

I am particularly pleased that you find such satisfaction in your studies in surgery, and that you have arrived at the point where you see the value of

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the many years of training to which you have devoted your life so faithfully. If, for another year, all continues to go well with you, from then on you should be at the threshold of an immediate very great career.

I have been thinking quite a little of the name you have in mind for the little boy. If he has not already been christened, I would like to suggest that you think over carefully the wisdom of allowing him to get along through life with three names, instead of four. While I am proud of the name I bear, and you, I am sure, equally so of yours, I feel in my own case that to have been christened Mackenzie King, or Lyon Mackenzie King, would have been preferable to having all four names. I like the idea of giving your own name with its family associations, to your little son, but I really think he will probably bless you more in the end if you give him two or three names to get along with through life, rather than four.

It was sweet of you to write me at once of the birth of the little one, and to have attempted to send me the word by 'phone, as well as by letter, at the time of his arrival. I should have welcomed receiving the news in that way, but I am just as happy that it did not come at four in the morning.

I recall very well the morning of your own birth, and that of Arthur. Your father gave me the word over the telephone about nine o'clock. If I am not mistaken, you both had arrived in the world by that time, Arthur preceding you by how long I cannot say.

It would be well, I think, for you to secure from your mother a statement to place in your records of the exact time, as well as day of your birth. In after life, some details of the kind come to have an added very personal interest. I have discovered that the more I can obtain of information of my own ancestry, the better I come to understand my own life.

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It is amazing how quickly and completely information disappears, once a generation goes by.

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1118 1st ST. N.W.
Rochester, Minn.
November 5, 1940

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have not yet written to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Sept. 21 which is rather a grave neglect, I'm afraid. I must plead another moving and the events that lead up to it as the cause of my waywardness.

First, let me express my appreciation of your suggestions regarding the name of our son. While I agree with your feeling that the name is a bit pondorous in this day and age, I feel and Margery most heartily so, that if the name William Lyon Mackenzie is worth praising on at all, it should be preserved intact. While I do not feel that I shall shed much light on the name, I am certain that my son will feel it a privilege to bear the name so well borne by William Lyon Mackenzie and yourself. I have never felt a very much lovelier location, albeit a more costly one.

I changed to orthopedic surgery on Oct. 1 and find I do not like it nearly as well as the colon service I was on before.

We are preparing to make a trip to Denver to visit Mother during the Christmas season. All of us are looking forward greatly to the rest and change.

I received a notice from the Military District in Toronto wanting to know if I was ready or willing to serve overseas and I wrote back explaining I would much prefer to finish my fellowship first. Dr. Balfour learned directly from Prof. Gallie that there is no need at present for Canadian doctors so I guess there's not much chance of my term here being interrupted.

We are well & the baby is fine. I hope all is going satisfactorily with your work and that your health continues to ignore the strain.

Our fondest love to you as ever,

Affectionately,

Rygen

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we felt we could no longer do without. I hope that out of that lot, one or two pearls may emerge. We shall certainly send the best of them on to you.

Today is a great day in the lives of all Americans and you can feel the suspense in the very air. Most of the Rochester people are dead against Roosevelt. The only trouble is, when you listen to Roosevelt over the radio and then listen to Willkie, irrespective of what you believe, you instinctively want to rush off and cast your vote for the former. There is no gainsaying the man's great popular appeal. It will indeed be a tremendous thing if the American third-term tradition is smashed.

Our moving to the above address was occasioned by trouble with our Slavonic landlord. I have learned things about landlords and tenants' rights, about the Slav temperament, and something of the very common class feeling in this country. Last month was rather a trying one for both of us but we are safely moved now to

odd or handicapped by four names though my boyhood was rendered more trying than it should have been by the merciless puns on the name "Lyon". For that reason, and also because we do not like Bill or Billy very much, we have decided to call the boy Kanojia while in babyhood and young childhood, and Mackenzie when he is older. The initials W.L. will be prefixed to the name as they are to your own and he will be free to use them or leave them off (any but official documents) as he wishes.

We have not yet christened the baby but hope to at the United church in Rosedale (where we were married) this next time we are in Toronto. I am enclosing the best of a series of rather poor snapshots of the baby to give you an idea of what he looks like. It was taken while Marga's mother was here, and the baby some 3 months old. We have just completed but not yet developed a series of 36 snapshots taken indoors with a Kodak 55 miniature camera which

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December 22, 1940

My dear Lyon:

In a letter received from your mother yesterday, I was delighted to learn that you, Margery and the little boy will be spending Christmas week with your mother at your old Denver home. I am sure that nothing could give her quite the same pleasure, and I am equally sure that nothing could give you and Margery, a greater measure of pleasure yourselves.

I was very sorry to learn that your mother had suffered a bit of a breakdown during the last week. Sorry as I am to say it, I confess I am not surprised that she should have suffered some ill effects of the over-exertions last summer, at a time when she, herself, was so greatly in need of a real holiday. I do hope you will not find cause for anxiety in her present condition, and that you will be able to prescribe the course which may serve to speedily restore her health.

I am sure you will have a most enjoyable time meeting old friends in Denver and showing Margery something of the city in which so many years of your life were spent. I cannot imagine any kind of a holiday which should afford more in the way of real recreation and delight.

I have told your mother about the restrictions on the export of exchange from Canada. To conserve our dollars for purchase of war materials, no one is allowed to send any money out of the country except with the permission of the Exchange Control Board. I have, therefore, had to ask your mother to accept in the form of a promissary note what I should like to have sent to her in the form of a cheque for Christmas.

To Margery and yourself, I am sending a gift of a different kind. It is a picture of Pat and myself which I think you will like to have in your home as it is one which carries with it many associations. It was taken on the steps of Laurier House and has, therefore, that particular background. What, however, is most interesting of all about it is that it is the picture which was used in

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the political campaign of the present year - a campaign which resulted in the return of the present administration to power with a majority larger than that given any Prime Minister in the history of Canada. Finally, it is a photograph of Pat as well as myself. The little fellow is lying at my feet as I dictate. Though very deaf, and almost completely blind, he looked up this moment, as I mentioned his name, as much as to say: "I thank you for sending thisrsemembrance of me as well as of yourself to Margery, Lyon and the baby".

As you will not be in Rochester until the New Year, I shall wait until Christmas is over before expressing the picture to you there. Apart from its associations, such material value as there is in the gift lies in the frame which contains the picture. I hope you and Margery will like both it and the photograph, and that it may find a real welcome in your home.

Under separate cover, I am sending to your mother, a copy of the picture, very simply mounted, reproduced in the form in which I am sending it to members of my party in the House of Commons and the Senate.

Much again, dear Lyon, I send my warmest and best of wishes to you, Margery and the little lad for all that is best at this Christmas season and for a very happy New Year.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
c/o Mrs. D. Macdougall King,
946 Washington Street,
Denver, Colorado,
U. S. A.

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Ottawa, December 24, 1940

Mrs. D. Macdougall King,
946 Washington Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Have just been talking with Arthur, who joins me in sending love to you, Lyon, Margery, and their little son, and our best of wishes for the happiness of all during the Christmas season and throughout the New Year. Arthur going to a ball in Peterborough Christmas night, otherwise would have spent day with me, but is coming for weekend a little later on.

Willie.

(Charge:
W. L. Mackenzie King,
Prime Minister's Office)

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December 26, 1940

My dear May:

I was delighted to receive, on Christmas morning, the volume by Lin Yutang "With Love and Irony" which you so kindly sent to me as a Christmas gift; also to receive, on Christmas night, the loving greetings which came from you, Lyon, Margery, and your little grandson. You were all very much in my thoughts throughout the day.

To me, though busily occupied from early morning till late at night, it was one of serenity of mind and peace of heart. It is for these above all else that I feel we should strive. They are the real fruits of our Christian faith. Lin Yutang's philosophy helps to bear out the antiquity of this particular aim. That its realization may become increasingly yours is the wish that I send to you most affectionately for the New Year.

Mrs. D. Macdougall King,
946 Washington St.,
Denver, Colorado.

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Dear Lyon:

I am writing at once that my letter may be at Rochester to greet Margery and yourself when you arrive back with your little son, after your visit at Denver. I am sure that nothing could have given you more pleasure - and I am perfectly sure that nothing could have given your mother more pleasure than having you all with her at the Christmas season.

Seeing the baby would be scarcely less a gift to her than his presence must be to Margery and yourself. It was sweet of you both to send me the charmingly framed little picture of him which was received in due time at Laurier House, and which I opened on Christmas morning. I was struck by how much the little boy resembles you when you were about his age. I don't suppose you will recall that time yourself, but I still remember very clearly how you and Arthur appeared in the different years as you were growing up. I can wish nothing better for your little son than that, in mind and heart, he may inherit - as I am sure he will - the qualities of his mother and father.

My little gift -- also a photo -- is ready for mailing, but I shall hold it for a day or two lest it might be held up in Customs, should you not be back when it arrives. Please let it bring with my fondest love and the Christmas wishes already expressed, my best of wishes for you all in the New Year.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
~~114 - 9th Ave. S.E.,~~ 1118 - First Ave. N.W.
Rochester, Minnesota,
U.S.A.

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January 3, 1941

My dear Margery:

With this note I am sending you a little pin which I secured in London at the time of my last visit. I had meant to send it to you at Christmas but in the pressure of engagement at the time, had no opportunity of writing a letter or so much as forwarding a gift.

The fact that it was secured in London, during the war, and at the time of my flight in a bomber to and fro across the Atlantic, and just after my return from a visit with the King and Queen at Balmoral, may help to give it an association which you will be glad to have it possess.

It goes to you with my fondest love and best of wishes.

Mrs. W. L. M. King,
581 Jarvis St. Apt.23,
Toronto, Ont.

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1118 1st St. N.W.
Rochester, Minn.
January 9, 1941

Dear Uncle Willie,

You may imagine our amazement and delight on receiving the exquisitely framed photograph of you and Pat in front of Hawiar House. You could have done nothing this Christmas which would have given us greater pleasure. Besides being one of the best photographs of you I have ever seen, its associations give it an added charm and we are indeed proud people to number it among our possessions.

I know very well about the monetary restrictions in Canada as we are unable to get any but a tiny fragment of our own reserve out of the country. I'm sure it would please you to know that there was no duty of any kind on the picture — we laughed at the explicit directions on the outside in your own handwriting. It somehow made the gift all the more precious.

Thank you for your letter acknowledging the receipt of Kangie's picture. It was taken at the age of 2 mos. and we think it is an unusually fine portrait of a baby at that young age. As soon as possible I shall send along some

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very good use of my time. I hope to have some very interesting information for you in the near future about my next move after the 3-year fellowship here is over. I don't know yet what it is to be but I am hot on trail of two possibilities at the moment.

Mother was surprisingly well in spite of the severe attack of "flu" she had had and there was nothing left for me to treat when I got down there. There is no question about it that our visit had a lot to do with getting her out of it in a hurry and we left her in a very happy frame of mind and ready for anything.

You will be better informed as to how Arthur is than I am. I never hear from him unfortunately. I hope he is well and happy.

How you continue to stand the stress and strain of your responsibilities is beyond me. It must be the modus vivandi you have developed through the years plus an amazing reserve of energy which only a great crisis like this could tap. Here's hoping you continue to feel as fit as you do now.

I shall write again as soon as I know a little more about what

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Dame Fortune is cooking in her pot. Margery sends her fondest love and thanks for your kind thought for our little family at this Christmas tide.

A very very happy New Year to you sir, and remember me to Pat.

Always yours affectionately,

Rgon

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January 30, 1941

Dear Uncle Willie,

Just a short line to let you know what our plans are for next year. I have been appointed resident surgeon at St. Michael's hospital in Toronto for the year starting this coming July, so we shall be pulling up stakes here around the middle of June. This appointment came about through the advice of my Uncle Harold who sent me word that the job was open and I might get it if I sent in my application.

We are both very happy about it because it has many advantages for both of us over remaining here for a fourth year. Margery will be able to be with her family and they are particularly thrilled at the prospect of having her and the baby with them. I shall be living in at the hospital pretty constantly and will probably only be able to have the odd meal with them. This job will mean that I'll have a lot of operative surgery to do myself and practice of that kind is what I need now as much as anything else and I would not get it here even were I to stay for another two years.

This residency pays either 900 or $1000 for the year which will be ample to see us

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through under the existing circumstances. I feel that I have learned about all I could pick up here in the three years and another year would only be repeating for the most part.

I am going to try and get away from here two weeks before the end of June if possible so that I can pick up the thread of things at St. Michael's and be ready to take over on the 1st of July. Margery and I are hoping, if possible, to be able to drive to Ottawa for a brief visit with you sometime during that two-week interval. I certainly want you to see the baby while he is still young enough to be called a baby!

We are all well; I fully expect the army medical corps will put forth some claim to my services in the near future. I only hope it will be after I finish the residency and not before.

I hope your health continues to stand up under the heavy responsibility. Margery joins with me in sending you our fondest love and best wishes.

Affectionately yours,

Lyon

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February 6, 1941

My dear Lyon:

I am delighted to know that you have received the appointment of resident surgeon at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, and that you are to take on your new duties on the 1st of July. I am sure you have made a wise decision, and I should like to congratulate you upon it.

Toronto, it seems to me, is the city you should consider as a place of permanent residence and future practice. A year's residency as operating surgeon at St. Michael's should afford you the best possible kind of opportunity to plan for a practice on your own, or in association with some other doctors. You will have had a preliminary training second to none, and once you begin practice, I venture to say it will develop as rapidly as you may find yourself equal to its demands.

I am a great believer of making sure of each step, being as certain as one can that the decision made at the moment is the right one, in the light of the then existing circumstances. I felt this strongly when you decided to go to the Mayo Clinic, and pursue post-graduate studies, rather than entering too soon upon practice of your profession on your own account. The three years you have had at the Mayo Clinic will give you a knowledge and confidence which you would never otherwise have acquired, and your association with the Mayo Clinic over that period of time will help your professional reputation as much, if not more, than anything else could possibly have done. It will also give you an association with leading members of the profession which will be invaluable through life.

Viewing your new appointment, I am particularly glad, first of all, that it will bring you back to Canada. For many reasons, I would rather see your future linked with Canada than with any other country. For much the same reasons, and as well as others, I feel that Toronto is the city with which you should associate your practice. Next to Montreal, through being centrally located, it is the largest and most

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important city in Canada, and it has, so far as you are concerned, many advantages over Montreal.

I know you have had thoughts of Ottawa. While, to appearances, there might be much to commend this city as a place of beginning your practice, I doubt very much whether, in the long run, you would find it comparable in either interest or opportunity to Toronto. To begin with, it is much smaller. Its population is largely a Civil Service population. You might feel that my present position as head of the government would be helpful as an introduction; also, naturally, that there would be pleasure as well as other advantages in the association we might be able to enjoy together here. On the other hand, there are disadvantages which arise out of this very association. In the first place, as Prime Minister, I have to be particularly careful not to exert influence on behalf of anyone. Much that you would merit on your own account would be put down by jealous minded people to political influence or pressure, or a desire on the part of others to gain some special consideration in that round about way. You would, I am sure, be much happier entirely on your own.

What, however, is even more to be considered is the fact that in the nature of things, I cannot hope to hold office very much longer, nor indeed is it probable that the Liberal Government will continue to be in office indefinitely. It will be surprising indeed if the next general election does not bring about a great change. Were political opponents to come into the control of affairs, you might even find that the fact that you were known to be a relation of mine would operate to your disadvantage. I, myself, doubt if this would actually be the case, nevertheless it might, and certainly, in many social relations, the situation would become wholly different to what it is today. These factors would not govern were you practising in Toronto. There, such advantage as there might be through family association would be recognized in a favourable and not in a prejudicial way.

In Toronto, you would be living in a city with which your own name has been associated, from its beginning, as a city; one with which your grand-parents, parents and you, yourself, have had continuous associations. That would be all to the good. In addition, you already have many friends in Toronto. You know the city and its institutions

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and you would, therefore, have many who already know you and would be helpful to you in the building up of a practice. This would apply also to Margery. Indeed, I can imagine no part of the world in which you would both find it pleasanter to make a permanent home.

I can see wherein both to your mother and Arthur, it would mean much to have you in Toronto. It would be a place of natural homecoming to your mother at any time. To Arthur, it would mean very much to know that he had so near at hand the one to whom, next to his mother, he is most deeply attached. I am sure you could be very helpful to him in many ways. That, I know, would be one of the greatest of pleasures to yourself.

Everything considered, therefore, I hope you will view the decision you have made from this larger point of view which I have no doubt you have also had much in mind. When I received your letter from Denver, I was a little afraid that you might be tempted to take up practice there, which might have afforded some immediate advantage, but not the larger advantages to which I have referred.

No doubt, you have counselled with Dr. Balfour and others concerning the decision you have made. At one time, I had thought you might form a permanent association with the Mayo Clinic, ~~and~~, quite frankly, I would rather see you, in the course of years, come to have a clinic of your own, as I feel quite sure, with your experience and training, you are certain to have. I hope, therefore, that you and Margery will settle your minds definitely toward a prospect such as the one here outlined. By so doing, each day will be helping you to work toward the real goal of future achievement.

I shall be delighted to see you, Margery and the baby when you come back to Canada in the last weeks of June, and before taking up your new duties at St. Michael's Hospital. No time could be pleasanter for a visit to Ottawa. Whether Parliament will still be in session or not, I cannot, of course, say, but that will not make any difference as you know your way about here,

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and will be able to fill in hours that it may not be possible for me to spare. It will give you and Margery a chance to renew associations with Kingsmere, as well as with Ottawa, and I should be glad to see the baby as well as you both.

I am glad you had such a happy visit with your mother at the Christmas Season. The visit was just what she most needed, and has done her, I know, as much good as it did both Margery and yourself.

I greatly fear that between now and mid-summer, we shall witness terrible strife in the world, and the most appalling of disasters. Through this period, and for the years that will follow, we shall just have to do all we can in helping to share each other's burdens.

How fortunate it is you are so splendidly equipped in your great profession! I know the pride your father would have felt in that. You may be sure that he is helping in direct your life and work.

Arthur paid me a little visit shortly after Christmas. Physically, he was looking better than I have seen him at any time. He has developed more as a young man. I thought, however, he seemed unduly nervous, and as though he was a little emotionally upset. I think he has become too largely introspective; also that he has not yet learned that there is very much to learn before one can put one's own views above those who are in higher position, or of wider experience. He will, no doubt, work out this phase, and a kindly counsel would be helpful toward this end.

When I had him visiting me before, I persuaded him to get into pleasanter surroundings than those in which he had been living, and to cultivate the art of living rather than seeking to merely make out for himself an existence. His circle of friends is certainly restricted in a place like Peterborough. What I have tried to let him see is that it need not necessarily be so if he, himself, seeks to make the right contacts in the right way. He seems to me less inclined to exactness in observation and statement than I should like to see him be.

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I was sorry to learn that he had not kept up his correspondence with you. That, I feel, is only part of the too great centering upon himself which has grown upon him. I think he has felt a little hurt that no one in Toronto appear to have concerned themselves much about his well-being. He naturally is very much alone, and is in nded of understanding sympathy and guidance. He has a fine nature, and with a few more contacts of the right kind, it will, I am sure, develop in ways that will be most helpful alike to himself and to others.

I hope you will write him of your coming to live in Toronto, and of the pleasure with which you are looking forward to seeing him again.

Please let this letter bring to Margery, yourself and the baby, my fondest love.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
1118 First St., N.W.,
Rochester,
Minnesota,
U. S. A.

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DR. WALTER F. KVALE

February 10, 1941

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your letter today brought to us both a sense of very deep happiness, not only that you were pleased with our decision to come to Toronto next year but that you withheld your advice about our making Toronto our home until after we had made that decision when, obviously, your desire was very great. I am grateful to you for that policy of laissez-faire which you have adopted toward my affairs even as you made it the mainspring of your political ideals. You have helped to mould the major decisions of my life but have never sought to direct them and I know I am the stronger for it. My uncle Harold has conducted himself in the same way and I count myself indeed fortunate to have had access to the guidance of you both.

Margery and I were profoundly impressed by the wisdom of your remarks both concerning me and Arthur. We had, of course, thoroughly considered the pros and cons of Ottawa in the light to which you referred but realized the inadequacy of our judgments about the effects of your

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relation to us or other people. You have borne out many of my innermost misgivings — misgivings which some people I have discussed the matter with have ~~seen~~ made light of. All along I have been anxious to avoid trading on our name and have tried to keep it as much in the background as possible so that I might be judged entirely on my own merit. I have therefore always dreaded the thought of practicing in Ottawa for that very reason.

I mentioned Ottawa as a prospect in ~~my~~ mind because Margery and I both had a yearning for the life one leads in a smaller city and still, we felt, Ottawa was big enough and important enough to furnish an adequate field for what small capabilities I may possess. The idea was very vague and simply became predominant in my thoughts over such places as Vancouver, Winnipeg, ~~&~~ etc. because it was nearer Margery's family in Toronto.

The appointment at St. Michael's has definitely changed things however. Many people, including my uncle Harold, advised me not to settle in Toronto because the place was already bristling with doctors who could not get enough to do to make a decent living on. However, that's as you look at it and should not play too important a part in the argument. Certainly we are

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much more reconciled to the idea than we were when we came to Rochester. I imagine that how things go while I'm at St. Michael's will have a lot to do with how good a start it would be possible to get in Toronto. You may depend upon it, I shall leave no stone unturned to do the best job I'm capable of while serving my residency.

I fully appreciate the gravity of the situation which is confronting Great Britain and Canada in the next few months. I'm sure Churchill's speech yesterday cheered the Canadian people as much as it did those in the United States who shold England's cause very dear.

We were particularly thrilled at the happy prospects of spending a little time with you in June and of seeing Kingsmere and Harriet House again. The baby, I know, is looking forward to seeing you as much as you are to seeing him. It would interest you that the pictures of the four generations of William Lyon Mackenzies are all to be seen within the four walls of our living room.

What you have to say of Arthur

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coincides very nearly with my own opinion & him and I can't tell you how much it means to him to have you caring sufficiently about him to try to help him over some of his difficulties. The Toronto people are not in sympathy with him the way you are and I know how keenly he feels it. You may be sure I'll do my level best to afford him that sanctuary in Toronto which he has felt the lack of. Your stimulus it was that finally got him to change to better quarters — a change which inertia, more than anything else, had prevented before. I know he is awfully glad to be away from the other place now that he is away.

I shall have much to discuss with you when I see you. This letter is far too inadequate to express the things I feel and want to tell you about. Next month brings the Master's Surgery examinations and I hope to have my thesis finished and handed in within the next two weeks.

Margery joins with me in sending you our hearts' warmest love.

Affectionately, as always,

Lyon

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Ottawa, March 18, 1941

Dr. W. L. M. King,
1118 First Street N.W.,
Rochester, Minnesota.

Just to let you know my thoughts are with you, your mother, and Arthur on this anniversary which means so much to us all, and to send fondest love to you.

Uncle Willie.

(Charge:
W. L. Mackenzie King)
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April 3, 1941

Dear Uncle Willie,

We are at the end of a long, arduous winter quarter and I shall enter upon my last surgical service at the end of this week, thankfully the one I wanted to complete the chain.

Much has been accomplished since Christmas although Margery, I'm afraid, has had to bear the brunt of looking after the baby and the house and has not had a whole lot of leisure time. I finished my thesis after a terrific drive during January and February and finally capped it all by successfully passing the oral Master's examination in Minneapolis last week. I have now nothing more exacting ahead of me than to appear at the University of Minnesota in June and claim my parchment. Incidentally, I shall endeavour to complete the Canadian Fellowship examinations this coming fall while things are still fairly fresh in mind.

Margery will be leaving Rochester for

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good on the 18th of this month, and taking the baby with her. Her sister Nora is being married on Saturday, the 26th, and she is very keen on being there to see the fun. Both she and the baby are well. The latter now walks easily with support and boasts 6 teeth and a vocabulary of three words — Dadda, Mama, and Baba !! He weighs a round 27 lbs. and is really a husky. I can't wait to get him to Ottawa so you can see him in person.

Mother's news is always encouraging and she seems to be looking very well. I am most interested in the turn of events in the Balkan countries and it begins to appear as if the holocaust to which you referred in your last letter may, if it comes about at all, fall in another direction than England. I should be interested to discuss with you the strike situation in this country: I am sure it must be causing your government no little anxiety in its effects on the quality of aid given by this county to the British cause. I think public opinion is rapidly approaching the point of vehement denunciation of the whole "strike" principle.

Hope you continue to remain well. We are all so looking forward to seeing you again.

Fondest love as ever,

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Ottawa, May 16, 1941

Dr. W. L. M. King,
c/o Mayo Foundation,
Rochester, Minnesota.

Heartiest congratulations, dear Lyon, on the honourable mention received on your thesis submitted to American Association. Please thank Dr. Balfour for his kindness in letting me know of your success.

Uncle Willie.

(Charge:
W. L. Mackenzie King,
Prime Minister's Office)

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ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

May 21, 1941

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thanks very much for your wire regarding the honourable mention on the thesis essay. It wasn't much but it did make the week I spent getting the material seem rather more worthwhile. The first prize carried a value of $300.00. It was won by one of the fellows here in clinical medicine, who, in addition, very badly needed the money. Dr. Pemberton, the second senior surgeon at the clinic, used my material in an address he presented at the meeting of the American Roiter Society held last week. That is the body which offers the Van Meter prize. We shall be publishing the work under co-authorship which will make it carry much more weight than if I were the sole author. Altogether, I am very pleased that the knotty thesis problem turned out as well as it did.

I passed my Master's examinations in March and will be attending commencement at the University of Minnesota

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on June 14th to receive the degree, Master of Science in Surgery. That more or less writes a happy ending to my Rochester epoch.

As you know, I have been appointed resident surgeon at St. Michael's hospital in Toronto beginning July 1st. Margery's ~~sist~~ sister, Nora, was married on April 26th so Margery and the baby went back to Toronto on April 20th and will remain there till I join them in June. I am rather anxious about the war business and feel I should be joining in to do my bit. Altho I am a lieutenant in the reserve of the R.C.A.M.C., I have so far had not the slightest ~~inquiry~~ inquiry from the Dept. of Defense as to what I could and would do if called upon. It seems odd to me that Britain should have asked the U.S.A. for 1000 American doctors when Canada has not even communicated with her reserve officers in distant places. Many of the other Canadian fellows here have had the same experience as I and are really in a quandary wondering what they should do about it. Many have taken the bull by the horns and just up and left here without trying to finish their fellowships. I hope to learn a lot

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more about the whole thing when I actually get back to Canada. If you could offer me any advice on the subject I would greatly appreciate it.

I expect to leave Rochester on Sunday, June 15th, and arrive in Toronto the next day. Margery and I are extremely anxious to see you before I get tied up at the hospital and to bring the baby along also. As we must plan ahead as far as possible, could you give me an idea what time between June 16 and 30 would be most convenient for you to see us, if indeed it would be possible for you to see us at all in that time? Marge has so many arrangements to make regarding the baby and so forth that trips are much harder to plan than they used to be.

I am horribly worried about the Crete situation tonight. I do hope we can prevent the Nazis from over-running the place as they have been wont to do before. By the time this letter reaches you we'll probably have the answer.

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I am getting along very well but feel rather lost with my family gone. I shall be very glad to rejoin them.

I hope you are well and not over-tiring yourself, though just what you could do about it in your position if you were is beyond me. I have never looked forward more to seeing you and I do hope a meeting can be arranged without seriously incommoding you.

Fondest love as always,

Affectionately yours,

Lyon

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May 24, 1941

My dear Lyon:

I have just received your letter of the 21st instant.

I should like to renew my congratulations on the honourable mention received on your thesis essay, and also upon the degree of Master of Science ~~and~~ Surgery, which you are to receive from the University of Minnesota on June the 14th. As you say, the two recognitions marked a happy conclusion to your years at Rochester. I am sure that for the remainder of your days you will feel no better investment of your time could have been made than that which has been yours at the Mayo Clinic.

I am afraid that at this stage it is almost as difficult for me to plan engagements for the month of June as it is for Margery, yourself and the baby. Until Parliament has prorogued, I ~~do~~ not make any definite plans and, after prorogation, there is the possibility of a visit by the President about the middle of June. That is only one of a number of contingent engagements I have to have in mind before ~~going~~ leaving on a series of trips through different parts of Canada, which I have been trying to arrange since the war commenced.

Just what may be possible will, of course, depend on the trend of the war in the next few weeks. I expect to see, during June, a much more critical situation than anything which has thus far developed.

I think it will be best to wait until I see you before doing anything about service overseas, and I think it would be advisable for you not to make any final decision ~~meanwhile~~.

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When visiting John Lay at St. Michael's Hospital, while he was a patient there, I met the Mother Superior and one or two of the Doctors connected with the Hospital. They were all looking forward to your coming to St. Michael's. I am glad that the time of your return to Canada is so near at hand.

The best I can do in regard to fixing a time for the visit to Ottawa of Margery, the baby, and yourself, will be to get in touch with you over the telephone after your arrival in Toronto, and seek at that time to arrange a time which will be mutually convenient. I am much looking forward to seeing you again, also Margery and the baby. I shall do my best to arrange somehow to see you at Ottawa before you take up your new duties.

I wish you would let Dr. Balfour know that I had told you of his writing me of your receiving honourable mention for your essay, and thank him again for this mark of his friendship toward yourself and, also, towards myself. Please give him every good wish from me.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
c/o The Mayo Clinic,
Rochester,
Minnesota.

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St. Mary's Hospital
Rochester, Minn.
May 28, 1941

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thank you for your kind reply to my letter which I received yesterday. I realize, of course, how extremely difficult it is for you to make any kind of plans ahead at this time, especially concerning matters which are not of major importance. Forgive me if I seemed presumptuous in suggesting that arrangements for a visit might be made this far ahead. I think your plan to communicate with us by telephone upon my arrival in Canada is an excellent one. You may be sure I shall be looking forward to it tre-

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mendously.

Thank you also for your advice about the army situation. I shall be only too glad to stop thinking about it any further until I have talked with you.

Mr. Roosevelt's speech was a great lift to my spirits last night. I think he managed to ~~th~~ get the action he wanted without treading on so many toes that he would have been hindered by a violent storm of protest. Most of the boys here were pleased with it whether their feelings were pro- or anti-war.

I shall write again just before leaving to let you know my exact time of arrival. In the meantime, I am, as always,

Yours affectionately,

Lyon

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Mayo Clinic
Rochester - Minn.
June 11, 1941

Dear Uncle Willie,

I'll be leaving Rochester on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. and arriving in Toronto Sunday about 7:30 a.m. I have made no plans as yet after my arrival in Toronto and will make none until I have heard from you.

You will be pleased to hear that, as an individual result of the honourable mention in my thesis, I have been elected to membership in the Mayo clinic chapter of the Sigma Xi Society, the national honorary research society in this country embracing all fields of scientific endeavour.

Fondest love, as always.

Affectionately,
Lyon

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travelled beautifully and were as fresh when they arrived as when pack. She is particularly fond of columbine so doubly appreciated your kindness

I do hope that you have a pleasant and not to tiring western trip. With many thanks, again, I am.

Sincerely yours

Margery.

14 Binscarth Rd
June 24, 1941

June 24-41

Dear Uncle Willie

May I add a little note to Lyon's to tell you how very much I enjoyed our visit in Ottawa. I don't know when, if ever, I've had a happier week-end.

It was very thrilling to be with you at the source of information during the important German-Russian development and we do appreciate - not only the time you spent but also the confidence

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in us "that" you showed
in explaining it to us
in such detail. It was
a thrill that I, for
one, will never forget.

The drive down was
indescribably beautiful.
We came down to Prescott
and along the river
having dinner at night-
with Jean & Gordon. That
was the final climax
to a perfect week-end.

Mother has asked
me to thank you
for the flowers. They

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14 Binscarth Rd.
Toronto, Ont.
June 24, 1941

Dear Uncle Willie,

We arrived safely in Toronto late last evening after a very pleasant trip down. We were able to see what we wanted in the Parliament Bldgs. and complete the calls we had hoped to make. We had an extremely happy interview with Jean and Gordon Dunlop at their cottage on Barkhaven Beach, some eight miles from the Trenton Training School. Unfortunately, time did not permit us to visit the school itself.

It would be hard to express in words the pleasure we all three experienced during our little visit with you and the keen personal delight it gave me to sit for a moment at the center of Canadian and World Affairs. I shall never forget it.

This letter takes with it my deep appreciation of your many kindnesses and my very fondest love.

Affectionately, as always. Rgon

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14 Binscarth Rd.
Toronto, Ont.
June 29. 1941

Dear Uncle Willie,

You will be shocked to learn that Mr. Rean has suffered a mild attack of coronary thrombosis and is at present in Room 431, Private Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital. Fortunately the attack, which occurred Friday morning while we were in Peterboro, was not a severe one and he had comparatively little distress. However, he will be confined strictly to bed for 6 weeks and

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them special air mail that they would be delivered to you on the train.

We had a grand time in Peterboro with Arthur and the boat trip surpassed our highest expectations. We had a lovely party for us at the Country Club and introduced us to a swell group of people. I think he has done extremely well for himself as far as friends go.

I shall be starting work on Tuesday morning. The past two weeks have certainly given me a perfect rest and I feel ready for anything.

Margery joins with me in again sending you our very fondest love and best wishes.

Affectionately yours.

Lyon

must remain quietly at home for another 6 weeks. Of course he will have to abstain from all forms of physical exertion for the rest of his life. Mr. Rean is feeling fine and has accepted this enforced period of inactivity with a spirit that is in keeping with the splendid way in which he has conducted his whole life.

We shall, of course, not wish to christen the baby until he is better and can be with us also.

Thank you very kindly for sending the hat along and especially for your telephone call on Monday evening. I am wondering if you received our letters on your way through North Bay? We hoped, by sending

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14 Binscarth Rd.
Toronto, Ont.
July 18, 1941

Dear Uncle Willie,

Margery and I learned with deepest sorrow from this evening's paper of the death of your old comrade and friend for the past 18 years. We are among the few who will appreciate how keenly you will feel his loss. He has been with you through the majority of stormy spots in your political lifetime. We shall always remember the old fellow as we last saw him, carrying on in his accustomed manner even though each movement must have cost him much in strength and will-power.

new responsibilities with the result that I have been obliged to give up the whole undertaking for the time being and embark on an unlooked-for holiday of indefinite duration. I have done this on the advice of Dr. C.B. Farrar, the head of the Toronto Psychiatric Hospital on Surrey Place, and an old acquaintance of mine at the time I worked there several years ago. I consulted him when, last Tuesday, I found myself at my wits end and unable to go on. He was kind and understanding and insisted that I was suffering from such nervous fatigue that I must stop immediately what I was doing and get away somewhere for a rest. Should you desire to communicate with him I know he would be only too glad to present a clearer picture of the sit-

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they covered his face and both wrists and hands, were mild in degree as burns go and will heal relatively quickly without infection and without scarring. I don't believe he'll be more than 3 weeks away from work. The boat has not been irreparably damaged but the inside & it will require pretty complete doing over before the boat can be used again.

I regret that I can not give you a good report & my own doings. Once again I have been afflicted by the peculiar process & mental habitude which resulted in my illness in July and August & 1937 during my internship year & at Toronto General Hospital. Since starting at St. Michael's I have simply been unable to force myself to become adapted to the new surroundings, new circumstances, and

You would have been greatly shocked to hear & Arthur's accident with his boat last Tuesday noon. Fortunately he was not hurt badly and was able to write you himself a full account of the whole thing. I talked to his doctor by 'phone on Tuesday evening and was assured by him that the burns were not serious.

Margery and I drove to Peterboro the following day and were surprised and happy to find him sitting up more or less cheerfully in bed in no pain and wanting mightily to get up. We fetched over some clothes from his room and saw that he had plenty to read and some little extras & candy, etc. The other boy was hurt even less than Arthur was. The burns, even though

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nation to you than I can. The result that became finally clear today is that Margery and the baby and I will be taking a cottage at the Y.M.C.A. camp at Lake Couchiching for the remainder of the summer. After that I don't know what is to be the course of action. Dr. Wilson has been kind enough and sympathetic enough to leave the door open for me to return to St. Michael's if I wish to in the same capacity as before. Whether I'll feel any more like it then than I do now I don't know —— it's a question which doesn't have to be solved now so I propose to leave it for the present.

I am sorry that I have let down my uncle, Dr. Woolsey, who

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I have written Mother fully about the whole matter and would greatly appreciate your sending her a word of reassurance if you can.

Mr. Rean is getting along splendidly and asks to be remembered to you. Margery joins with me in sending our fondest love and best wishes.

As ever, yours affectionately,

Lyon

P.S. We shall not be leaving for the lake till next Thursday or Friday.

so kindly assisted me to get this appointment but, fortunately for me, I have my medical training about completed and am equipped to go my own way at any time I feel the desire to.

It is too heartbreaking to have to write such things to you after the wonderfully happy visit we had together such a short time ago. The ray of light in the darkness is that Dr. Farrar assures me the condition is curable by a rest of the proper sort without a definite time limit. Mr. and Mrs. Rean have chosen to look at it that way and I am going to do everything in my power to let nature take her course.

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St. Michael's Hospital
Toronto, Ont.
Sept. 9, 1941

Dear Uncle Willie,

My pride in the magnificent success of your epic flight to the old country is outshone only by the satisfaction and happiness I feel in being able to assure you that time and rest have obliterated the nightmare that was July and I am back at work feeling as fit as I have ever felt. I have completed two full weeks now at the hospital without a hitch of any sort and am finding the job all and more than I had looked forward to.

another. And darned if it doesn't begin to look as if the Russians might not give the Germans a few sound lickings here and there to make up for past debacles.

Margery and I have decided for several reasons to take an apartment of our own in Toronto where I can be nearer the hospital and she can come and go more frequently. We are moving on the first of next month.

Very fondest love to you from us both, as always. We are very proud to be numbered among your inner circle.

Affectionately yours,

Ryon

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You need have no fear that I shall again be engulfed as I was because I believe I know what to do to prevent anything of the kind in the future.

I have read the accounts of your visit with their majesties, with the prime minister, and with the Canadian troops etc. with the keenest interest, knowing the pleasure you would be experiencing in each one. The pictures in the star are entertaining and do you justice. The whole world knows now who is directing Canada's fate!

I hope you have not been overly tired by your swift movements and strenuous itineraries. We shall have much to talk over when next we all one

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September 12, 1941

My dear Lyon:

I was indeed pleased to receive this morning your letter of September 9th. I thank you for its words in reference to my journey overseas and safe return.

I am indeed delighted to know that you are again at St. Michael's Hospital and enjoying your new dutie there. It is not surprising that yo experienced the depression you did, in taking on a new phase of your lif work, without any rest or break afte the pwolonged period of work at the Mayo Foundation.

You will have to watch carefully to see that you get, from time to time, the rest and change necessary to prevent your nervous energy from becoming depleted. I felt sure a change and rest would restore your nerves and your outlook, and am glad indeed that this has proved to be th case.

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I am sure the arrangements you and Margery are making to be near each other as much as possible will be all to the good for you both, and the baby, as well as for Margery's family.

I hope Margery keeps well, and also the baby. I send my best love to all three, and shall hope, ere long, to have the pleasure of seeing you all.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
St. Michael's Hospital,
Toronto,
Ontario.

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Toronto, Ont.
Dec. 8, 1941

Dear Uncle Willie,

We listened to your broadcast this evening over CBC and were thrilled by it as we were by the one of Canada's declaration of war on Finland. The past two days have been so full of action and excitement that I have done little else but huddle over the radio while not actually at work. I can only imagine how busy you must be.

Mrs. Rean has told us of her enjoyable visit with you at Kanawa House and we were very

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have the pleasure of your presence at the ceremony. Do let us know when you plan to be in Toronto and we will arrange things in advance.

I am very well and have been fairly busy since our Ottawa trip. Margery is fine and the baby flourishing. I should not be surprised if my services in Canada's armed forces were soon to be requisitioned. If so, I am ready and willing.

Very fondest love to you, as always, from both Margery and myself.

Yours affectionately,
Lyon

greatly pleased by your kindness to her. She mentioned that you had spoken of a possible brief visit to Barrie and Toronto before Christmas and that she had told you of our wish to have the baby christened at a time when you might be present.

I need not say how delighted we would be if this could be done before Christmas but the developments of the past two days make it pretty clear that you may well be tied up in Ottawa for weeks to come.

We shall post-pone the baby's christening until after Christmas if, by so doing, we may

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December 13, 1941

My dear Lyon:

I thank you for your letter of a day or two ago.

I was so sorry when Mrs. Rean was here that we did not have a chance for more than a few words together and a hurried glimpse of Laurier House. It was a great pleasure to me to see Mrs. Rean again.

I have, as you know, been doing my best to get up to Toronto for months past, both before and since my trip to England. I am particularly anxious to run up to Barrie to see your Aunt Jennie. Just whether this will be possible before the year is out I really cannot say. I shall continue to do my utmost to that end, but knowing how anxious you are to have the baby's christening as soon as possible, I feel, however, I

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should let you know just how I am situated, that you and Marjory may govern yourself accordingly. For both reasons I shall be very disappointed if I do not get up before the year is up. I need not tell you how imperative are the tasks to which I have to give my whole time and attention.

Mary has been asking me if I received back the termos bottle. Just in case it may have gone astray, perhaps you would let me know if it has been sent.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
581 Jarvis St. Apt.23,
Toronto, Ont.

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December 22, 1941

My dear Lyon:

This is just a line to you and Margery, and the little lad, to bring you my love and best of wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Despite the anxieties of the times, I hope it will be a very happy one for you all.

This year, for many reasons, I have had to give up the thought of attempting to send out either cards or gifts. To the members of the family, and to a few friends, I am sending, instead, a copy of my latest book: "Canada at Britain's Side". It is a tiny gift, but it is the most intimate and personal thing I can think of to send to any one at this Christmas Season. Its personal associations and others,

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linked with the events of our time, will, I feel sure, make it a welcome remembrance of this Christmas Season to Margery and yourself. It carries to you both, and to the little lad, my fondest love and best of wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
581 Jarvis Street,
Toronto,
Ontario.

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581 Jarvis St., Apt. 25
Toronto, Ont.
Oct. 28, 1941

Dear Uncle Willie,

It has taken me all yesterday and today to catch up with things which happened while I was away over the week-end or I should not have been so long in writing to thank you for your splendid hospitality during our short visit to Ottawa.

My friend Ryberg and the Pleaus' were pleased beyond measure to make your acquaintance in this letter takes with it, from both Margery and myself, our very fondest love and also a plea that you will not let things pile up so much that your serenity & mind is impaired. Mr. and Mrs. Rean and Nora send you their kindest regards and appreciation & your message for them.

Always yours affectionately,

Lyon

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so intimate a manner and they will always look back on the occasion as a momentous event in their lives.

Your kindness in bearing for us the burden of the registration fee for the College has filled me with gratitude and appreciation. It would have been a long time before I could have afforded it.

We are all well and my cold is practically over. The baby is in fine shape. We are just starting to get Mrs. Rean up again and I hope it won't be long before we have him back on his feet as well as ever.

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January 3, 1942

My dear Lyon:

I really do not know how to thank you and Margery for the beautiful gifts which you sent me for Christmas. It was not until last night that I had a chance to open many of the parcels which came to me at Christmas time. As soon as I had opened yours I was so delighted that I went at once to phone to thank you and Margery for them. I much enjoyed the talk I had with Mrs. Rean, but I was sorry indeed that I did not know you were both at the Hospital, as I should like to have got in touch with you there to have had the pleasure of wishing you many happy returns of your birthday anniversary, as well as thanking you for your loveliest and most welcome of gifts.

The picture of Arthur and yourself, and little Pat and myself is a really splendid one of us all. I only wish dear old Pat had not been quite so frail. I doubt if anywhere it would have been possible to get a better picture of your two boys and myself. I am so glad to have it and equally pleased that each of you, and no doubt your mother as well, has the same picture. It is really splendid of all three and recalls a very happy visit.

I must thank you too for the lovely frame within which the picture is mounted. It is, in itself, quite exquisite. The pictures of Kingsmere are almost an equal source of delight. I do not recall ever having seen photographs that were better taken or that looked almost too much of a work of art to be photographs. I can see Margery's hand in the way the pictures have been mounted, and also in the beautiful way in which your gifts were enclosed in their Christmas wrappings. I am most grateful to each of you, and would like you to know that your many loving thoughts so feelingly expressed have given me the greatest possible pleasure.

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Let me acknowledge too the due receipt of the thermos bottle. Both MacLeod and Mary have had as much pleasure out of its return as if it were a Christmas gift.

I am still looking forward to getting up to Toronto for a day before Parliament re-assembles, but it is only a chance. If I can make it between now and the 21st I will, but if I do not get up by that date I doubt if another chance will come before Easter. I hope the little boy keeps well and is none the worse for having his christening delayed.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
581 Jarvis Street, Apt.23,
Toronto, Ont.

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be- particularily with the opening of Parliament approaching.

We were very pleased that you liked the pictures that we sent you. It was a great pleasure making them.

I hope that we'll be seeing you in the near future

Affectionately yours

Margery

January 5, 1942
581 Jarvis St
Toronto.

File

Dear Uncle Willie-

May I add my thanks to Lyon's for the book you sent us at Christmas. It would have been grand to have under any circumstances but we were particularily pleased to receive it since we saw it in manuscript form during our visit to Kingsmere in June. So your present serves

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as a very welcome
moments of that time
as well as a Christmas
remembrance.

I do hope that there
will be a chance for
you to be in Toronto
for the baby's christening
on January 18th. We
feel that that would
probably be the most
likely date for you
so made that our
choice. It would be
grand if you could be
here but we realize how
very busy you must

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581 Jarvis St.
Toronto, Ont.
January 5, 1942

Note Jan. 18th

Dear Uncle Willie,

Margery and I were delighted beyond words that our simple photographs had given you so much real pleasure. We had a great deal of fun in making them up. In your letter today your guess as to Margery's handiwork was particularly accurate. The framed picture was my effort, but the three pictures of Kingsmere were

My plan at present is to stay on during May while next year's resident is taking his vacation, then take the month of June off as a holiday. I propose to enter the army medical corps on or shortly before July 1st, prepared for active overseas service at any time thereafter. I should appreciate your views in this regard.

This letter carries with it my very fondest love and appreciation of your many kindnesses to us both throughout the past year. Father must surely know how well you are filling his place in the lives of Arthur and myself.

Always affectionately yours, Lyon

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could have found no more appropriate or no more highly appreciated remembrance of this Christmas season with all the vital issues that are at stake.

We have made arrangements to have the baby christened on January 18 at Rosedale United Church in the hope that a chance might present itself for you to be in Toronto on that day. Here's hoping for the best.

My residency at St. Michael's Hospital will terminate on April 30 this year because of the change in time of graduation from June to April. All hospital appointments will change on that day instead of June 30 as heretofore.

entirely her own doing. I'm so very glad you liked them. Thank you so much for telephoning the other night. It's too bad we had to miss talking to you. Mrs Rean called immediately after your message and passed it on to us.

I have been on Emergency call at the hospital for the past 48 days in a row so have not had time to write you. I had intending writing much sooner to thank you for your book. It will be of greatest interest to both Marjory and myself not only because of its association with you personally but because of its review of the whole war situation up to the present time. You

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Ottawa, January 7, 1942

Dr. W. L. M. King,
581 Jarvis Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Every good wish to Margery and yourself on this third anniversary of your marriage.

Uncle Willie.

(Charge:
W. L. Mackenzie King,
Prime Minister's Office)

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pleasant association every time I wear it.

Many thanks again-

Affectionately yours

Margery

January 8, 1942
581 Jarvis St. Apt 23.
Toronto, Ontario.

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Dear Uncle Mielie-

To say that I was thrilled when the little parcel containing the beautiful pin arrived yesterday, is to put it mildly. Not only is the little pin useful and lovely in itself, but, as you expected, the circumstances under which you secured it, make it doubly precious. It is a never-ending

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source of amazement and joy to us that you seem never to forget about us even at your busiest moments.

Thank you so much for your telegram which arrived yesterday for our third wedding anniversary. The fact that your present reached me on that day will give it a further

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Day letter

Ottawa, January 15, 1942

Dr. and Mrs. W.L.M. King,
581 Jarvis Street, Apt. 23,
Toronto, Ont.

Am deeply sorry to have to tell you that it is not going to be possible for me to be in Toronto on Sunday and present at christening. Despite every effort, I can see it is going to be quite impossible for me to get away. Hope you will understand. Love to all.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

Charge: Prime Minister's Office.

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February 9, 1942

Dear Uncle Willie,

Three thousand cheers and heartiest congratulations on tonight's by-election reports!!! I guess the people of Ontario showed Mitch Hepburn what they think of Canada's war effort in no uncertain terms. Margery and I and the Rean family are so delighted we can scarcely contain ourselves. It has certainly

I do hope your health continues to be good. The Japs will not be tending to make it any better, I have no doubt. Singapore seems to be in very deadly danger tonight.

God bless you, sir, in this really significant triumph today. I hope the royal Ontario gad-fly will realize that he has been effectively swatted and retire gracefully from the scene!

Margery joins with me in sending you, as ever, our very fondest love and best wishes.

Yours affectionately,

Bryce

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stress and ceaseless work.

I am well satisfied with the training I am receiving at St. Michael's. The place is short-staffed and some of the junior interns are beginning to show signs of chronic fatigue. I hope that this state will not too quickly develop into a mass exodus to join the army or airforce or the ones left behind will be groaning under a heavy burden indeed. The hospital remains full all the time.

I was much surprised at the news of Dr. Hogan's sudden passing. The Toronto General Hospital has had rather rotten luck with their superintendents. Pretty soon the position will gain the reputation of a jinx and nobody will want it.

afforded you a strong pillar of support at a time when Canadian unity is having a hard time to weather the storm. I know how happy and relieved you must be feeling tonight and we are all rejoicing with you in this manifest endorsement of Liberal policy and accomplishments.

The christening of the baby was a huge success as far as the young fellow's behaviour was concerned. We were all disappointed that you could not be there too but, of course, the impossibility of your getting away was quite obvious. Thank you so much for your telegram of good wishes and remembrance. Some day our son will treasure that message of good-will sent from amidst such

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March 17, 1942

My dear Lyon:

As no doubt you will recall, tommorrow will be the twentyeth anniversary of the day on which your father passed away. I am sending this little line just that you may know that I will have you and Arthur and your mother very much, as always in my thoughts on that sacred anniversary.

I like to think of the way in which you have fulfilled to the highest what I know was your father's hopes and expectations with respect to your career. You have carried on in a way that would greatly have delighted his heart. I am sure it brings infinite happiness to his spirit that you have carried on the best traditions of your profession and family associations.

I was sorry indeed not to have been able to be present at the christening of your little son, but was glad to learn from the letter received from you sometime later that all had gone so well on that occasion. I am hoping that the Easter Season may give me a day in Toronto, in which event I shall try to see you and Margery and the little lad.

I was glad to receive your letter of congratulations on the outcome of the by-elections in Quebec, Welland and Toronto. Nothing better could have happened for me personally, and, I believe, also for our country at this most terrible of all times in the world's history.

I am glad you continue to find your work at St. Michael's so interesting.

Please let this letter bring, as always, my love and best of wishes to Margery, the little boy, and yourself,

Dr. W. L. M. King,
581 Jarvis Street, Apt.23,
Toronto, Ont.

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581 Jarvis St.
Toronto, Ont.
March 31, 1942

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thank you so much for your letter written on March 17 in remembrance of Father. He was certainly very much in my thoughts, as was Mother also. Twenty years seems a very long time to look back upon; for me the two decades embodied in that 20 yrs. could not have been more different in circumstances

tance to the Service, never fear, for I realize we are all tiny cogs in a vast machine. But I do want to do everything in my power to secure a post where I can keep up, to some extent at least, my surgical practice.

I hope you are well and not finding the vexations Indian question too much of a worry. Life these days is certainly a long series of tangled problems.

Margery joins with me in sending you, as always, our affectionate wishes and fondest love.

Yours ever,

Lyon

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cerning the summer. I shall be staying on at St. Michaels throughout May and then taking a month's holidays in June. I have not decided yet whether to join the Army or Navy and am still in the process of gathering all the information I can. Unfortunately, little is to be learned of the Navy in Toronto as there is no district medical officer representing that service here. I am anxious to avoid being lost sight of in some obscure spot in the army medical service and never seeing any surgery after the trouble and expense I have been to to acquire a little technique and experience. I should like to visit both Army and Naval Headquarters at Ottawa and see the top men personally if I could. I am not overestimating my own impor-

and environment. Her devotion to his memory has had a lot to do with keeping Mother as well on the whole and so well able to carry out the various difficult tasks to which she has set her hand.

We were cheered indeed by the suggestion that you might find time to reach Toronto during the Easter season. We shall be very much looking forward to a visit with you at any time it can be arranged.

Margery will be moving into hospital tomorrow or the next day for the arrival of a new member of our family. We felt for a long time that Mackenzie needed a playmate and confidante. I guess he is very soon to get one.

There have been one or two minor changes in our plans con-

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St Michael's Hospital
Toronto. Ontario
April 17, 1942

Dear Uncle Willie

This is just a little line to tell you how much the potted plant that you sent me has added to the pleasure of my short stay in the hospital. It is beautiful and I expect to have it as a moments of your kindness for a young.

I do hope you'll be able to come to Toronto soon. We're all looking forward so much to seeing you again.

Many thanks again for your thoughtfulness in sending me such a beautiful plant.

With love

Margery.

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along beautifully and I've never felt better. We expect to go home from the hospital on Sunday. Lyon is well and tremendously proud of his new daughter.

Mackenzie is learning to talk very rapidly. He's had a new haircut which makes him look more like the "King" side of the family than ever. I think his resemblance to Lyon is amazing for a child so long time after I go home.

It was a great pleasure to hear your voice last Sunday and to know that you are keeping so well. I hope you had a pleasant and profitable visit in Washington. It certainly has been busy if newspaper accounts are any indication

Katherine is getting

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581 Jarvis St.
Toronto, Ont.
April 20, 1942

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thank you so much for your long-distance telephone call to Margery and myself. I carried out your instructions again in the very near future.

Fondest love as always.

Lyon

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without a hitch and very little noise. She seems much smaller than the boy was at her age but I find it rather hard to remember back that far.

Hope you enjoyed your chats with Roosevelt, if such deadly serious business as yours could be really "enjoyed".

We are looking forward to seeing you

concerning the flowers and got her a pot of mixed cineraria, begonia and petunia with some ~~green~~ foliage for $2.00. She was very greatly pleased by them and will have a lot of fun later on cutting them out and transplanting them from one pot to another.

The new baby has proved a great little person so far and carries on all her functions

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Toronto, Ont.
~~Aug~~ April. 25, 1942

Dear Uncle Willie,

We all enjoyed your radio talk very much last evening. This note is to convey to you the best wishes of all of us including the hope for a successful outcome of the plebiscite issue. I feel sure the vote will be affirmative by a large majority. My only fear is that a large negative

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the army seemed to me to be definitely unlikely to yield any change for surgical work for a long time to come so I have cast in my lot with the smaller service purposely.

Margery and Katherine are doing very well and rapidly becoming accustomed to each other.

Again with all good wishes and fondest love, Sam

Yours affectionately,

Lyon

vote in Quebec would be an influence favorable to dignity.

I have afefied for and been accepted by the Navy and will be enlisting around the 1st of July. An opportunity presented itself to get a definitely surgical appointment to the new base hospital at present being completed in Halifax. Captain McCallum wrote to Dr. Wallie asking him to recommend 3 men for the surgical staff of this hospital, 2 senior, and 1 junior. Wallie was kind enough to put forward my name for the junior appointment.

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May 23, 1942

Please forgive me for not sending you, before this, the Two Dollars ($2.00) which I now enclose. You certainly did not cause my account to be overdrawn in carrying out the small commission with which I charged you at the time of the birth of your little daughter.

I am now looking forward to seeing the little girl as well as the little boy and Margery and yourself. I must make sure that the chance comes before July the 1st.

I was much interested in learning that you had applied for and had been accepted by the Navy, and will be enlisting around the 1st of July. It seems to me the appointment is one which should afford further scope for your exceptional talents.

This is only a line of acknowledgment of your letters which have been much on my mind since their receipt but to which I have had no chance to reply until today.

Dr. W.L.M. King,
581 Jarvis Street,
Toronto,
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14 Binscarth Rd.
Toronto, Ont.
June 13, 1942

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have been away from St. Michael's Hospital for the past two weeks and have found the change very restful. Our plans for a vacation this month have gone awry owing to some trouble Margery has had with a chronic breast abscess following the birth of our daughter 2 mos. ago.

The abscess developed before she left hospital and, since then, she has been back in 3 times

full.

We are still looking forward to seeing you before the first of the month but I rather imagine your hands are so full with parliamentary matters and the conscription issue that any visit to Toronto would be almost out of the question.

Mother is very well and is planning to spend her summer quietly at home. Margery, fortunately, in spite of this trouble & here, has not been feeling very ill on the whole and has managed to keep going even if only at half speed.

This letters brings with it from us both our fondest love and best wishes as always,

Lyon

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remain here until and if I can make arrangements for them to come to Halifax too.

We had planned on spending a week, just the two of us, at one of the summer resorts on Lake Conchiching and were all set to go this week. The new operation upset the applecart. I'm afraid we'll have to forego that idea now as the expense of the hospital together with that of a nurse to help with the children has just about depleted our reserve entirely.

Arthur has been spending the past week in Toronto and we have seen quite a little of him. He looks well and is enjoying his brief holiday to the

for an operation, the last time being last Tuesday. In between visits she has not felt much like doing anything. I am hoping our troubles are over now although there is still a chance that the thing will come back again. If it does, she will have to lose the breast entirely.

I am planning to go on active service with the Navy on July 1st and will be leaving for Halifax the next day. We have already moved out of our apartment at 581 Jarvis St. and are back at Margery's parents' home on 14 Binscarth Rd. Margery and the children will

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June 20, 1942

My dear Lyon:

I was indeed sorry to learn that Margery has been so poorly. Do extend my deepest sympathy to her. I am sorry, too, that you both have been deprived of a vacation which you had planned before you leave for Halifax. I can appreciate all that the separation will mean, even for a time, to Margery and yourself, and also how much in need of a rest and change you both must be after a strenuous winter and spring. However, these are matters which lie largely beyond one's control, and one must comfort one's self with the thought that, in these days, most others are faring even worse amid the difficulties and misfortunes with which they have to contend.

I am afraid that the presence of the little children, as well as Margery and yourself, at Mr. and Mrs. Rean's home, must place a heavy burden on Margery's parents, especially as Mr. Rean is not too well. I am sure you will be careful to see that, whatever arrangement you may find it necessary to make, it will be one which will not bear too heavily upon them.

I would advise you very strongly against attempting to bring Margery and the children to Halifax until you have gone very fully into the difficulties of obtaining accommodation in that much over-crowded city, and what may be involved by way of expense. I feel, too, that living in Halifax may be running a risk in these times. It will be a miracle if some attack is not made upon the harbour or the city before the year is out. I know a good deal about the situation there, and cannot advise you too strongly to take account, in advance, of every possible task which, at a time of war, will be certain to involve.

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I wish I could get up to Toronto before you leave, but that chance seems to have more completely vanished than ever. I have been doing my best to get up to see your Aunt Jennie. You know how critical Mr. Lay's illness has been, and also how unwell Mrs. Lay has been. The call of duty has kept me here from day to day, and week to week, until now it has become from year to year.

You will, I think, find Halifax interesting in your work there, and I am sure will be of real service to the armed forces. I shall be interested in hearing more about it once you have entered upon active service. These are very serious times. We are passing this year through the most critical of all the months since the war began.

Please give my kindest remembrances to Mr. and Mrs. Rean, and my love to Margery. Thus far, not having had an opportunity to meet the little people, I doubt if they would appreciate a similar message from me to them.

Dr. W. L. M. King,
14 Binscarth Road,
Toronto, Ontario.

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14 Binscarth Rd.
Toronto, Ont.
June 23, 1942

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thank you for your letter which arrived yesterday and for its kind thoughts and advice.

I certainly do not intend to take Margery and the family to Halifax with me and you may be very sure I'll not bring them there without due

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deliberation and under favourable circumstances.

Margery and I attended the Russia Day rally at Varsity arena last evening and were delighted with Mrs. Brodrington's and Miss Thompson's speeches. They are both very powerful speakers.

Let me again send you our fondest love and best wishes.

Always yours affectionately

Ryon

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14 Binscarth Rd.
Toronto, Ont.
June 27, 1942

Dear Uncle Willie,

I registered for active service in the navy today and will be leaving for Halifax next Wednesday, July 1st. I find that it will be possible for me to leave Tuesday night on the Ottawa train and spend the next morning in Ottawa. By taking the afternoon train to Montreal, I should meet the over in Toronto and leave Wednesday morning as it should ordinarily do.

We are having Katherine Elizabeth christened tomorrow morning at Rosedale Church.

Fondest love as ever.

Affectionately,
Lyon

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same train going to Halifax that I would ordinarily take.

I hope in this way that it may be possible for me to pay you a very brief call, if only for a few minutes. I should like also to meet a few of the people at Naval Headquarters, although they may all be away and the H.Q. building closed for the holiday.

Please let me know if you will be entirely unable to see me on Wednesday morning, whether through the pressure of work or through some public function peculiar to July 1st. In that case, I'll wait

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Ottawa, June 29, 1942

Dr. W.L.M. King,
14 Binscarth Road,
Toronto, Ont.

Will be delighted to see you Wednesday morning. Lay will be at station on arrival of train. Every good wish to Margery and the children.

~~Uncle Willie.~~
W L Mackenzie King

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HALIFAX, N.S.

July 3, 1942

Dear Uncle Willie,

Your very great kindess to me in Ottawa and the trouble to which you put yourself ~~and~~ to arrange my meetings with Nelson, with the Hon. Angus Macdonald, and the visit to the House of Commons have left with me a glow of pleasure that will take a long time to diffuse away.

I had a most enjoyable trip to Halifax, long as it was, and made an interesting acquaintance with young Peter Cock.

I shall write full details of my doings in Halifax in the near future. Fondest love and best wishes as always,

Affectionately yours,

Lyon

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ADMIRALTY HOUSE
HALIFAX, N. S.

July 26, 1942

Dear Uncle Willie,

I am finding the Navy and navy life very much to my liking. From the medical standpoint, there is room for improvement but I can see the whole problem of Medicine in the armed forces: our job is to be prepared when the casualties start coming in. There is bound to be a great number of men in excess of work to do up to that time, so I am not fretting. Indeed, it feels pretty darn good to be on a salary which affords an income that is taxable! I've

can shoulder the terrific load you bear and still look as if he had nothing to do but amuse himself!

This letter brings with it, as always, my best wishes and fondest love.

Yours affectionately,

Lyon

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never been in that position before.

My job has been changed here from the dock-yard side-bay to the Royal Canadian Naval Hospital itself. I am in the Out-patient surgical department and am coming in contact with cases more directly in my own line.

Margery and the children are very well and happy. I am hoping that Margery alone will be able to visit Halifax for a month in September or October. We are both looking forward to it with much keenness.

I hope you continue to remain well and as fit as you were 4 weeks ago. It never ceases to amaze me that a man of your age

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Personal

Ottawa,
August 5, 1942

My dear Lyon:

I duly received your telegram of last night, regarding the illness of Dr. George Wilson, at St. Michael's Hospital.

I have had enquiry made at the Department of National Defence and find that arrangements have already been made to grant leave to Dr. Pierson Wilson. In fact, I understand they are going so far as to arrange bomber transportation for him, but presume the usual secrety will have to be given to this fact.

I was delighted to receive your letter telling me of your enjoyment of your present work. I had a long letter from your mother today. She, too, is greatly pleased at your success and Arthur's. Arthur, as you know, is now in Ottawa. I may be going to Toronto tonight, in which event I will be seeing Margery and the children. Lots of love.

Surgeon Lieut. W.L.M. King,
H.M.C.S. "Stadacona",
H.M.C. Dockyards,
Halifax, N.S.

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~~ADMIRALTY HOUSE~~
~~HALIFAX, N. S.~~

64 Pinecell St.
Halifax, N.S.
Aug. 11th, 1942

Dear Uncle Willie,

Thank you so much for your letter. It was a long time reaching me because it had to travel around to the various departments I'd been in. I was glad to know that Pierson Wilson would be able to get home so quickly to see his Father.

Since getting your letter I have had word from Margery & your surprise visit to them and I was absolutely delighted to know you had at last seen the children. They were all very thrilled to see you again. It is my sorrow that I couldn't be there with them and you.

I am glad to hear also that

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Arthur has visited with you and told you of his new work. He seems to be very happily situated now and it may be that he has found his life-work in this new type of research.

I am very well. I miss the family a lot but am hoping to have Margery with me in Halifax for a short time next month.

Best wishes and fondest love to you, as ever.

Yours affectionately,

Lyon

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August 17, 1942

Dear Lyon:

I am glad to have your further letter from Halifax.

I would have written you of the Toronto visit had I had a moment in which to do so. Suffice it to say that I was greatly pleased to see Margery again and to meet both children. I thought the little boy a lad of real promise. He is sturdy, strong and active, and should develop into a fine young man. The wee girl is too small for me to make very much out of her one way or the other. I have no doubt, however, that she will prove to be a lovely child and a great joy to your home.

I have had one or two glimpses of Arthur but, thus far, have not been able to have any real conversation with him. I am hoping, however, to have this chance ere long.

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I am glad to know you are
enjoying your work so much.

Surgeon Lieutenant W. L. M. King,
R. C. N.,
64 Russell Street,
Halifax,
Nova Scotia.

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September 1, 1942

My dear Lyon:

You may recall having sent me one Christmas an enlargement of a snapshot of a part of a ruin at Kingsmere, the part which has the coat of arms over the fireplace.

On Monday last, Sir Ian Fraser, M.P., who is blind, was much interested in my description of the ruin. He asked me if it would be possible to obtain a photograph of the coat of arms over the fireplace. The only one I have is the picture which you sent me and which is a very beautiful one.

Do you think you could discover the negative and let me have the lend of it so that I may get one or two copies reproduced.

I hope all is going well with you.

Surgeon Lieut. W.L.M.King, R.C.N.,
64 Russell Street,
Halifax, N. S.

MK/Z

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is here. It is the first time since the early days & our marriage that we've been alone together away from the children.

Fondest love and affectionate regards from us both as always.

Lyon

ADMIRALTY HOUSE
HALIFAX, N. S.

Sept. 7, 1942

Dear Uncle Willie,

I received with great interest your request for the negative & the coat & arms over the fireplace in the Kingsmere ruins. Margery arrived in Halifax two days ago to spend a three-week visit with me away from the children so I can't get her help in locating the negative which is in Toronto.

The negative you want is included in a roll & 36 exposures like a small movie reel. This roll contains all the pictures we took of the ruins and

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there are two exposures of the coat of arms ; one shows the whole fire-place, the other is a close-up of the coat itself.

We shall write to Margery's sister, Nora, to pick out the proper roll and send it to you. By holding the film strip up to the light you will be able yourself to pick out easily the negative you want and any size enlargement you like can be made from the small negative at any photographic establishment.

Margery's arrival has been a great event for both of us and we expect to have a very restful and enjoyable sojourn together while she

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Personal

Ottawa,
September 11, 1942

Dear Lyon:

Thank you so much for arranging to have me loaned the negative requested in my last letter. When you write to "Nora" please thank her for her helpful co-operation.

I am glad to know that Margery is with you. I hope that you will both have a very restful time together during the course of her sojourn in Halifax.

Fondest love to you both.

Surgeon Lieut. W. L. M. King, R.C.N.V.R.,
H.M.C.S. "Stadacona",
Halifax, N.S.

P.S. I suppose Arthur has given you the good news. I have been very glad to learn of it.

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Ottawa,
September 24, 1942

Dear Dr. King:

The Prime Minister has asked me to return to you, under separate cover, with sincere thanks, the roll of film which you were kind enough to send on to him recently.

Mr. King wishes me to let you know that the reproductions he had made of the Ruins, at Kingsmere, turned out beautifully.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Surgeon-Lt. W.L.M. King,
64 Russell Avenue,
Halifax, N.S.

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Dear Uncle Willie

Now that we're back home again the perfectly glorious week-end that we spent with you in Ottawa seems almost a dream. I think the unexpectedness of the visit made it even more of a treat, if possible, than if we had been planning it for some

Lyon has been away at the hospital all day to-day - However, I know that, if he has not already done so, he will be sending you a note at the earliest opportunity - to add his thanks to mine. It was a week-end that will live long in our memories

with best love

Margery

581 Jarvis St.,
Toronto, October 27th.

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Time.

We were so pleased to be able to spend so much time with you and appreciate - what you did to make that possible. It was very kind of you to invite Dr & Mrs Pleaves to dinner. They were very thrilled, not only at the opportunity to meet you & your kindness to them but also at ~~He~~ seeing Laurier Haine and your many

treasures there.

We had a very pleasant and uneventful trip home. We took our time arriving here about ten in the evening. We enjoyed very much the lunch that Mary and MacLeod packed. Will you thank them for that and all their other kindnesses during the week-end. I'll have the thermos bottle packed and send it back within the course of the next few days.

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Box 28, Bedford
Nova Scotia
Dec. 21, 1942

Dear Uncle Willie,

This little note at this Christmas season is to bring to you from Margery and myself our affectionate regards and fondest love. We think of you very often these days and wonder whether your many tasks are taxing your strength too heavily.

Your radio-talk on Dec. 16 over this Christmas. We are planning on having several people in for dinner on Christmas day and, with the tree and the children, the day promises to be a memorable one.

We added a small dog (mongrel variety) to our family a week ago but there is some question as to which will commit the greater mayhem on the other — the dog or the boy!

With all best wishes, dear Uncle Willie, for a Merry Christmas and a happy and successful year ahead. Yours affectionately, from

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back out again at night by a man who lives fourdoors away from us and works in the same hospital I'm stationed at.

The work at the hospital falls in very own line and I'm eminently satisfied with it. Nelson Hay is a patient of the surgical department here at the moment and I had a little visit with him the day before yesterday. He looks very well indeed.

The news from Mother and Arthur is good. I shall miss the two of them more than

seemed to me, and to many of my friends, an expert handling of a most difficult and delicate subject. I feel that people throughout the country will be far more inclined to get behind you and cut down on their liquor consumption than if there had been any kind of prohibition.

We are all very well and feel ourselves to be quite happily located in Bedford. I get a lift into town every morning and

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December 21, 1942

Dear Lyon and Margery:

I know you already have one or two of my photographs, but I hope you will not mind accepting another with my best of wishes to you both for the Christmas Season and for the New Year.

The photograph I am sending is one which was taken in my library at Laurier House. It has associations which, in years to come, will be of historic interest. The table at which the photograph is taken is one at which I have done most of my work for the last forty years. The ink-stand in the centre of the table is one which was presented to me by Their Majesties the King and Queen at the time of their visit to Laurier House, Queen Elizabeth placing it in positio on the table with her own hands. The papers are some of the war communications and despatches, and there are other features of special interest of which I shall have to tell you at some future time.

One can never say how long one may continue to be in office. This picture, being taken at a time of war, and signed by

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myself while in office as Prime Minister, will make it, I am sure, an acceptable gift to you both. I shall be pleased if you will accept it with my fondest love and best of wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Along with this picture, I am sending, for Mackenzie, one of the Prime Minister on horseback. It has been almost sixty-five years on the way but, on that account, will be none the less welcome I am sure. Please give it to Mackenzie with my love and best of wishes for Christmas and for the years to come.

Katherine Elizabeth is perhaps a little too small to see much of any use in a photograph. Instead, would you please secure for her, with the tiny enclosure which also goes with this letter, a little gift, and give it to her with my love and best of wishes.

It makes me very happy to think that you will all be together at this season enjoying Christmas in your own home in the suburbs of Halifax. I am glad, too, to think of Lyon serving his country at this time of war as Lieutenant Surgeon in the Royal Canadian Navy. That, I know, is as his father would have wished it to be.

To one and all I send my fondest love and best of wishes for Christmas Day and the New Year.

Surgeon Lieutenant
and Mrs. W. L. M. King,
Bedford,
Nova Scotia.

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Ottawa,
December 26, 1942

My dear Lyon:

I was so pleased to receive on Christmas morning your loving little letter which came from Margery and yourself, as well as your very precious gift. No gift could have brought me more pleasure than the one you have sent to me, with all that it expresses of your present life, interests and work, and of your little home in Bedford, Nova Scotia. I shall treasure it always.

I am glad you liked my broadcast on temperance. It is really a sad thing to see how much of our war effort is being undermined by an excessive and wholly unnecessary use of alcoholic beverages.

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I am glad to hear you have a small dog. He will be a great companion for the little lad.

Please let this letter bring to you and Margery, and to little Mackenzie and Catherine my every loving good wish for the New Year.

Surgeon Lieut. W. L. M. King,
P. O. Box 28,
Bedford, N.S.

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next chance I may get
to see you again.

With fondest love from
us all and best of wishes
for a Happy New Year, I
am, as always,

Affectionately yours,

Lyon

Box 28, Bedford, N.S.
December 28, 1942

Dear Uncle Willie,

The photographs were perfectly delightful. Both arrived safely and they looked beautiful in their frames. We were particularly taken with the picture of you as a 3 yr. old. At first glance I thought it was Gatten — you certainly have a strong resemblance to one another

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will the boy his picture
& you.

We had a most happy
christmas and the pres-
ence at our dinner table
& four & our friends
just made it perfect.

All is well and I'm
glad to get back to work.
I'm wondering what your
thoughts are concerning
the Meighen - Bracken "deal".
I'm looking forward with
greatest anticipation to the

at that time. Your recent
photograph & you at your desk in
Laurier House is a dandy
and the attractive ivory
frame has made it one
& our most distinguished
possessions.

Thank you so much
for your thought for the little
boy and again for the baby
girl. We decided to put
Katherine's dollar into her
very first War Savings Cer-
tificate ; she'll prize it
highly in later years as

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Box 28, Bedford,
Nova Scotia
Feb. 25, 1943

Dear Uncle Willie,

Margery and I are following the doings in Parliament with great interest and are pulling for you all the time even though we know you are well able to take care of yourself. It is only occasionally that it comes home to me what an extraordinarily difficult position you are in as the governmental leader of a country who can only, by virtue of her small population, play a relatively minor part in this global war and yet whose people feel they have as much say as anyone else in how things should be run, including the war. In the opinion of most of us in the services

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you are the only man in Canada who could make that position tenable.

My work is continuing uninterruptedly and I must admit I feel far removed from the war and all the inconvenience and misery it carries with us. Margery and the children have made a home for me in Bedford that far outstrips anything I have enjoyed to date. They are all well and happy and, except for a few minor colds, have weathered the winter without mishap. The little girl has reached the crawling stage and is ~~eats~~ giving her mother all the satisfaction that her heart craved for in a baby. The little boy is advancing in huge strides and we are beginning to understand each other without having to resort to words.

Mother seems to be getting

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along well in Denver and has had quite enough work this winter to keep her independent and busy.

Arthur is planning to be married sometime in May as you probably know as and we are both hoping to have Mother with us on that occasion.

Margery joins with me in sending you as always our love and affectionate regards.

Yours as ever,

Lyon

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April 5, 1943

My dear Margery:

I heard indirectly last night that Lyon had not been well and that he had been obliged to give up his work for a short time and was at sea on a destroyer by way of getting a change. Naturally, this word has made me quite anxious, and not being sure just where Lyon would be, I have thought it best to write you direct instead of writing to him.

Some weeks ago, I received a letter from Lyon, very cheerful and bright in every way. I have been meaning to answer it, but have been so pressed that there has been little or no time for correspondence. Before I send an answer, perhaps you would let me know exactly how Lyon is.

I learned from Arthur today that the date of his wedding has been fixed for May 20th - the marriage

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to take place at Trinity Chapel, Toronto University. I hardly know what to think of his venture, but pray it will turn out all for the best.

My love to you and Lyon and the children. I do hope Lyon will soon be quite strong again.

Yours affectionately,

Mrs. W. L. M. King,
Box 28,
Bedford,
Nova Scotia.

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hearts. I am looking forward eagerly to seeing you again.

Fondest love from us all,

Lyon

CANADIAN SPIRIT OF MEN IN BONDS Y·M·C·A

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Box 28. Bedford
May 12. 1943

Dear Uncle Willie,

I am hoping to be present at Arthur's wedding a week from tomorrow as best man and am planning to fly to Ottawa on Saturday coming for a short visit with him. We will go to Toronto together, probably on Monday or Tuesday.

I hope you will have a few available minutes in which we may talk over the many things that ~~do~~ lie close to our

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Bedford, N.S.
June 15. 1943

Dear Uncle Willie,

I have not written to thank you for your kindness to Arthur and me during our recent visit to Kingsmere and to Laurier House and am much ashamed of myself. It was delightful seeing you again and finding you looking so fit - albeit a bit more tired than last summer. I hope you enjoyed your visit to Washington as much as you were among many of your friends and loved ones as possible to enjoy it with us.

It was a great pleasure seeing & talking with you again. We enjoyed the dinner at Kingsmere & the night at Laurier House very much and your staff took particularly good care of us. Thank you so much.

Mother, Margery & the children join with me in sending our fondest love and best wishes.

Ever yours affectionately,

Lyon

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is just her old sweet self now the same as I've always known her.

June 8?. The day after she arrived I was drafted to a destroyer, the "St. Croix", and was very pleased at the prospect of getting in one or two months of sea time. It is an experience I shall look back on always with a glow of pride.

We are expecting the Reans to be here within the next two weeks for a visit with us and it will be a grand old reunion. This house we have in Bedford is such a beautiful place in the summertime that we want as

ticipating. We are all looking forward to great things as the result of that conference.

The wedding went off beautifully and Arthur & Kay are now back in Ottawa and getting along quite well.

Mother arrived in Bedford at the beginning of last week and is getting a great thrill out of it. I took her down to the harbour yesterday to view the freighters and the warcraft. She had a hard winter and it left its mark on her but she seems to be gaining new strength every day and

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My dear Margery:

Knowing that your mother was with you, and having had the one or two talks which we had together over the long distance phone, I have delayed much longer in writing to you than I had intended to do.

Having received the word of the St. Croix battle in the North Atlantic just at the moment that members from all parts of Canada were meeting in Ottawa, with my public duties what they are right along, and with gatherings at which I had to speak, I had to be careful not to allow any emotional strain to get the better of me in meeting different situations as they might arise. I have just had to wait for the moment that might be opportune to send a written word to you. Fortunately, I know how completely I can rely upon your understanding in these matters, for your experience will be similar to my own, only in infinitely greater measure.

I was so pleased to hear you say that, later on, after necessary and immediate adjustments had been made, you would like to come down to Ottawa, when we can quietly have a talk together at Laurier House. Until we have that opportunity, I feel it is just as well not to attempt saying very much by way of correspondence. You know the little phrase of

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George Eliot's: "Speech is but broken light on the depths of the unspoken". It is particularly appropriate and doubly significant to each of us at this time.

The purpose of this letter is just to let you know that you continue to be constantly in my thoughts, and that in my heart I am sharing your sorrow in very full measure. I have followed the lives of both Lyon and Arthur so closely from the days of their infancy and, where opportunity has afforded from time to time, have shared particularly with Lyon's mother and yourself so much of what was of deepest interest and concern to him and to his present and future that, next to his mother and yourself, I imagine it is easier for me than for any other of Lyon's relations to appreciate the significance of all that his life and its sacrifice in the cause of world freedom means to you and to all others at this time.

The veil which conceals the spiritual universe, which we refer to as the Beyond, is to our blind eyes so impenetrable that we often fail to see even the stars which, in the physical universe, continue to shine through the cypress trees. I am sure that if we knew all we would not seek or wish to change God's designs in our lives. That there is some great design in the part which it was given Lyon to play in this great struggle of the overthrow of Evil by Good, I am as convinced as it is possible to be in any belief. You and I will see that design more clearly as the years go by. It may well relate to the future of the little lad who bears his father's name as well as mine. Of this we can be perfectly sure: that

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Lyon will be watching over him and his little sister and yourself, influencing your thoughts and the future of your lives in a way more intimate and powerful than was possible when he was here in bodily presence at your side.

I am not going to attempt to say more at present, as I would like to leave this thought with you and to feel that I am sharing it with you, for it is one that has brought me very great consolation.

Do please give my kindest remembrances to Mrs. Rean and the expressionnof my deepest sympathy.

With my deepest sympathy and love
Yours affectionately
W. L. Mackenzie King

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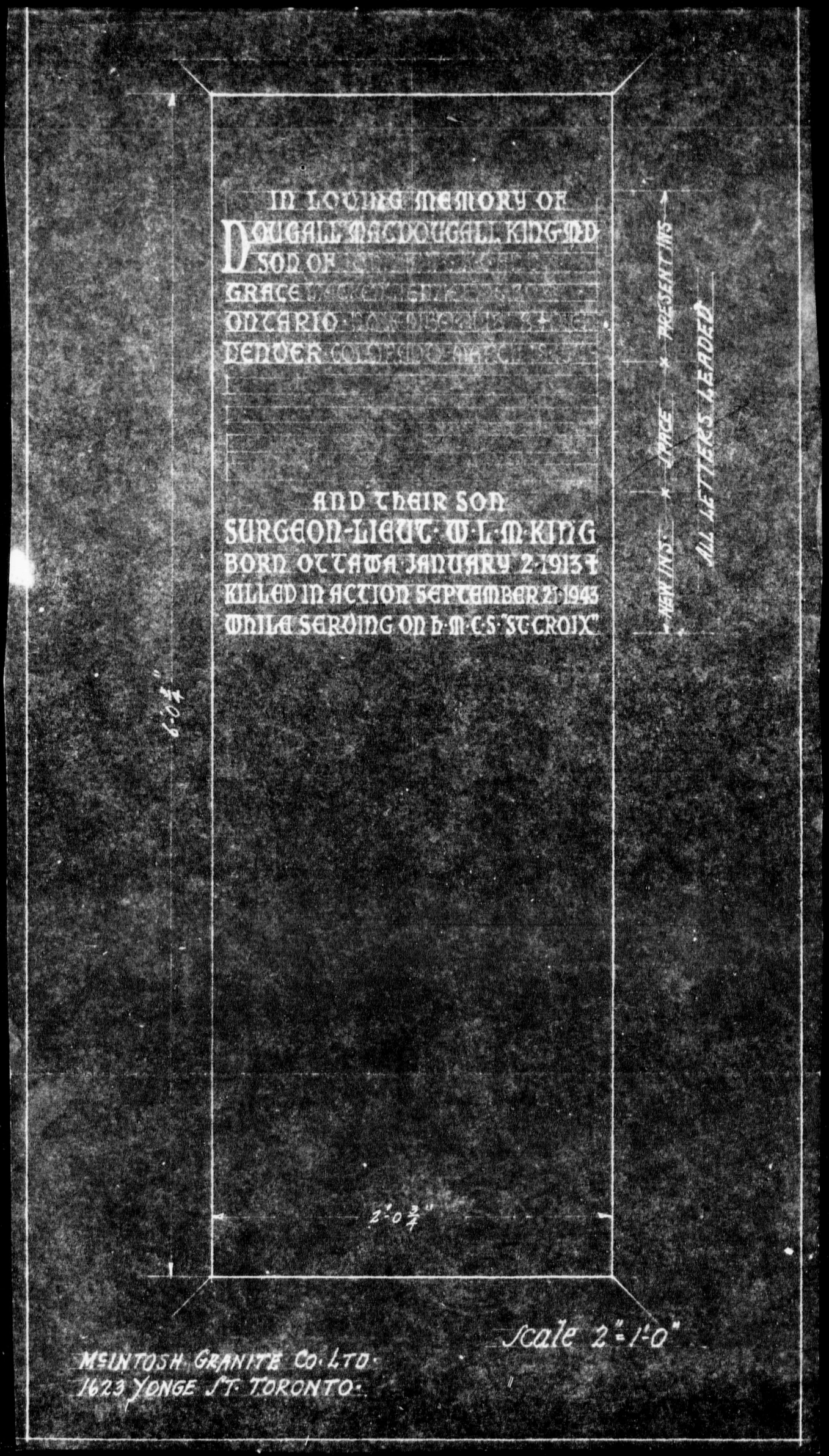

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October 18, 1943

My dear Margery:

I enclose herewith a letter intended for you. I am sorry that, before noticing to whom it was addressed, I had cut the envelope. I amsorry for this and also because the letter will have been so long on its way before reaching you.

Mrs. W. L. M. King,
Box 28,
Bedford, N. S.

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14 Binscarth Rd
Toronto Ont
Oct 28, 1943

Dear Uncle Willie

I had intended to write you long before now but in the turmoil of getting packed up in Bedford and unpacked here, there doesn't seem to have been a moment for letter writing. I did so appreciate — your phone calls & letter. The knowledge of your faith that all things

I am going to spend the winter here with the family and probably go up to Lake Couchiching for the summer so that I will have a year to decide what I want to do in the future. It's a difficult decision and I'm very anxious not to rush into anything that I might regret later.

With love and best wishes

Sincerely

Margery.

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has her Y.W.C.A. board meeting Nov. 18th but I could leave here anytime after that that you would like to have me come. I know how very busy you are and I don't want to add further to your burdens so if its not convenient to have me I hope you won't hesitate to say so. I would love to see you, though, and I would just fit my visit into odd spare moments that you might have.

work according to some plan has been a great comfort to me. It's certainly hard to see "why" but I've found that if I think about things very much I can't do what has to be done so I'm just living for the moment.

I'm looking forward to spending a few days with you in Ottawa sometime at your convenience. Mother

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November 2, 1943

My dear Margery:

I was so glad to receive a day or two ago your letter of October the 28th and to know that you and the little children are now in Toronto. I need not tell you that though I sent but one letter to you while you were still in Bedford, you were constantly in my thoughts. I knew that you were preparing to return to Toronto and that I would hear from you soon after you had reached your home there.

I think you are very wise not to attempt, at the present, to make any decision as to the future. What you have planned seems to me wholly the right course to follow.

I shall be glad indeed to have you come to Laurier House at any time that may best suit your convenience after the 18th. If, meanwhile, any situation should arise which might make that particular time less convenient either for you or for myself, than some other, we can let each other know. I am hoping by the time

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you come Arthur and Kathleen may have found it possible to get into the little apartment which they have planned to take and which is almost across the street from Laurier House. I know what it will mean to them to have you in Ottawa and how glad they will be to see you.

I shall wait until we meet to speak of the many things which we will wish to talk over together. Please give my kindest remembrances to your father and mother. I feel very deeply for each of them, as I do for you and the little children. I know what Mr. and Mrs. Rean's anxieties have been. Please believe that the added ~~share~~ of sorrow which you are all sharing at the present time is ever present to my mind.

Mrs. W. L. M. King,
c/o W. C. Rean, Esq.,
14 Binscarth Road,
Toronto, Ont.

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14 Binscarth Rd
Toronto. Nov. 15, 1943

Dear Uncle Willie

I had intended to answer your very kind note before now but have been waiting for things to become clarified a little here. Dad had intended to take a trip to Western Ontario and I wanted to be here during his absence. However, he has decided not to go until December so I shall be free then

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anytime.

Would November 26th be convenient for me to come to Ottawa? If not, I do hope you'll say so and we'll arrange another time. I am looking forward to seeing you very much, and to having a really good visit.

Yours affectionately

Margery.

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It was nice hearing your voice over the radio last evening. M.

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for the Christmas season and for 1944.

Affectionately

Margery

14 Binscarth Rd
Toronto, Dec 16th

file

Dear Uncle Willie

This is just a little note to wish you happiness on your birthday. I'm not sure whether you are back in Ottawa yet but if not. When you receive this you will know that I was thinking of you.

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making a few plans for Christmas centered largely around the children. I wish I could go to sleep and wake up to find it about Jan 10th — Lonesome. Things just don't work that way. We are expecting Nora & Gordon for a few days so that will be very pleasant.

May this convey to you my best wishes

I enjoyed the broadcast very much and have heard several people here say that they thought it one of your most forceful & best speeches. I was so glad to hear that you had managed to get a few days rest and relaxation in Virginia.

We are busy here

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December 19, 1943

My dear Margery:

On my birthday I received from Senator Cairine Wilson a very kind letter of birthday greetings. I do not know that I can do better by way of telling you of the nature of the gift enclosed than to send on the letter to you, together with its two enclosures. I am, therefore, enclosing all three herewith.

Perhaps at a convenient moment you would drop a line to Senator Wilson just letting her know that the enclosures have been duly received. You, I think, know one of Senator Wilson's daughters very well. They are all great friends of the Wishart Robertsons.

Mrs. W. L. M. King,
c/o Walter C. Rean, Esq.,
14 Binscarth Road,
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Copy of letter written by hand by the Prime Minister

Laurier House

Ottawa

December 20th, 1943

My dear Margery:

You have been very much in my thoughts all through the last few days. I know what Christmas is certain to mean to you; for the memories of past years will be much in your mind and ~~he~~ will ~~be with you~~ more than ever. I want you to know that I understand what you will be feeling, and that, in large measure, I am sharing your sense of loss.

It must have seemed to you very selfish on my part to have had to postpone your little visit to me, and then for me to go off and take a rest and change in a foreign land. When I tell you, however, that I was completely exhausted, and on the point of what seemed to be a nervous collapse; and that I have not had what one could call a three days vacation in seven years, you, too, will understand. The change did me good, but I have since wished that I had remained here to complete some of the many obligations I have to meet before the year is out. However, I shall hope to see you at a week-end at Laurier House, either before, or very shortly after parliament re-assembles in the New Year.

I wish I knew what to send you and the little children as a little remembrance for Christmas. Unfortunately, there is little to choose from in this city, and, what is worse, I have neither the time nor the strength to go in search of gifts at the Christmas Season. Perhaps it would give most pleasure to the little children and yourself were I to leave it to you to select for them, and for yourself something that you and they might like to have. A tiny gift for the little lad from his "granduncle" and a still tinier one for the little girl also from her grand-uncle, and with the little that is left some slight remembrance for yourself from "uncle Willie". In the hope that you will do this, I should be grateful if you would accept the small enclosure of this letter, with my fondest love and best of wishes to all for the Christmas Season and the New Year.

I received your letter of birthday and Christmas greetings and good wishes on my birthday anniversary. It gave

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me much pleasure to know that you had me in your thoughts. I shall be thinking of you on Christmas Day, and of the little children, and my tenderest thoughts will be going out to you all.

Will you please let this letter bring my Christmas and New Year's best of wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Rean and also to "Nora" and "Gordon". I am so glad you are all to be together at Christmas-tide, and I hope that the message of Christmas, and all it has meant in the world - not least the sacrifice that dear Lyon himself has made to help save the world - will bring much of joy and comfort to your heart. Surely, surely, we are entitled to think of him as a young Saviour, a true follower of the Christ Who was born to redeem the world. You may be sure that on Christmas morning, his voice will be that of one of the herald angels, of the New World that is to be.

With love to the children and yourself, and again with every good wish,

Yours affectionately,

(Signed) W.L. Mackenzie King

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Dear Uncle Willie -

Thank you very much for your kind Christmas letter with its enclosed gift which I received a few days ago. I appreciate them both very much. I have purchased some gramaphone records for the children as your present to them and shall buy myself something at some later date.

I also appreciate

I hope that your health continues to be good and that the load of governmental duties may lessen a little as we draw nearer to victory.

Affectionately

Margery

December 30th
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I was very pleased to have a little visit with Arthur & Kay. I thought Art was looking particularly well.

We have had a great deal of snow here but have managed to keep ourselves dug out - in fact I think we're better off than the people right in Toronto for the snow plow goes through here regularly.

May this take with it my best wishes for the New Year.

very much the gifts for the children from Senator Wilson. I have written to her acknowledging them.

We had a very happy Christmas here. The children were mildly excited about Santa Claus and as it was the first year that Kathie was old enough to appreciate things, they added greatly to the pleasure of the day. We had Gordon's father, mother & grandmother with us for the day so had a large "family"

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Ottawa, January 17, 1944

Mrs. W.L.M. King,
c/o Mrs. W.C. Rean,
14 Binscarth Road,
Toronto, Ont.

I expect to be in Toronto on Wednesday. Am looking forward to seeing you during course of afternoon and to arrange, if possible, to have you take tea or dinner with me on my car. Will get in touch with you during the day.

W.L. Mackenz e King

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=PRIME MINISTER OTTAWA ONT=

=WILL BE DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU TOMORROW=

=MARGERY.

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R.R. #1
York Mills, Ont.
March 19. 1944

Dear Uncle Willie

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the House of Commons Debate for March 9th. I was very much interested in the entire navy report as well as the particular part about the St. Croix.

I have been intending to write you for several days to tell you that we

to this military district and he and Nora are home temporarily so we really have a houseful. We're also looking forward to a visit from Lyon's mother very soon.

I hope that you're completely recovered from the cold that you had when here. We've all had colds during the past month but are better now.

Many thanks again for thinking of me in connection with the House Debate

Affectionately yours

Margery.

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moved last week. For some time Dad has been looking for a house in the country and about the middle of February found just what he had been searching for, so bought it. The house is situation on Sheppard Ave in North York — about 1½ miles north of the city limits and 1 mile east of Yonge St. The house is very old, built in 1855, but was completely remodelled last year so combines

all the desireable modern features with the beautiful old woodwork and high ceilings to be found only in the older houses. We have twelve acres with very beautiful trees including a number of apples, lots of garden space and a very modern new chicken house.

It's going to be simply grand for the children and will give me a very definite interest as the chickens are going to be my responsibility.—

Gordon has been posted

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March 23, 1944

My dear Margery:

I was very pleased to receive your letter the other morning, and to have the little talk I had with you over the 'phone. For some weeks past, I have been planning to have you come down for a weekend, but each time, as the end of the week approached, I found myself with fresh obligations for the following week, and so put off and off.

I had learned from Arthur a night or two before that your father had bought a place in the country and that you had moved there. I had come in the library, intending to 'phone you, to ask if you would be free to come this weekend, when, among the letters on the table, yours was at the top. I opened and read it before telephoning to you.

Had it been possible for you to come down this weekend, I

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should,of course, have been delighted, but, as it is, it will I believe be all the better in the end if your visit is postponed until I have a little more freedom.

As I told you, I shall be going to London shortly, and what I have to overtake meanwhile is quite beyond words. Also, the warmer weather will be a pleasanter time than the present for you to be here, as it will give us a chance to share a little time at Kingsmere as well as at Laurier House in the city.

I am immensely interested in what you have told me of your father's new home in the country and what you have in mind for the children and yourself there. While life will be very different in some respects from that of the city, and from the interests which have been specially yours in the last few years, it is, in many other respects, almost ideal. There is nothing that appeals to me more than the country. The thought of an orchard, a garden, chickens, and the like, seem to me, if combined with

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opportunities for reading and reflection, the best of all modes of existence. Your father has been particularly fortunate in securing this residence - one of old style of beauty, but up to date in its improvements.

I had not meant to have the Hansard sent on tocyou until I had a chance to write. This, as I have mentioned, I have been intending to do at the earliest opportunity. I am sorry that it reached you without any word from me accompanying it.

This afternoon, while out walking, I met a lady who stopped me to congratulate me on the work the government is doing. She went on to inquire for you, spoke of your family, and later mentioned that one of your sisters had been in some fencing classes at the university of which she also was a member. I quite enjoyed our little talk together, but I have yet to discover her name. I was unwilling to let her know that I could not recall it. You will probably know who she was. She has a happy countenance - round face and wore glasses, and of medium height.

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When Lyon's mother comes to visit you, please give her my love, and let her know that I received her letter in answer to a recent telegram sent to her. It will be a consolation to both of you to have a good talk together.

With kindest remembrances to your father and mother, and Nora and her husband, and much love to yourself,

Believe me, dear Margery,

Yours affectionately,

"Uncle" Willie.

Mrs. W. L. M. King,
R. R. No. I,
York Mills,
Ontario.

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Night letter Ottawa, April 7, 1944

Mrs. W.L.M. King,
R. R. No. 1,
York Mills, Ont.

Dear Margery: You and the little children are much in my thoughts at this Easter Season. May its message bring much comfort to your heart. Easter greetings to all.

Mackenzie King

Charge: Prime Minister's Office

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R R # 1
York Mills
April 14. 1944

Dear Uncle Willie.

It was so good of you to phone me Easter Sunday and to send me the telegram. Your thoughtfulness is very heart-warming and means a great future. I do hope that it is a happy and satisfactory time for you and that it doesn't tire you too much. We take my best wishes for a successful journey with you

Affectionately

Margery

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I was talking to you but expect that she will be out to spend a few days with us early next week.

From the news papers I gather that the trip to London will take place in the near deal to me particularly at this time.

I was so sorry to hear the news of Uncle Harry. I hope the news from Barrie continues to be good.

I haven't seen Lyon's mother since

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RR#1, York Mills
June 25th, 1944

Dear Uncle Willie-

I have been meaning to write for some time to add the "Reans" congratulations to the very many that I know you have received on the success of your London visit. We were all very thrilled by your speech to the Houses of Lords & Commons and I was delighted to receive the copy that you sent me last week.

I have delayed writing because I hoped to be able to tell you something of my

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summer plans. I
expect to go down to Nova
Scotia early in August
and wondered if by any
chance it would be
convenient for me to
visit you in Ottawa
over the week-end of
August 5th & 6th. I
realize that you probably
can't tell this far
ahead what you will
be doing at that time
but if it is convenient
I would love to see
you. If not, possibly
I could stop overnight
on my way back to
Toronto sometime about

the first of September.

We have been very busy
here all spring but the
gardens is finally planted
in spite of all the rain
and the chickens are
thriving. Life in the
country is certainly the
thing for me as well
as for the children. We
are all in the best of
health and I'm beginning
to get adjusted mentally.

If its not convenient
for you to have me I
do hope you will say
so. I know how very
busy you are and
will understand.

Affectionately

Margery.
King

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Copy of letter to Mrs. D. Macdougall King dated July 6th enclosed.

Personal

July 8, 1944

My dear Margery:

I enclose a copy of a letter which I sent to May a day or two ago. I felt I would like you to see what I had written in case May might be communicating further with you.

The more I think over what is appropriate and right, the more I feel a family is a family and that you owe it not less to your children than to yourself that no steps should be taken which, looking into the future even more than to the past, might lead to any misunderstanding or embarrassment.

What I mean to say is that you will wish to keep Lyon's name associated with your own and that of your children in any memorial which will be of a family nature. The commemoration of Lyon's name in a tablet by itself would be another matter. If the tablet were erected by Lyon's mother or by yourself as his wife, or by myself or any other person, the names of those responsible for the tablet might, if so desired, appropriately

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appear upon it. What is appropriate on the headstone of a grave is another matter and has to be considered in all its relationships, if there is not to be in two or more cemeteries more than one record of family connection and the relationships of life and death.

I am sorry to have again to bring this matter to your attention but May's request has made this necessary, and you may have to take quite strongly your own position. As I see it, there is only one way in which matters of the kind can be satisfactorily dealt with, and that is on the score of what is appropriate and right in all respects.

I hope you are not finding the heat too intense. I am glad you are in the country and that you like it so well.

My best of wishes to all and love to yourself,

Yours very sincerely,

Mrs. W.L.M. King,
R. R. No. 1,
York Mills, Ontario.

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R.R.#1. York Mills
July 31st, 1944

Dear Uncle Willie -

I had intended to write you before now but I have been unusually busy trying to get some extra things done up before leaving for the Maritimes. I found that my plans evolved out best if I left there next week-end as originally scheduled but moved like very much to stop off in Ottawa on my way home if it is convenient for you. I am planning on leaving Bedford about the first of September and could be in Ottawa over Labour Day week-end or over-night early that week.

here direct if you have not already done so. I appreciate very, very much your kindness and thoughtfulness about the memorial.

I'm looking forward very much to seeing you.

Affectionately

Margery

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her in which she expressed her willingness to fit in with anything that seemed suitable. In reply I told her that I had thought of the possibility of some memorial to have in Rosedale Church but that I didn't want to do anything about it until I was sure that what I did was what both the children & I would want in later years. I also said that I saw no reason why anything that I might want to do would interfere in any way with having his name on his father's stone if that was what she wanted. I have not heard from her since that letter but you will doubtless hear from her.

If it is not convenient for you to have me I hope you won't hesitate to say so for I know how very busy you are. We were all very pleased, as I'm sure you were, with the support given your family allowance bill.

I am planning on being in Halifax with Dr. & Mrs Carl Stoddard at 13 South Street until about Aug 15th and after that with Mrs. J. W. Graham in Bedford.

I was very glad to receive the copy of the letter that you sent Mrs King with reference to the memorial to have. I had a very nice letter from

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Aug 27th. 1944
Bedford N.S.
c/o Mrs J.W. Graham

Dear Uncle Willie-

This is just a short note to tell you that my plans have been changed a little. I am not going to be able to see one of my friends here until Labour Day week-end so am planning on arriving in Montreal at noon on Tuesday September 5th. If it is convenient for you I could come up to Ottawa that afternoon

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and go on to Toronto
The next day— or if you
would prefer we could
leave the "Ottawa" visit
until some week-end
later on. I would be
sorry not to see you
but I know how very
busy you are at the
present time. I was
glad to see in the news-
paper that you had
managed to have a short
vacation yourself. I have
had a most enjoyable time
renewing old friendships
and the rest has done me
a world of good.

Affectionately,
Margery.

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Day letter

Ottawa, August 30, 1944

Mrs. W.L.M. King,
c/o Mrs.J.W. Graham,
Bedford, N.S.

Your letter August 27th just received. Will be delighted to have you arrive Ottawa Tuesday afternoon September 5th. Please advise time of arrival and by which railway line. All good wishes.

Mackenzie King

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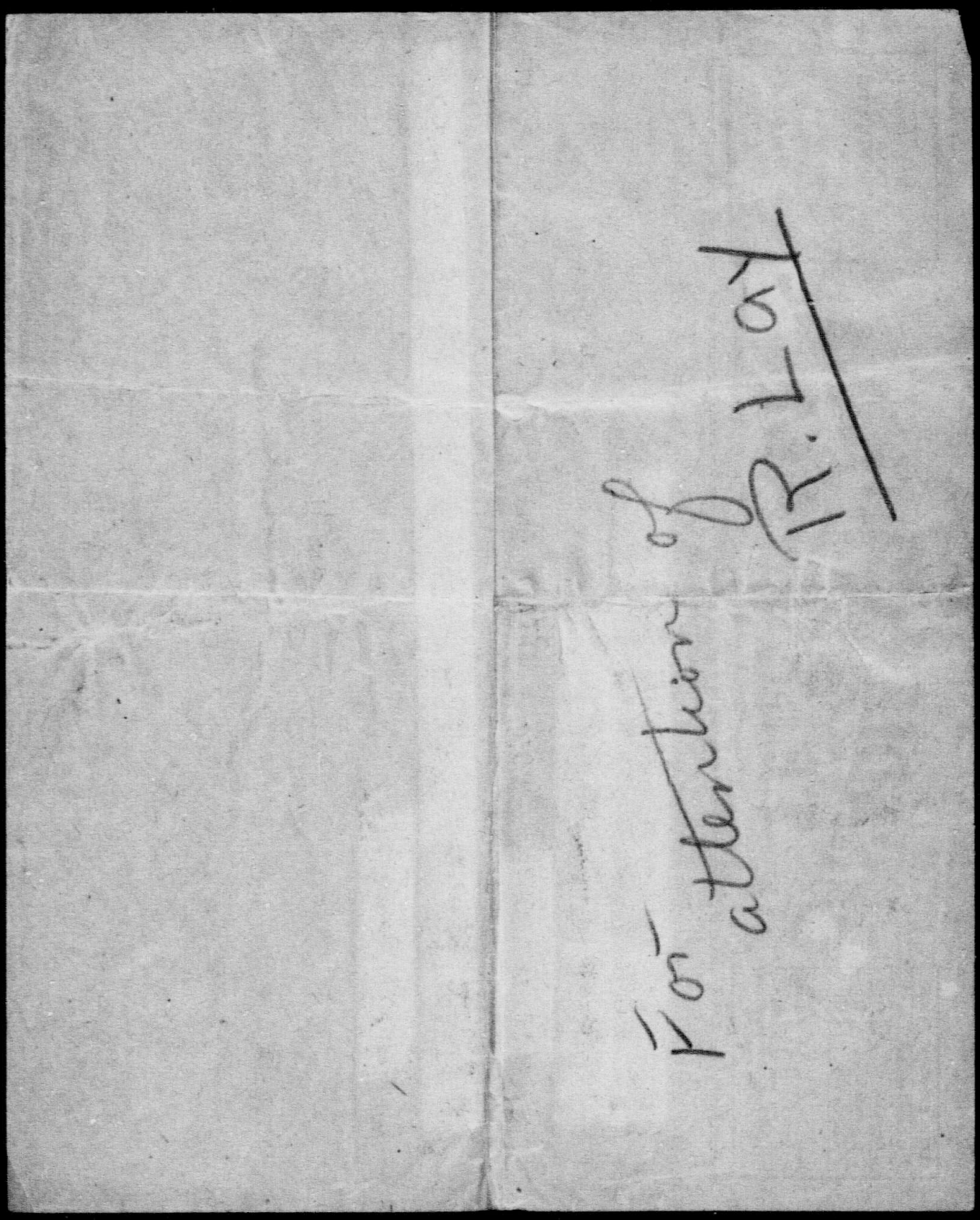

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R R # 1, York Mills
September 12 1944

Dear Uncle Willie:

I am so glad to hear that you have arrived safely in Quebec and that the conference is underway. I hope that all goes as well as you might wish and that you are not too exhausted by the continuous strain which such a series of meetings cannot help but create.

I was very grateful for the opportunity - to read the letters concerning you and moved like very much, at some future date to have copies of some of them.

Thank you again for a very pleasant visit.

With best wishes

Affectionately -

Margery.

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back well and very excited to have "Mummie" home again.

Things have been very busy since I arrived. I was amazed to see how the chickens have grown and we are now faced with the problem of marketing. We got 54 eggs yesterday and have been averaging about thirty - a day for the past week and we can't even give away that number daily.

I appreciated very very much your kindness in taking so much time to visit with me. I enjoyed our talks very much, as I did my whole visit to Ottawa.

I arrived home safely after a rather tiring trip. The train was very crowded but the sight of the children waiting at the station was worth any amount of inconvenience. They were

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October 15, 1944

My dear Margery,

Re Inscription in memory of Surgeon Lieutenant William Lyon Mackenzie King, F.R. C.S. to be cut on memorial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

I enclose a blueprint showing the revised arrangement of the letters of the inscription in memory of dear Lyon which it is proposed to have cut on the memorial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

In writing of the inscription Mr. McIntosh has stated that it could be laid out in lines of uniform length to correspond with the present lettering. In that particular I think the inscription is as well laid out as it would be possible to have it. The letter sizes and form match the existing ones.

I am sending copies of the proposed inscription to Mrs. King and to Arthur and if you and the others approve I will place the order at once. This I hope you will all let me do on my own account.

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Please do not trouble to return the blueprint. Better keep it for any future reference.

I would write more but am much pressed. Please allow this letter to bring to you as always my love and best of wishes.

Mrs. W. Lyon M. King,
R. R. 1,
York Mills, Ont.

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R.R# 1, York Mills
October 24. 1944

Dear Uncle Willie

Thank you so much for your letter about the inscription. I think the blue print as it was is, very satisfactory and suitable.

We have all been very busy here lately killing and marketing chickens. but fortunately that part of the work will soon be over and

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we are looking forward
to a very pleasant winter.
We have a very lovely
fireplace which I
know is going to be used
a great deal.

I look back with a
great deal of pleasure to
visit with you last
month.

Affectionately yours

Margery.

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Personal

Ottawa,
October 26, 1944

My dear Margery:

I am glad to know that you regard the blueprint as it now is satisfactory and suitable. I have had similar approval of the inscription from both May and Arthur, and am writing to McIntosh to say that I would like to have him proceed with it as a commission from myself.

I was glad to receive your letter and to gather from it that the farm continues to give dividends in health and happiness as well as chickens.

All good wishes to all.

Mrs. W.L.M. King,
R.R. No. 1,
York Mills,
Toronto, Ont.

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R.R. # 1
York Mills. Ont
November 17th, 1944

Dear Uncle Willie.

My sister Nora & her husband Gordon Pim are going to be in Ottawa the next week and were wondering if it would be possible to obtain tickets for any of the sessions of parliament. I hate to bother you at this time when you must

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I hope that your health is holding up through are the strain.

We are all well there except for the usual fall colds. However. I suppose those are to be expected.

Affectionately yours
Margery

be so very busy but they don't know anyone else through whom there could be obtained. I have taken the liberty of suggesting to Nora that she telephone Mr Handley at Laurier House when she arrives on Sunday and perhaps he could tell her where she could get the tickets if they are available

You are very much in our thoughts these days.

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Ottawa, November 21, 1944

Mrs. W. L. M. King,
587 Sheppard Ave, E.,
Lansing via Toronto,
Ontario. (to be telephoned - Zone 8-116/

Your letter received. Will endeavour have tickets secured but very doubtful if possible, as Speaker has control of issue and numbers very limited. Will, however, do best possible. Kindest remembrances.

W. L. Mackenzie King.

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Affectionately,
Margery

December 14, 1944
R.R.#1, York Mills, Ont.

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December 28, 1944

My dear Margery:

Upon opening, on Christmas Day, the gifts and greetings which came to Laurier House in the preceding week, I was delighted to receive the copy of Edgar Snow's "People on Our Side", which came with your affectionate good wishes. As you have foreseen, the book is one of very special interest to me and I am looking forward to the perusal of its pages with the greatest possible interest.

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C O P Y (Original fyled Dr. W. L. M. King - Tributes)

THE TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL

TORONTO, ONTARIO

Office of the
General Superintendent

January 18th, 1945.

Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King,
OTTAWA,
Ontario.

Dear Mr. King:-

For some time I have hesitated to write and express my feelings of deep regret at the loss of your nephew, and my friend, who was also your namesake. I hesitated because I was a member of the Armed Forces and because I have not had the privilege of meeting you personally. I am asking Mrs. McNaughton to pass this on to you so that she may explain that it comes with sincerity.

Bill King was a member of my class in Medicine, at the University of Toronto, so that our associations were in those happy student days when life was very simple. They were very happy days indeed and Bill's industry, energy and high intellectual gifts were a constant source of inspiration to those of us who knew him well. His loss is all the more tragic because, like his father, he was lost before the world could benefit completely from the products of a brilliant mind. I am aware of how deeply the loss must have affected you for I know he counted on you very much and such attitudes make losses of this kind all the more difficult to bear.

I would like you to know that I admire your quiet courage and your vision which have carried you through the many trials and losses which you have sustained in these anxious years, - years in which you have guided Canada through the most critical period in her history.

Yours sincerely,

W. R. Feasby, M. D.

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Ottawa,
February 1, 1945

I have felt you would
-- like to have copies of the enclosed
correspondence which speaks for
itself.

Mrs. W. L. M. King,
R. R. No. 1,
York Mills, Ont.

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Ottawa,
February 1, 1945

Dear Dr. Feasby:

I much regret to have been prevented from sending an earlier acknowledgment of your kind letter of January the 18th, in which you speak of your friendship with my nephew, Dr. W. L. M. King.

May I now say that I have been both touched and pleased to read your tribute to him. Your letter has been very enheartening to me at this time, and I thank you warmly for it.

Please accept my best of wishes and kind regards.

W. R. Feasby, Esq., M.D.,
General Superintendent,
The Toronto Western Hospital,
Toronto, Ontario.

P.S. I am sending a copy of your letter to my nephew's mother, Mrs. D. Macdougall King, Denver Colorado, and to his widow, Mrs. W. L. M. King, R. R. No. I, York Mills, Ont.

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Dear Uncle Willie -

Thank you very much for the copy of Dr Bill Teasdy's letter. I remember him slightly from medical parties in undergraduate days. I thought it a very fine tribute and am more than glad to have it.

I am planning a visit to Ottawa starting this coming Thursday. I am coming up to spend

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Me you will know that I was not able to get away from here. I am expecting my furniture all back from Bedford and if it arrives earlier than I expect it may interfere with my plans.

Many thanks again for sending me the letter.

Appreciatively

Margery.

February 13th
R.R.#1, York Mills. Ont.

about a week with a college friend, Mrs W.R. Burnett. In fact it is going to be really like a reunion for another friend is going with me from here and the three of us haven't been together for a number of years.

I will telephone you when I arrive and if you are not too busy I would love to see you sometime while I am in Ottawa. If by any chance you don't hear from

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Dear Uncle Willie -

The delightful dinner that you gave for us on Wednesday evening was an ideal conclusion to our little holiday. I feel rather guilty about taking up your time for I know how very busy you are but it was a very real pleasure to see you again

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It was very good of
you to include my friends
in your invitation. They
were thrilled to meet you
and to see some of your
treasures at Laurier House.

I found everyone
well when I returned.
Mother & Dad send you
their kindest regards.

Affectionately

Margery

February 24th.

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At San Francisco,
May 14,1945

My dear Margery:

I do not wish to leave San Francisco without letting you know how much you have been in my thoughts throughout the week that has now come to a close.

You, no doubt, have heard my broadcast from here on V-E Day. I hope that in listening to it, you were able to discern between the lines, thoughts which were immediately of you, of Lyon and of the little children. While I know how greatly you will all have shared in the rejoicing that the war in Europe is at an end, I know only too well the degree to which joy will have been mingled with pain at not having Lyon at your side to rejoice with you.

I can only hope that your faith has brought you the comfort which can come from no source other than the belief that those whom we have truly loved are never lost but that their brave spirits are ever at our side.

I am leaving this afternoon for Vancouver.

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This line is just to bring
you a word of greeting and affectionate
remembrance before we start away.

Mrs. W. Lyon M. King,
R. R. 1,
York Mills, Ont.,
Canada.

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R.R. #1. York Mills
May 27. 1945

Dear Uncle Willie-

It was so good of you to send me the little note from San Francisco. I was only waiting for you to arrive back in Ottawa to write you to say how much I appreciated your V.E. Day message. When it was over I turned to Mother and said I feel that you were speaking directly to me. It is nice to know where I spent all my summers as a child, for a month so we are looking forward to an enjoyable summer.

We are all watching the election campaign with the greatest of interest. Gordon, Nora's husband, heard you speak in Vancouver and wrote us a most glowing account. He's now, if not before, a very ardent Liberal. We are, of course, all hoping that you will be returned with a majority for certainly you are the only man to head the government at the moment. The family join me in sending their best wishes.

Affectionately yours
Margery

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that that was the way
you were feeling also.
I am sure that there
must have been many.
many others here in
Canada who were
comforted by your
understanding. I hadn't
realized that the know-
ledge that the others
will be coming home
soon moved make my
own sense of personal
loss so much more
acute again.

You will be interested
to know that I have
decided to take a part-

time job in the autumn.
I've made arrangements
for the children in a
nursery school not
far from here which
I think will be very
good for them. I can
take them in to school
in the morning and pick
them up on my way
home from work so
I think it should work
out very well. I know
that I am feeling the
need of outside contacts
with people my own
age very ~~greatly~~.

I'm taking the children
up to the Y.M.C.A Camp
at Lake Couchiching,

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Lake Couchiching P.O.
July 31, 1945

Dear Uncle Willie:

I don't know whether or not you would remember Betty Thomson (now Mrs Godfrey Gale) who was one of my attendants when I was married. Since Pearl Harbour she has been interned in China along with her husband and small daughter - now four years old. Last week I received a 25 word Red Cross message from her written January 15th/45 in which she said "Uncle Willie's" christmas message joyfully received". I thought as he had wandered off and got lost just a few days before.

I hope that you are able to get a little rest and relaxation at Kingsmere this summer. I know there is still a terrific job to be done and the bi-election must be somewhat of a nuisance after going the way Churchill has repudiated in Britain. I think it an even greater tribute to your war-time leadership that the liberal party should have done so well in the recent election here. We were all tremendously thrilled

Affectionately

Margery.

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it a rather clever way
to let me know for, of
course, I knew she meant
your message but the
Japanese censor would
assume that it was
a personal message. I
thought you would be
interested to hear that it
was received and appreciated.

She is interned in
Pootung camp near
Shanghai. I believe it is
a British camp for her
husband was a British
doctor serving in China
with the London School of
Missions. Was your message
broadcast? If so it must
mean that they are
permitted to have a radio
which I am sure would

be a great comfort. In
her message Betty also
says that she is hoping
to be home soon as I am
wondering if there are
further exchanges underway
or if they are just hoping
for a speedy end to the
Japanese war.

Katherine, Mackenzie & I
are up at Lake Couchiching
at present. We came up
July 13th to spend a month
here and are enjoying it
immensely. On my way up
I stopped in to call on
Aunt Jennie and was
delighted to see her looking
so well — better, I think,
than when I saw her
last about four years
ago. She seemed quite
worried about Uncle Harry

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Ottawa
August 4, 1945

I was pleased to receive your letter from Lake Couchiching and to know that you and the children were having a little change at the side of the lake. I hope you will have a pleasant vacation. I am sure it is one that will be most welcome.

It was particularly kind of you to tell me of Mrs. Gale's message to you. I have no doubt it was a message which accompanied some small gifts made by the government at Christmas time and which were distributed by the Red Cross to those in different camps. I shall be greatly surprised if the Japanese war is not over much sooner than people have supposed. The main problem today is shipping. I hope however that Mrs. Gale may be back before the year is out.

My sister Jennie told me of your having called on her. She was delighted to see you and the little people. Harry Lay Jr. was out to dinner with me at Kingsmere last night. He is

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going up to Barrie today.

As the Dominion Provincial Conference opens on Monday my correspondence again must be brief. With my thanks for your letter I send affectionate good wishes to you all.

Mrs. W. L. M. King,
c/o Lake Couchiching P.O.,
Ontario.

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Day letter

Ottawa, August 16, 1945

Mrs. W.L.M. King,
R.R. No. 1,
York Mills, Ont.

As the world war ends and the light of a new era of peace begins to break forth, I send to you and to all of your family circle, my tenderest of thoughts and warmest of wishes for a future that may be worthy of the sacrifices of the past in which you have had to bear so large a share.

W.L. Mackenzie King

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Chester. N. S.
September 1, 1945

Dear Uncle Willie –

It was so good of you to send me the wire on V-J day. I do appreciate your thoughtfulness so much and should have written before now.

I'm having a little vacation at present down in Nova Scotia. I've been in Halifax visiting many friends for the past two weeks and am spending the week-end at Chester which

I get a little rest & relaxation this summer.

Many thanks again for your birthday message.

Affectionately yours

Margery.

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is a very beautiful summer resort about fifty miles down the coast from Halifax. After a few days in Wolfville I expect to arrive in Toronto the end of the week.

I had a very pleasant two day visit with Kay and Arthur in Montreal on my way down here. They have a very lovely apartment, centrally located and Arthur seems very happy in his new work.

I was very excited when

I received your letter at Lake Couchiching telling me about the possibility of Mrs Gale being home by Christmas but certainly didnt expect the important and exciting events of the succeeding days. It seems hardly possible that the end of the Japanese war could come so suddenly.

I expect that you will be very busy at this present time preparing for the next session of Parliament. I hope that you have managed

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imposing on your kindness. Betty has been my "best" friend since I was twelve and it would mean a very great deal to me to have her here in Canada for a while.

I found everyone well here on my arrival and feel that my holiday did me a world of good

Affectionately

Margery

RR#1. Cyrl. Mills
September 10, 1945.

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Dear Uncle Willie:-

You will remember that I wrote you earlier this summer about Betty Thomson Gale, my friend who is interned in China. Since V-J Day we have all been very anxious for word of them.

When I arrived home from the Maritimes on

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Saturday evening I learned that the Thomsons are making every effort to Lane Bell, Godfrey and their little girl repatriated to Canada rather than to England. Besides their natural desire to see them, they feel that because of the scarcity of both food & clothing in England, it would be better for them to spend

their period of recuperation here.

I obtained the enclosed information from Mr Thomson and thought that if I sent it on to you, you might be able to do something about it or might tell us what further steps should be taken.

I know how busy you are at present and I hope you won't think that I am

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I enjoy and I'm finding the contacts very stimulating. It is certainly most pleasant to be back in the academic sphere again.

We have had a very bad Fall as far as colds and flu are concerned. There seems to have been a great deal of it going around. I do hope that you have managed to avoid it. We all read with interest the newspaper accounts of your visit to England

Birthday

R.R.#1, York Mills
December 16, 1945

Dear Uncle Willie:

May I add my congratulations to the many others that I know you must be receiving for your Birthday. I hope that you will have a "happy" day and that there may be many more to come.

I have been intending

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The Department of Veteran's affairs & The Three Services as well as The various Colleges, Faculties and student agency on the campus. It is under the direction of ~~Col.~~ Prof. W. Kine who was former Director of Personnel Selection for the Army. They asked me to be the Secretary of the Bureau and it seemed too good an opportunity to miss although I hadn't intended to take more than a part-time position. The work is exactly the type to write you for some time for I know that you will be interested in hearing of the work that I am doing. Early in this academic session the University of Toronto decided to open up an Advisory Bureau for Ex-Service Students in order to keep ex-service personnel who were at the University (or expected to be in the future). The Bureau acts in liaison with

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December 22, 1945

Let me thank you most warmly for your letter of December 16th, with its kind congratulations and good wishes on my seventy-first birthday anniversary. The day was an exceedingly happy one, but having to be at hand in the House of Commons practically all day, with Parliament sitting from eleven in the morning until after eleven at night, I unfortunately did not get a chance to so much as open either letters or telegrams received on that day. I have since been snatching every odd moment to enjoy the greetings which have come from many sources.

I was much interested in getting the fuller information which your letter gave me of the interesting work which you have taken up at the University, and particularly to know that you were finding it such a real source of enjoyment and interest. I am sure you will find the contacts of the University helpful and stimulating in many ways.

I was sorry to hear that colds and flu have been prevalent in your household. I trust that you personally have escpped and that others, ere this, have fully recoeeeeed While in England I had a terrible cold for a week or ten days. It seemed to revive in a moderate form aftmr my

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return to Canada. Happily it has now disappeared, I pray for good.

You no doubt have seen that Mr. Lay, my sister Jennie's husband, passed away on the night of the 18th. Because of Mr. Lay's years and his long illness, my sister was anxious to have the funeral as private as possible. On this account no notices were sent out to anyone. I myself went up to the funeral on Thursday. Strangely enough, it afforded me the first opportunity I have had of seeing my sister since a year ago last summer, and also to see some of the members of the family whom I have not seen for even a longer time, and their children whom I had not seen before. In recent years the pressure of public duties has been such that I seem to have lived in a world apart from the one which I knew so well in earlier years.

I am sorry I have not had a chance to so much as secure a card to send out at this Christmas Season. I should be grateful if you will give my best of wishes to your father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Rean, and my love to the little children. I should be grateful if, with the little enclosure herewith, you would secure some tiny remembrance of the day for them and for yourself.

I hope you will all have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Mrs. W. L. M. King,
R. R. No.1,
York Mills, Ont.

MK:C

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P.S/ You must be interested to know Senator Cairine Wilson, who has for the past two years sent war saving certificates to the children at the time of your birthday, sent them directly to the children this year in a Christmas card that she was sending to the family. I have written her but I knew that you might want to mention it sometime when you are speaking to her.

affectionately
M.

R.R.#1, York Mills
December 28, 1945

Dear Uncle Willie:-

It was so nice to get your Christmas letter yesterday. The vagaries of Rural Route mail delivery makes Christmas week very exciting for we are still receiving cards & presents and probably will until after the New Year.

It was very kind of you to send the gift that

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They will find ~~the~~ life very empty for a while, I'm afraid, for they have all, and Aunt Jennie in particular, been very devoted to Mr Kay through his long illness.

Many thanks again for your Christmas gift and greeting. Lilas & Mother join me in sending our Best wishes for a Happy New Year

Affectionately yours

Margery

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you did. It is always fun to shop for some little "extras" that don't legitimately fit into a budget but that add pleasure to life.

I was very sorry to hear of Mr Kay's death. I saw the notice in the Toronto papers and also a press release saying that you were to be in Barrie. I know it would be a great comfort to Aunt Jennie to have you there.

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December 29, 1945

My dear Margery:

Please allow this letter to bring to you my warmest thanks for your kindness in sending to me the gift which I have just received from you. I say "just received" as it was not until the night before last that I had an opportunity to open any of the parcels which came to me at Christmastime or indeed any of the gifts which came on my birthday anniversary. I have never been quite so overwhelmed with public and personal obligations as I have in these closing weeks of the old year.

Of the events of the year, some of the happiest have had their association with China. Curiously enough, it was to Dr. T.V. Soong, the present Prime Minister of China, more than to anyone else that I was saved what I believe was a complete breakdown and gained instead the new strength which I have won from my recent visits to Europe and the United States.

Soong, who is an old and close friend, visited Ottawa with his little

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children, in September last. After returning to Washington and before going back to China, he wrote me a very kind letter saying how strongly, in the course of his visit, he sensed my great fatigue, and how sure he was that I would experience an early breakdown if I did not get away from everything for a time. It was Dr. Soong's letter which caused me to make the decision I did to take up in Washington and in England alike, matters which were outstanding and which I had been hesitating to take up because of the absences from Canada which they necessarily involved at a time Parliament was in session.

You know what it has since meant and will always mean to me to have taken the decision I did immediately after the reading of Dr. Soong's letter. Nothing, therefore, could better describe my present feelings than the title of the book by Robert Payne "Forever China" which you have sent to me. I look forward immensely to reading its pages as opportunities for so doing may be afforded in the new year. Meanwhile, please know how grateful I am for the gift itself and for the Christmas greetings and affectionate good wishes it brought to me from you.

I hope that you and your father and mother and the little children all had a very happy Christmas day. I have a vivid picture in my mind of what Christmas must have been

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like for you all in your home in the country with the snow on the ground glittering with the sun by day, and with the added beauty of the sunlight and the stars by night. It seems to me that nowhere in the world does Nature lend more appropriate enchantment to the mystery and joy of the Christmas season than in Canada.

Please allow this letter to bring my love and best wishes for the new year to the children and yourself, and also every good wish to Mr. and Mrs. Rean.

Mrs. W.L.M. King,
R. R. No. 1,
York Mills, Ont.

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Lake Couchiching P.O
July 3. 1946

Dear Uncle Willie:

I must apologize for not having answered your letter more quickly. It arrived last week just as I was in the midst of a rush trying to get things finished at the University - and to get packed up and moved to the Lake. The children and I arrived here yesterday and have a cabin for two months. I'm looking forward to a good rest after a very strenuous year at the University - and will thoroughly enjoy having a

in your leadership of the Liberal Party of Canada.

I was just at this point in my make when your voice came over the radio in the "Report on the Nation's Business" It was an excellent report of the progress of the past year. I think it an excellent idea to point out how much we have accomplished here in Canada for it is easy to become discouraged and forget how much progress has been made since peace came.

I was particularly interested in what you said about the Veteran's Rehabilitation. By September I expect to have between 8,000 & 10,000 Ex. Service Students "under my wing" at the University of Toronto. I have seen.

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little more time to devote
to the children.

I was very glad to get
your letter. I think the
inscription for the stone
quite suitable as you
have outlined it. I know
Lyon's mother will be very
pleased to have it on his
father's stone. I would
like to do something in the
way of a memorial myself but
am rather at a loss to know
just what I would like.
At one time I had thought
of something in the church
where we were married. How-
ever, since we have moved
to the country we have very
little connection with the
Rosedale church and that
doesn't seem quite as appropriate

as it did. Since I am
actively connected with the
University now - I've been wondering
about the possibility - of some
prize in the Medical Faculty -
- It somehow, seems more
appropriate since he was
so interested in the furthering
of Medical education. I think
perhaps I'll discuss it
with someone in the Faculty
& see if it would be feasible
to set up a fund the income
from which could provide
some Surgery book as a prize in one
of the years.

I've been wanting to write
ever since your return from
England to add my congratulations
and best wishes to all those
that I know have been
pouring in, upon the great
milestones that you have reach-

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liberally thousands of
Veterans in the past nine
months. I think the
gratitude that they feel to
the Government for the
opportunity - that they have
to further their education
was very well summed
up by a girl I saw a couple
of weeks ago. She came
from a very humble home
and before going into the
service just had three
years High School. She is
now a fair distance on
her way towards becoming
a United Church Minister
so she can do Theological
work in the Western Mission
fields. Her comment was
"When I think how the
whole course of my life has

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studying on the side there but the work with the Ex-Service Students is very demanding so that may have to be left for another year.

I had hoped to be able to get to Ottawa sometime this summer but it doesn't at the moment seem possible. I would love to see you if you should be in Toronto at any time. Perhaps I'll get to Ottawa in the Fall.

Congratulations again on all the recent honours

Affectionately

Margery.

been influenced by the fact that I went into the Army, I can hardly believe it. I would never have had an opportunity - like this otherwise. It's really marvelous to see so many young people who have ability but would, under other circumstances have never come to University and to see how keen they are to make the best use of their time there.

I have had a very wonderful experience this past nine months. I was fortunate to be able to arrange two months leave this summer but am really looking forward to the Fall back at the University I'm going to try and do a little

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Ottawa,
July 5, 1946

My dear Margery:

I have just received your letter written from Lake Couchiching and am pleased to know that you and the children expect to have a couple of months at the side of the lake. I am sure it will be a welcome and profitable rest and change to you all.

I am immensely interested in what you have told me of your work with the War Veterans. It helps me to feel that the government has been rendering an even larger service than it had assumed might be possible when certain of the appropriations were made.

May, I know, will be pleased as I am that you approve of the inscription recording the circumstances of Lyon's death being placed on the stone over his father's grave in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

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What you have in mind about some appropriate commemoration of his life is, I think, along the right lines but might have to be worked out in association with others. There will be time enough for that.

I am sorry I have only a moment for this line of acknowledgment but it carries with it my love and best of wishes to the children and yourself.

Mrs. W.L.M. King,
Lake Couchiching P.O., Ont.

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Dear Uncle Willie.

Thank you so much for the lovely lunch on Saturday. It was very nice to see you again and to know that you are well and not too tired. Your life is such a very busy one that I appreciate how kind you are about seeing me whenever I am

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days with Department of Veterans Affairs officials. A little break away from home responsibilities is always pleasant — but its nice to get back to the children also.

The family join me in sending our regards and best wishes

Affectionately

Margery

November 13th, 1946
RR# 1, York Mills

in Ottawa

It was very good of you to include Mr Line in your invitation. He is a very great admirer of you and your humanitarian interests and was most appreciative of the opportunity of meeting you.

I had a very pleasant drive down from Ottawa after a profitable couple of

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Greetings

Dear Uncle Willie

May I add my birthday greetings to all the many others that you will be receiving on December seventeen th. I was so glad to see you looking so well when I was in Ottawa last month and feel sure that you must be looking forward to many more "Happy Birthdays" in the years to come.

You will want to

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know that once again
I received from
Senator Wilson a
gift for each of the
children as a
remembrance of your
birthday. She always
writes me the nicest
letter - I don't see
how, in her so very busy
life, she finds time
for the personal touch.
I will write her, of course,
but if you have an opportunity
some time would you also
tell her how much I
appreciate her kindness.
With love & best wishes
Margery

RR#1 York Mills
December 15, 1946

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December 21, 1946

My dear Margery:

Let me thank you warmly for your kind birthday greetings and good wishes which I was pleased to receive on my seventy-second birthday anniversary. Like the glimpse I had of you when you were in Ottawa, this added much to the happiness of the day.

Senator Wilson wrote me of her kind remembrance of you and the children, and I have added my thanks to your own for her kindness.

As I have written your sister today, I have in my busy life almost lost complete track of my grand-nephews and nieces. Wherever they may be, I should like them to have some little remembrance from me on Christmas Day. If, therefore, you could find some little gift which you think they might like to have from me, I would be happy if,

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with the amount enclosed, you would consider something which you think would be appropriate.

You might feel that something for your home, in which all might share, would be preferable as a remembrance from me of Christmas 1946. If so, I will be happy if you will do with the small enclosure whatever you may think best. I am sending it on today that its proceeds may be immediately available.

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Mrs. W. L. M. King,

R. R. 1,

York Mills, Ont.

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December 26, 1946

My dear Margery:

I hope that you and the little children and your father and mother all had a very happy Christmas Day. Throughout the day you were all much in my thoughts.

Let me thank you most warmly for your kindness in send ng me, with your love and Christmas Greetings, the volume by Professor Northrup of Yale, entitled "The Meeting of East and West: An Enquiry concerning World Understanding". The book seems to me almost a library in itself. I can see how valuable itsicontents are. Fortunately they are still indexed, for I doubt if I shall have a chance to read the volume through as long as I continue to be in office. I can, however, see how immediately useful it is certain to be as a work of reference.

It is indeed kind of you to have selected, as a remembrance of Christmas 1947, a work so intimately associated with an interest that plays so large a part in your own life. I believe there is going to

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be an appreciable increase in world understanding, though we are only at its beginning. It makes me happy to think that we are both so deeply interested in this greatest of all present day problems.

Please allow this letter to bring to you, with my thanks my every good wish to you, to the children and to Mr. and Mrs. Rean, for all happiness in the New Year.

With love and all good wishes,

Yours affectionately,

Mrs. W. L. M. King,
R. R. 1,
York Mills, Ont.

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the children.

We are all very excited here for Nora & Gordon had their first baby yesterday — a little girl - and both Nora & the baby are fine. It was a very exciting way to end the old year.

I'm glad that you were interested in "The Meeting of the East & West" that I sent you at Christmas. I've started reading it and am finding it most interesting. I'm going through a rather

Dear Uncle Willie:

A Happy New Year to you! It was so very kind of you to send me the cheque to buy something for the children for Christmas. I haven't quite decided yet - but would like to use it towards a phonograph. The children are very fond of music and it seems a good way to further their musical

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education as well as
bring a great source of
pleasure for all of us.

I must apologize for
having been so long in
writing you to thank you.
The time since Christmas
seems to have been very
interrupted. I spent
three very interesting
days in Montreal observing
the National Conference of
Student Veterans. They are
a fine group of young

Canadians from all across
this Dominion but I couldn't
help but feel that they had
a great deal to learn yet
about keeping themselves
instead of expecting more &
more to be done for them.

While in Montreal I saw
Archie & Kathleen for a few
minutes and was delighted
to find them so well. Mrs King
arrived from Northampton
while I was there. She seems
much better than she was
during her last visit to Canada.
She will be in Toronto next
week-end and is looking
forward very much to seeing

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exciting "intellectual"
experience at the present.
During the past year I
feel as though whole
new worlds of interest
had been opened up to
me and I understand
so much better now, many
of the things that I know
are dear to your heart.
While I have always been
a very great admirer of
your ideals and practical
methods of implementing
them, much more close

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for so long.

Affectionately yours

Margery

January 1, 1947
R R #1, York Mills, Ont.

relationship that I have had with the Department of Veterans' Affairs and other Government branches this past year - I have realized as never before just what it has meant to Canada to have had your leadership over the years.

I hope that 1947 may be a "good" year for you and may give you an opportunity for some of the "personal" pleasures you have sacrificed

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Chateau Laurier
April 10th, 1947

Dear Uncle Willie

I am so glad that you were able to get away for a little holiday and do hope that you are feeling the benefit of it. It showed be a lonely time of year in the south.

I am at the Chateau attending the meetings of the Canadian Psychological Association and have Mackenzie with me. He was disappointed that were not here for him Ottawa reference for me. I know your connection with Harvard is a very warm one. Such a reference showed go a long way. Dean Bernice Cronkhite, Radcliffe College, Cambridge.

I am sorry not to have an opportunity to see you this time. Perhaps the next time I'm in Ottawa we could have a visit for I am anxious to discuss with you my future plans and to get your advice on alternative plans.

Affectionately

Margery.

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my Doctor of Philosophy degree starting next fall. I have discussed it with Toronto people and have decided that if I can arrange it I would like to go to Harvard to study in the Department of Social Relations. I have in mind training in Social Psychology with particular emphasis the field of personal development and the school aged child.

I wonder if you would mind writing a character

and "Uncle Nellie" are synonymous I am going to take him over to the Parliament Buildings to-day and thought that I would ask to your Secretary there to forward this to you.

I wonder if I might ask a favour of you. I have been giving a great deal of thought to the future and have decided that I would be happiest in the field of University teaching. With this in mind I am taking definite steps towards getting

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Personal

April 13, 1947

My dear Margery:

I have just received your letter of April the 10th which has been forwarded from Ottawa. I am sorry to have been away when you were in the city and to have missed seeing you and young Mackenzie.

I put off coming to the South till a few days before the Easter recess so as to miss as little of the meetings of Parliament as possible. Unfortunately, the season in the South is some three weeks behind. Up to the present, there has been very little chance to sit out in the sun and I have not been sufficiently well to get out of doors as much as I should have liked. The doctors here think I should stay on for another fortnight at least. I doubt, however, if I shall find it possible to do that and hope to be back within another fortnight. ✱

I am interested in what you tell me about your thought of pursuing post-graduate studies at Harvard. It is almost fifty years since I was at Harvard. I doubt, therefore, if I would be known, through any Harvard associations, to any members of the present Faculties. -- I am only too happy, however, to enclose a note such as you suggest which could be sent to Dean Cronkhide, should it be in accordance with what you have in mind, and believe it would be of any service in helping you to carry out your plans.

In your letter, you mention that you would like to discuss your future plans with me and to get my advice on alternative plans. Did I feel at all competent to advise in a matter so personal, I would be only too glad to give you such counsel as I might feel competent to give. Frankly, however, I do not feel that I should

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attempt any responsibility in a matter so personal. I should hesitate to seek or to appear to influence even indirectly any matter which necessarily affects the immediate inclinations, desires or wishes of another and the carrying out of which are inevitably bound up with many considerations of which I, myself, could have no personal knowledge.

As a matter of fact, I have never attempted, in the case of my sister or any of her children, in any way, to influence or direct their lives. Were I a family man, myself, I might have felt differently on these matters of family relations. With my public life and work what it has been, it is a side of life that unfortunately I have had to forego altogether.

This may sound very indifferent. I can assure you, however, that it is only what experience has taught me is the part of wisdom inhhaving to do with the affairs of others, especially where one has come to a time of life where the uncertainties are such that it is very difficult to know what it is best to do in the matter of one's own affairs.

I am sure you will understand just what I mean. When my brother Max was alive, I, of course, did what I could to help him in the course of his long illness. As you know, I did not attempt to advise either Lyon or Arthur as to the course it might be best for them to puruse. They each made their own decisions and rightly so. I welcomed any confidence they thought it well to give me, but beyond that did not feel I would be justified in seeking to offer them advice. I have followedthe same rule, even more strictly, with my sister, Mrs. Lay and all of her family.

With every good wish,
Yours affectionately,
W.L. Mackenzie King

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a month at Lake Couchiching again this summer. I hope that your southern vacation was all that you wished and that you are feeling quite rested again.

Affectionately yours

Margery

RR#1,
York Mills,
May 19, 1947.

Dear Uncle Willie

This is just a little note to let you know that I have been accepted for Post-graduate study at Harvard. Your letter was, I am sure, most helpful and I do appreciate your

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The advisability of further training at Harvard as opposed to Toronto so I have a rather difficult decision facing me in the near future. I'll let you know what I finally decide.

The children are well and we are all looking forward to kindness in sending it to me.

There is still some question in my mind as to whether or not it will be the best thing for the children to "up-root" them and move to Boston at this point — There is also a decision to made concerning

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Dear Uncle Willie:

May I, once again, send my best wishes for your birthday anniversary. We all marvel at your remarkable activity - and hope that you may have many more years to enjoy the dignities of age with none of its infirmities.

It was so nice to see you at the Exhibition and again at the Lawsons garden party. I had hoped

With both of these opportunities arising at the same time it did seem that I was "meant" to stay in Toronto.

We moved during the summer and are now very happily settled. The children are both in school and enjoying it very much. I am very busy with University work as well as studying and feel now that it was a wise decision we have made - although a difficult one at the time.

We were all very interested in the accounts of the Royal

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that There might be a few moments at the latter where I could tell you of some of our plans.

You may remember that last spring I had in mind attending Radcliffe College to work towards my Ph.D. Whether or not to go to Cambridge was a very difficult decision to make but several things emerged in June - that made it seem more advantageous today in Toronto. I was offered an opportunity to do some teaching in the Psychology

Department at the same time that I was working towards my degree - and since I wanted like eventually to teach at Toronto, the opportunity to get some experience seemed too good to pass by. Also I was able to locate a house in a desirable district that was within my price range. I have felt for some time that the children needed to live in a community where they would have other young friends - and that it was time that we set ourselves up as a family unit.

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wedding. The children got a great thrill — and quite a sense of importance from the fact that you were present.

Dad and Mother join me in sending our greetings for the Christmas Season.

Affectionately yours.
Margery

421 St Clair Ave, East,
Toronto, December 16, 1947.

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December 21, 1947

Dear Margery:

I was pleased to receive yesterday your letter of good wishes for my seventy-third birthday anniversary. Do not be arprized that, though your letter was sent on the 16th, I did not see it until the time I did. The last few days in Parliament have been such that it was not until yesterday I was able to see, let along read, many of the letters which have been received in the last little while. Let me thank you most warmly for all your good wishes.

I wish to thank you too for the word which your letter brought me of yourself and the children. I had heard indirectly you had not gone to Harvard and were now living in Toronto, but until your letter was received, I had had nothing definite to go upon. Having been absent from Canada altogether for so many weeks, and so very busy for weeks before leaving and since my return, it is perhaps not surprising that I have been so little in touch.

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It seems to me, from what your letter tells me that you have made a wise decision, both as to remaining in Canada and as to having a home of your own in Toronto. I am glad that you have found this possible, the children having reached the age they have.

As we have entered on Christmas week I hope you will let this letter bring to you and the children my every good wish for a very Happy Christmas Day and a Bright and Happy New Year. When next you see Mr. and Mrs. Rean, I shall be pleased if you would give my best of wishes also to them, and thank them warmly for the kind greetings send in your letter to me. I hope they are both keeping very well, and not finding their home in the country too lonely without you and the children about.

I am enclosing a small Christmas greeting with which I would be pleased if you would secure something in the nature of a gift which you might like to have for the children and yourself in your home. If you think the children would be more pleased with some separate little gift from me, I should be pleased if you would arrange accordingly. I know that what will please them most will also give the greatest possible pleasure to yourself. I would have liked, had it been possible, to have secured while in London some little gifts for the Christmas

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Season. Unfortunately my time while there was even less than my than what it has been since my return.

Once again, let me wish you and the little people great happiness at this Christmas Season.

Mrs. W. L. M. King,
421 St. Clair Avenue East,
Toronto.

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Personal

Ottawa,
December 26, 1947

My dear Margery:

I was greatly pleased, on opening yesterday Christmas greetings and gifts, to receive, among the number, the splendid photographs of Mackenzie and Catherine which came with love and best wishes from yourself and the children together with the fascinating little card of Christmas greetings.

It is quite a time since I have seen either of the children and was naturally more than surprised to discover how they have grown and developed.

The picture of Mackenzie reminds me very much of Lyon. Indeed the upper part of the face is as like Lyon when he was about the same age, as anything could be. I find it harder to trade family resemblances in the picture of Catherine, though studying it carefully I can see that many might be found. Both are lovely pictures, and I thank you warmly for sending them to me.

My family records are assuming unexpected proportions. I am glad to

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have this latest addition to enjoy personally and, from time to time, to show to friends.

I hope you and the children had a very happy Christmas Day, and that the New Year may bring much of happiness to you all in the course of its days.

The significant event which, if I am spared for another year - 1948, may hold for me, is that of retirement from office and the leadership of my Party. Naturally, after my years in politics, I contemplate with mixed feelings this possible severance of relations. On the bright side of the ledger, I am hoping it may afford me more in the way of opportunity than I have had in all the years of the past, to share in a larger measure than has been possible, the lives and the interests of those who are near and dear to me.

I hope you have all had a happy Christmas Day.

Please let this letter bring to you all my best of wishes for the New Year.

Mrs. W. Lyon M. King,
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Toronto, Ont.

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421 St Clair E.
December 31, 1947

Dear Uncle Willie:-

I am very slow in acknowledging your very kind letter and Christmas gift. It is certainly not because they were not appreciated. It is always so nice to hear from you.

I have just recently purchased a combination radio-phonograph so am using your gift money to purchase some new records. We will all enjoy the music and it will be a continual

I have written her but wanted to let you know if it just so case you had not heard directly from her.

May I take this occasion to send our very best wishes for 1948. It sounds as though it would be a most momentous year for you. We shall all regret your retirement from public life - but you have certainly "earned" a rest more than most. I hope the pleasure to be gained from more time for a personal life may in some measure offset the inevitable "blank" that the relinquishing of responsibility will bring.

Best wishes & love from all three of us. Sincerely, Margery

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reminder of your kindness.

I have had a most interesting time since Christmas attending a three day conference of student veterans. I was fortunate to be able to be an observer at a similar conference last year also and it is very interesting to note the very marked growth of a sense of appreciation of D.V.A. and the Government for what they have done for veteran students. There were some very sincere expressions of gratitude voiced that could not help but have cheered those of you in Ottawa whose

vision has made possible this whole scheme.

I saw Arthur + Kathleen on Monday evening at a little party that I had and they seem very well and happy. We are all looking forward to an unexpected visit from Mrs King. She has been at Northampton spending Christmas with the Danis's and is arriving to-morrow morning for a short visit on her way back to Hanover.

I received, a few days ago, a cheque for $10 for each of the children from Senator Caitine Wilson as a birthday remembrance for you.

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Ottawa,
January 3, 1948

My dear Margery:

I have just received your little note written on New Year's Eve, and am pleased to know that with my gift for Christmas, you have been able to secure some new records for your combination-radio-phonograph. You could not have selected anything which would have pleased me more.

I was glad to hear that you had had Arthur and Kathleen at your little party of a night or two ago. I am sure they would enjoy that immensely.

I am indeed looking forward to the larger measure of freedom which I hope this year may bring to me ere its close. Taking life as a great adventure, and keeping in mind a distant goal, above all else, seems to me the one sure way of meeting the future with a glad heart.

With renewed good wishes and love to all for the New Year,

Yours affectionately,

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Toronto, Ont.

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

MEMORANDUM **for the Prime Minister:**

Mr. Martin telephoned late this afternoon, and asked to have the following message given to the Prime Minister:

Mr. Gregg wishes the Prime Minister to know that Mrs. Lyon King expects to come to Ottawa on Wednesday next, June the 23rd. She will be accompanied by her two small children, Mackenzie and Katherine, and will be staying at the Chateau Laurier.

Mrs. King hopes to go over to the House of Commons on Thursday morning, and wonders if it would be possible for the Prime Minister to see her after the Orders of the Day.

F.M.

June 19, 1948

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Ottawa,
June 21, 1948

Mrs. W. Lyon M. King,
421 St. Clair Ave.,
Toronto.

Mr. Gregg and I have reminded the Prime Minister that you expected to be able to come to Ottawa on Wednesday of this week, June 23rd, accompanied by your two children, and would be staying at the Chateau Laurier. This note is to confirm that the House of Commons will be sitting on Thursday the 24th, and that arrangements are being made for seats for yourself and Mackenzie and Katherine in the Gallery.

Mr. King wishes you to know he will be glad to see you and the children at Room 212, House of Commons, before the House meets. I would suggest, therefore, if convenient, that you proceed to Room 212 for, say, 10.45 a.m. Mr. Martin will be the secretary on duty and will look after arrangements for interview and seating in the Gallery.

This is of course a very difficult week for the Prime Minister, and it is well nigh impossible for him to make any engagements during these heavy days - final days of the session. Mr. King hopes to be able to say at the time of the interview what may be possible about another meeting later in the day. If there is any time at all in which to arrange it, he would very much like to have you and the children come to Laurier House. We shall keep in close touch with you during the day.

I hope you willhave a nice trip down to Ottawa and that your stay here will be most pleasant and enjoyable.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. Handy.

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be able to get a
bit of a rest in July
so that you can enjoy
the convention in August.
We will match the
results with interest

Many thanks again
for all you did to
make our visit the great
success that it was.

With kindest regards
from all of us

Affectionately yours
Margery

421 St Clair E.
Toronto, Ont.

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June 27th, 1948

Dear Uncle Willie

We arrived home
safely last night after
a good drive from
Ottawa and a most
successful visit. The
children were very
thrilled by it all.

I do appreciate so
much your very great

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of them.

It was particularly kind of you to entertain us at Laurier House when you were so very busy. I know how important it is that you conserve your energies during these very busy days. I have heard the children telling their friends of the dinner and the good time they had.

I hope that you will

kindness to us and all that you did to make it such a very memorable visit.

I feel that it was important that the children should be able to remember having seen you in the House of Commons while you were Prime Minister. I am sure that as they grow older the memory will be very precious to both

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421 St Clair E.
Toronto, Ontario
December 16, 1948

Dear Uncle Willie:

May I add my congratulations and best wishes for a Happy Birthday to the very many others that you will receive on this occasion?

I have been going to write for some time – ever since your illness & retirement – to express our concern for your well-being as well as our very deep & sincere sense that it was very wonderful of you to take the time when you were so busy – but as I look back on it I think it seems more wonderful in retrospect. You have given the children a wonderful memory that they will have all their lives and one that will increase in significance for them as they grow older. I do appreciate it.

May this convey to you along with our birthday greetings our very best wishes for the Christmas Season.

Affectionately yours

Margery.

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of admiration for all that you have accomplished and all that you have meant to Canada and to the world generally. I have hesitated to do so for I can imagine how very many communications you must have had and have not wanted to add to the list I believe to be acknowledged. I couldn't go longer, however, in telling you what I know of our great concern and our best wishes for your continued health and happiness.

This seems, as usual, like a very busy year. I am working, primarily at the Toronto Psychiatric Hospital where I have a research appointment. I'm working very hard on my PhD research and hope that by Spring or at the latest fall I'll have it finished up. I'm thoroughly enjoying the research but it is very time-consuming and I'll be glad, for the children's sake especially, when it is finished.

The children frequently speak of their visit with you in Ottawa. I thought

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December 22, 1948

My dear Margery:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of December 16th with its congratulations and good wishes for my birthday anniversary. Let me thank you warmly for all that your letter expresses of your kind thought and affection.

You are right in believing that I have been inundated with letters: first, in regard to my illness; secondly, in regard to my retirement; then my birthday; and now Christmas and New Year greetings are pouring in. I am beginning to wonder, from the point of view of correspondence, if it might not have been better had I never left office!

While the communications have been many, I would have been sorry indeed had I not heard from you. Nothing has touched me more deeply than the many expressions of goodwill which have come from all parts of Canada and from many other parts of the world at this time.

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I have been much interested in what you tell me of your work at the Toronto Psychiatric Hospital on your Ph.D. research. I do hope you are not attempting too much. Like many others, I have learned none too soon how great a mistake that is.

I am glad to know that the children remember their visit to Ottawa.

I am enclosing a money order with which I should be pleased if you would purchase something for the children as a remembrance or gift from me at this Christmas Season. It goes to you and to them with my love and best of wishes. I do hope you will all have a very happy Christmas Day.

Please give my kindest remembrances and best of wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Rean. For you all I hope the Christmas Season and the New Year will be a very happy one.

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Toronto, Ontario.

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December 27, 1948

Dear Margery:

I was so pleased to receive your Christmas letter and the copy of Thomas Randall's book on "Halifax" which accompanied it with Christmas wishes from Mackenzie and Katherine as well as yourself.

This book has attracted exceptional attention and I am sure has been among the most popular of gifts at this Christmas Season. Ever since reading one or two reviews of the book, I have been looking forward to the pleasure of reading its pages. That pleasure will be much enhanced by reading from the copy which you have sent to me.

In thanking you for this gift, I do not overlook just what Halifax will always mean in your own life and in the lives of the two children. I hope you continue to feel that Lyon's brave spirit is ever very near to you and that he is guarding the lives of the children as well as your own.

Like yourself, I continue to look back with pleasure on the little visit to Ottawa which you, Katherine and Mackenzie

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made here in the year. I only wish I had time to have seen a little more of you all. The year, however, has been one of continuous pressure, and I am realizing now more than ever that I did not give up office a moment too soon.

I hope you all had a very happy Christmas Day.

With renewed thanks for your gift, and with love to the children and yourself, I send to you all, and to Mr. and Mrs. Rean, my best of wishes for the New Year.

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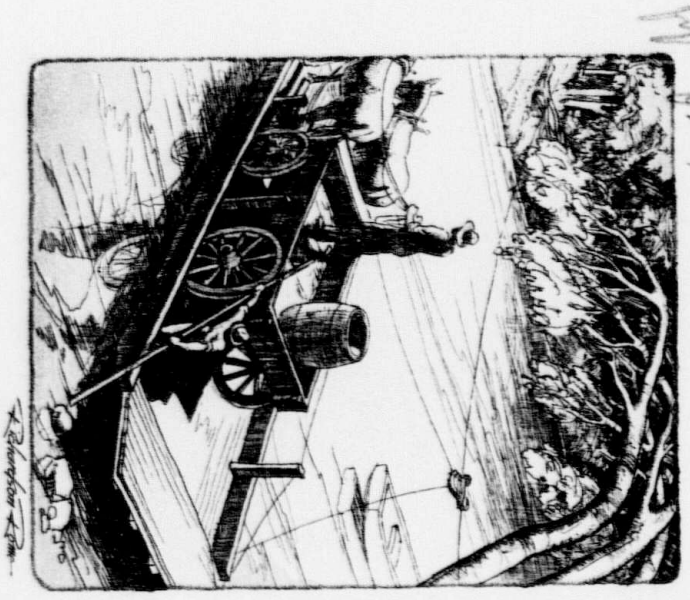

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Dear Uncle Willie

Thank you so much for your lovely Christmas letter and for the cheque that you sent us. I got some gramaphone records for the children as their gift from you and they were very pleased. It was so very good of you to include them in your Christmas thoughts.

May this take you our very best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely

Margery King

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Toronto
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Day message

April 17, 1949.

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Mrs. W. [redacted] M. King,
421 St. Clair,
TORONTO.

AFFECTIONATE EASTER GREETINGS TO ALL.

W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

Charge: Mr. King's account.

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New address
from
Mrs W. L. M. King
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Toronto.

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Dear Uncle Willie

It was so very nice to receive your wire to-day with it's greetings for the Easter season. Thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness.

We are all well here. Mackenzie had a bout of pneumonia shortly after Christmas, which was not serious but had a slow convalescence. Otherwise and am hoping very much that it will be possible for you to spare the time. It is a very worthwhile group of representative young people. I have, purposely, not written you before about it. Because I didn't want in any way to appear to be exerting any personal pressure. I know how many calls there must be on your time and how very necessary it is to select carefully those engagements which it is possible to fulfil without taxing

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The only complications I the winter have been the usual colds.

We were all very pleased to hear of the grant that has been made to assist you with the compiling of your memoirs. It is a tremendous task, but one of vital importance, and I am sure that this assistance will make it possible for you to accomplish much that you are

anxious to do.

I have been working very hard this winter on the research for my Ph.D. It is coming along satisfactorily and I hope that perhaps I'll be able to finish ~~but~~ up next fall.

I hope that it may be possible to see you this summer at the Y.M.C.A. Young People's Conference at Lake Couchiching. I am one of the people responsible for the planning of the conference

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your strength for
the many very important
responsibilities which
you shall carry.

The children shall
speak frequently
of their visit in
Ottawa last Spring.

Many thanks again
for your kind message.
With sincere good
wishes from all for
your continued health
and happiness

Affectionately yours
Margery

Easter Sunday.
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April 20, 1949

My dear Margery:

I have just received your kind letter, for which I thank you.

I was sorry to hear about Mackenzie's illness shortly after Christmas, but glad to know that it did not prove serious and that, apparently, all has gone as well as might be expected during the winter months.

I am sending this further line because you mention in your letter the Young People's Conference at Lake Couchiching in the summer. I received, some weeks ago, an invitation to the Conference, but was obliged to reply that it would not be possible for me to accept.

I made a start on my Memoirs yesterday. I doubt very much if this year I can attempt anything beyond this task. My strength is not what it was and I can see that for some time to come I shall have to continue to limit my activities considerably.

I hope you are not working too hard on your Ph,D.

Yours affectionately,

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Toronto, Ontario.

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421 St Clair E.
Toronto,
December 16, 1949

Dear Uncle Willie

May I offer my very best wishes and congratulations for your 75th birthday. This one is a real "milestone"! - and it is truly wonderful to think that, in spite of all the strain of the last few years, you should be in good health to enjoy this auspicious occasion. I hope

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that you will have many
many happy returns
of this day.

This has been a very
busy fall. I'm trying
to finish my Ph D this
session and it means
a lot of concentrated
effort. I'm enjoying it
— but will be rather
glad when it is finished.

The children are
well and join me in
sending best wishes
for the Christmas season
and the New Year.

Affectionately yours

Margery

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December 21, 1949.

I was very pleased to receive your letter of birthday greetings and congratulations and thank you warmly for it. "75", as you say, is quite a milestone to reach and doubly so when one recalls that it brings one into one's 76th year.

I should be entirely happy, at this time, were my health a little better than it is. During the past year, I have suffered a great deal, and of late from sleeplessness. The combination is anything but a happy one. They both, no doubt, are occasioned by the fatigues of the past which still hover about but which, I believe, are lessening day by day.

It was very plucky of you to work on a Ph.D. Degree. I only hope that with your many other obligations, you are not overstraining yourself. Avoid that at all costs.

I am glad to know that the children are well and no doubt are growing rapidly. I wish it were possible for me to get out and do a little shopping that I might send each of them some little gift from myself. As this, however, is not possible, I shall be grateful if with the proceeds of the draft enclosed, you would, on my behalf, secure some little remembrance for each of them from me, or, if you so prefer, some possession for your home which might be enjoyed

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by all together. I hope that the enclosed may not reach you too late to permit of something being secured before the week is out.

I [redacted] receive the card of Christmas greetings which came from Katherine, Mackenzie and yourself.

I hope your father and mother are both well. Please thank Mr. and Mrs. Rean for a lovely card which came to me from them a day or two ago, and extend to them my best of wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Please allow this little letter to bring to the children and yourself, every loving good wish from me. I hope the Christmas Season may be a very happy one for you all, and the New Year the best you have thus far known.

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421 St Clair Ave. E.,
Toronto. Jan. 1, 1950.

Dear Uncle Willie:

It was so nice to receive your New Years wire this morning and your Christmas letter which arrived a day or so before Christmas. I have been trying to find a moment to write you ever since receiving it — but with the children on holidays and my housekeeper away — the "holiday"

year or so. My Ph D will be finished by then — and I'd like a year to see what is being done in the psychological field in England before settling into a more or less permanent position. This is a time when the children could be moved with a minimum of upset to their schooling so it seems like a suitable time to make such a trip — if I'm ever going to do it. Of course, such a plan may never

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season seems to have been unusually hectic.

It was very nice to hear from you - but I was exceedingly sorry to hear that your health is still not what you might reasonably hope for. I think "sleeplessness" must be most difficult for "rest" is one of the things that you do need so much. I was happy to hear that you feel that some progress is being made in overcoming the

fatigues of the past. It would be a real tragedy were you not well enough to enjoy some well-earned leisure

It was so very kind of you to send us the cheque as a Christmas present. I know you will not mind if I "tuck" the money away for a while to use to buy a piece of luggage if my present plans materialize. The children and I are planning on going to England in August for a

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materialize, but in case
it does, I'm going to
save your present to
buy some little extra
towards such a trip.

You have probably
heard directly from
Senator Wilson. but just
in case you haven't. I
know that you would
want to know that she
again sent Katherine
and Mackenzie a cheque
on the occasion of

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your birthday. I have written her to express our appreciation of her kindness.

The children join me in sending best wishes for the New Year.

Affectionately yours

Margery.

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January 6, 1950.

Please allow this letter to bring to Katherine, Mackenzie and yourself my fondest love and best of wishes at the beginning of this New Year. I hope that for all of you and for your Mother and Father it will prove a very good year.

Let me thank you too most warmly for the gift of "Lead, Kindly Light", which came from Katherine, Mackenzie and yourself with your good wishes at Christmas. It is a book which I had much in mind purchasing, It is one I am particularly pleased to have received as a gift from you.

Let me narrate a little incident which will show you how remarkable, as well as discerning, was the selection of gifts that came from May King, Arthur and yourself. When Mrs. James Carruthers (Violet Markham) paid me a week-end visit a month or two ago (she is a very old friend) there were a few books she suggested I should seek to acquire and read. One was Schweitzer's "Out of My Life and Thought". Another was "Lead, Kindly Light", the story of Gandhi's life, and "Cry, the Beloved Country". The first I received from May King, the second came from you and the children, and the third from Arthur and Kathleen.

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January 6, 1950.

Please allow this letter to bring you,

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I have already begun the reading of "Lead, Kindly Light", and am enjoying it exceedingly. I might say that my own convictions are much along the lines of Gandhi's as to the way in which we must work and look for enduring peace. The book comes at just the right moment as I am, as you know, thinking more and more of what may find expression in my forthcoming memoirs.

I must ask you to forgive me for being so long in sending my thanks for the Christmas gift and greetings, and for your letter written on New Year's Day. I have unfortunately been confined to bed during most of the last fortnight and it was not until some days after Christmas that I found it possible even to open the first of the Christmas gifts. I am still far from being in shape for work. The trouble has been sleeplessness and shortness of breath, which make a distressing combination. However, the difficulty, I believe, is clearing up under the complete rest which I have obliged myself to take in the past fortnight. Do not let mention of this cause you any concern. It is a word sent only by way of explanation.

I was much interested in learning that you have in mind the possibility of a year's visit in England with the children, beginning in the Summer. That is quite an undertaking, particularly with conditions what they are in the United Kingdom. However, I have no doubt

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you will have carefully explored all relevant factors and will not make the venture unless you feel it can be done without too great risks.

I am afraid my little Christmas remembrance could not go very far in lessening the expense of such a trip. You are, of course, wholly welcome to use the small amount in any way you think will add to the pleasure of the children and yourself.

I did hear from Senator Wilson that she had sent Katherine and Mackenzie a cheque on the occasion of my birthday. After her appointment to the Senate, Senator Wilson was in the habit of sending me some little remembrance on the anniversary of the day of her appointment. After she had met the children, she offered to send them this expression of appreciation of the appointment. I confess I always felt some embarrassment at allowing her to send me anything, as of course she owed the appointment to the Government and not to me. I felt an even greater embarrassment when she thought of the cheque idea, which was a very kind one, but which she began by sending through myself, as you may recall. On the last occasion, I think it was, I said that I would much prefer if she were sending any cheque to Katherine and Mackenzie that it be sent direct to them through you. She is a very warmhearted and generous person. I am glad that you have sent her a direct acknowledgment.

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I shall not add more as, except to members of the family, I have not found it possible to send any acknowledgment of Christmas gifts and greetings. Let me ask, however, that you give my kindest remembrances and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Rean, who I hope are well. My renewed best of wishes and love to the children and yourself.

Yours affectionately,

Mrs. W.L.M. King,
421 St. Clair Avenue East,
Toronto, Ontario.

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DRAFT LETTER

June 12, 1950.

Mrs. W.L.M. King,
Toronto, Ont.

421 St. Clair
At East

(My dear Margery)

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NOTE

I have looked up Mrs. King's letters, and find she told you when she wrote for your 75th birthday, "I'm trying to finish my Ph.D. this session and it means a lot of concentrated effort." You replied on December 21, 1949: "It was very plucky of you to work on a Ph.D. degree."

Mrs. King wrote again on Jan. 1, 1950: "The children and I are planning on going to England in August for a year or so. My Ph.D. will be finished by then, and I'd like a year to see what is being done in the psychological field in England before settling into a more or less permanent position."

You replied on January 6, 1950: "I was much interested in learning that you have in mind the possibility of a year's visit in England with the children, beginning in the summer. That is quite an undertaking. . ."

L.B.
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quite enough. I don't think we should give gifts without consulting Mac as well, for we are all equally interested and loving. Mrs Martyn & several others are much more Mother's friends than some of the newer acquaintances. I didn't get time to finish this last night and now Harry is just going so I must stop.

Best love dear Willie in which Harry joins & every good wish for 1918

Ever your loving sister

Jennie

I had a very nice letter from Olive but she never mentioned your Christmas present to her.

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room at the Roxborough where I saw dear little Mother for the last time. Please accept my very best thanks and loving gratitude I haven't nearly caught up with my letters as I am not situated as you are! I scarcely get a minute without the children or someone to bother me. Also I am short of paper clips & can't get it here. I wrote for it & my cards to Alexanders & Cable & they send word back that Father's & Mother's & my plates were returned to Mother in 1915 & that they have not had them since. I wrote them

Valkenton
January 1st 1918

My dear Willie

Your kind message & greeting for the new year was the first to reach us this morning. Many thanks for your kind thought of us. I hoped to get a letter off to you yesterday but Baby was restless and I never got a minute My cook is too scarce to be too flush, so unnecessary pleasures like telegrams have to be cut out! The maids are both home for the holiday so I have been pretty

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it till she returned yesterday. As soon as she opened it she saw your card & sent it up at once. We knew there was no "Lane" in town & wondered where it could have gone! I think you have been altogether too generous this Christmas. After your expensive elections and all the other extras this year I don't think you should have given us so much. The necklace will always be a beautiful reminder of dear little Mother & also of your love for both of us. I will wear it with a great deal of joy and will never look at it without picturing that

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W. L. MACKENZIE KING

The Roxborough,
Ottawa, January 4, 1918.

My dear Jennie:

I am glad that you received the neck-lace at last, and that you like it. I am indeed sorry for the mistake which caused the delay. It was certainly a very curious circumstance that anyone by the name of 'Lane' should have been in Walkerton Christmas week and in the way of receiving wedding gifts at that time. I enclose the letters which the Birks people sent me in explanation of the error. Had you not written me of the non-receipt of the article when you did, I should not have thought of having it traced.

You are quite right in saying that you had cards printed by Alexander & Cable at the time of Father's death. I also had some printed at the same time. Our cards of acknowledgment of sympathy were also printed there. I have not your plate, so it must be still at Alexander & Cable's.

As to the slight remembrances which I spoke of for Mrs. Hope and Florence Lynch, you evidently have mistaken the purpose I had in mind. It was not as intimate friends that I wished to have a remembrance given, but rather for the opposite reason. They were both strangers, and did for Mother very many things out of their love and kindness which others who were friends either did or could not do. I was not in a position, and for obvious reasons did not desire, to give anything in the way of acknowledgment myself. It was wholly to avoid the feeling of obligation which I do not wish to be under, and at the same time to express the gratitude which I deeply feel, that made me suggest that some little remembrance be sent, of something that would be appreciated simply because it was Mother's own. I can easily, however, secure something other myself and send it with a letter of acknowledgment which, if it does not serve quite the same purpose, will at least help in part.

As to the little silver plaque which I brought Mother from Paris, I should like to have that myself, unless you wish to keep it. It has the association which was in my mind at the time I purchased it, and an association more intimate for me than it could possibly hold for anyone else. If I had known you were taking it with you, I would have asked you to let me keep it, as it is one of the very few things of Mother's which speaks of part of the joys we shared together.

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I do not know whether you heard of Wilfred Campbell's death, which occurred at three o'clock on New Year's morning. Campbell was a very dear and close friend of mine, and I confess that I shall miss him sorely. I tried to get him for Christmas dinner with me on Christmas night, but he had a cold then. I thought of him as the one person I wished with me on New Year's Day, but he died that morning. He was buried yesterday, the service at St. George's Church being very similar to the one we had at St. Andrew's. My time through this week has been mostly occupied with matters pertaining to his funeral, and to the welfare of the family. His widow and several others dependent on him, including four little grandchildren, have been left in sore distress, and those of us who were his friends are trying to do what we can to fulfill the obligations of friendship as best we can.

But for the time I have had to give to these matters, I should have written you early in the New Year to confirm the wishes expressed in the night lettergram, which I am glad you received. Let me again wish you all the happiest and best of New Years, and with love to all, Believe me,

Ever your affectionate brother,

Willie

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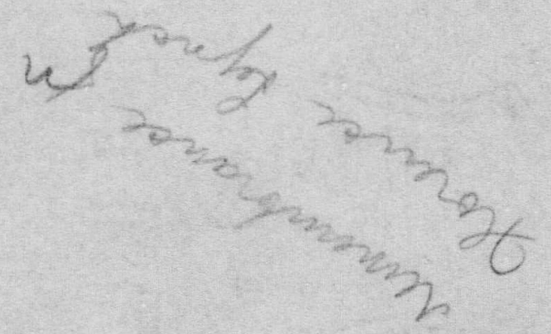

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them go alone & thinks the toboggan may come to harm!
Have you, by any chance, the receipt for Alexander & Cable's work when Father died? I enclose the letter I received from them on Saturday. It couldn't be much rudder, could it? They have evidently lost my plate or used it for someone else & are trying to get out of it. Will you return Alexander's letter when you write?
Don't think we have forgotten your Christmas gift. Though it is only a remembrance, it is going to you when I get a chance to get it. There is nothing here & I know what I want. Is there any truth in the report we saw in the papers that you are to represent one of the Quebec

Constituencies? This is all I have time for now. Hang the children join me in best love your loving sister Jennie

Walkerton
January 7th 1918

My dear Willie

I missed very much having to write to Mother yesterday! All day I kept feeling my weekly letter should be written but instead I wrote about fifteen others. I always forget to ask you whether you saw in "notes & comments" in the Globe on Saturday Dec 22nd the little paragraph about Mother. After my letter goes I remember half a dozen things I wanted to

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write about! First I want to thank you for your memoranda about the funeral. I am glad indeed to have it, especially Dr. Eakin's address. Also I am looking forward to seeing the year book of St Andrew's Church. Please remember, when reading my letters that really always there are a few children bothering me and always I am in a hurry! There seems so much to do and think about & I don't think I will ever catch up!! Those blocks you gave Jean

have been a great joy & even Baley gets down & plays with them. John makes the alphabet quite well & we all enjoy them. The other day two small friends & John & Jean went tobogganing on their own hook. Half an hour later a very frightened company returned! They had bumped into a fence & John had hurt his leg & Jean had bitten her tongue & was a bloody sight! However, after being washed up & given a treat they were ready for another venture! Nelson is much disgusted at me for letting

of the wills as I told him I would ask you to. If you have not done so I can have copies made & send them to him.

Do you remember that passage in Dickens Child's History of England where King John goes to see Arthur in prison? Your letter reminded me more of that than has anything since I left school.

I don't doubt you regretted having to write about these things but I am glad at last to know where we stand Yours

Jennie K. Lay.

Walkerton
Jan 13th 1918

Dear Willie:

I was very glad to have your letter yesterday with copies of Father's & Mother's wills. I don't doubt there is the agreement of which you speak but I have not seen it. After reading the wills I didn't wonder that I had had to request repeatedly before I was allowed to see them. In the light of them

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much is clear which before
I could never quite understand.
I don't wonder dear little mother
didn't want to die in Walkerton!
Poor little soul! I thank God
there is nothing on my conscience
which can come between me
and my loved ones.
As to the household belongings,
the little table of Grandfather's
is the only thing I can think
of just now which is mine?
Of course I will be glad to
have it. I will also be glad

if, when you have time, you will
send me Isabel's copy of Tennyson
which she gave to Jean. Mother asked
me, when we were packing at Avenue
Rd, not to take it till she was gone
so of course I did not. It has more
sentiment for me than for anyone
else and I would have asked you
for it when in Ottawa only I did not
want to appear grasping.
I hope you have sent Mac copies

to have any feeling in the matter. We are all equally loving and all have done our best for our loved ones and it is perfectly natural we should wish to know what has been & is to be done with the things they have left. I am sorry you thought there was anything antagonistic in my letter for I appreciate to the full all you have done for both Father & Mother

in any way for Mrs Hendrie Jan 8-18
As to the Lynch girls they certainly were very kind while you were at Kingsmere but to my mind were more than repaid by your kindness & hospitality. Mrs Hope is in a totally different class. Her kindness was never ending and disinterested to a degree & Mother was very fond of her. Most certainly she should be

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remembered but the things which Mother prized most were the things in her home and when we are settling those things there is sure to be something for Mr Hendrie & her. The sooner we do settle everything the better and save further expense in storage. I know you are busy but there will never come a time when we will not be and I always think the sooner business is attended to in a business like way the better. I would like very much to have copies of Mother's & Father's wills and I know Mac would too. Had those wills been left in my charge you would have been the first to have wished to see them, so there is no reason

as strong as he thinks.
Now I must get to work.
I hope this letter will clear
away any misunderstanding
there may have been in your
mind for we are all too dear
to each other to be able to
afford that kind of thing.
With best love
Your affectionate Sister
Jennie.

and the love you had
for them. I expect to
give a detailed account
of anything left in my
charge & think it would
be strange not to. It
is simply business.
Nanny & I were very sorry
to see the notice of Wilfrid
Campbell's death. I have
never met him but knew
he was a great friend
of yours. I was saying

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to Harry it seemed
strange that he and
Norman Duncan, two
of the few literary men
in this country, should
be taken in so short a
time and both so
comparatively young.
There are so few men
in this country who are
able to write anything
worth while.

I am returning the Birks letters
Everyone has admired the necklace
so much & it is a great joy to
have it. You were much too generous
to all of us but you know we
appreciate your loving kindness.
Baby has been sick with a cold
but this weather would give anyone
a cold. Isn't it too bad Mac has
had another set back? He is not-

The Roxborough,
Ottawa, January 9, 1918.

My dear Jennie:

I return herewith Alexander & Cable's letter. They are evidently right that we were both mistaken. It is not Alexander & Cable's at which the engraving was done, but at the Alexander Engraving Company, Limited, 352 Adelaide Street West, Toronto. They are the people who have the plates. I enclose a small blotter which will serve as a memorandum. Under the circumstances, I think the reply from the Alexander & Cable Company is about all that could have been expected.

I have not seen the article in the "Globe" of December 22 to which you refer, but shall get a copy of the paper. I shall be grateful if you will bring any of these notices that you may see to my attention. I am trying to gather together to preserve any clippings that may appear. I presume you have copies of the Toronto papers containing notices of the funeral service, and in particular the "Star", which had the best notice.

I have not yet received the Year Book of St. Andrew's Church, having had no reply from Tisdall. If none comes within a day or two I shall write him again.

As to the report of the possibility of my representing a Quebec constituency, I can only say that I believe many of my friends would be glad to see and help accomplish this end. It is one thing, however, to desire an object and another to attain it. The Government, I imagine, controls the situation so far as permitting bye-elections is concerned, and it is hardly probable that they will show any eagerness to permit a bye-election to be brought on which will help to return me to Parliament. Until, therefore, I see the thing actually accomplished, I am not allowing myself to view it other than in a wholly detached way. So far as answering inquiries from outside is concerned, it is as well to refer to the matter as one of mere rumour, which up to the present is all that in fact it is.

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Did Mac tell you that he had another slight haemorrhage, about two weeks before Mother's death? He has evidently been doing a little too much, and was obliged to lay up for a day or two and get a nurse to attend to him. It was Mrs. Wookey who alarmed me in some reference she made to a recent illness, so I wrote Mac about it. He says he did not wish to add to the anxieties of either of us by writing at the time. Now, however, that he is over its ill effects, he feels there is no longer any occasion for alarm. It shows, however, how extremely precarious Mac's condition is, and that he is really living from day to day with a sword over his head.

It makes necessary also a continuance of financial support for him. Last year he was able to let me reduce what I had given him to $650.00, which brought my total advances to him to about $5,000, in addition to gifts and much of what was done prior to his going to Colorado. This amount, of course, does not include the gift of $500 in the nature of a legacy left by Little Bell, and which we agreed it would be her wish for Max to have, nor the money given him by Mother to supplement what was necessary to purchase the car, and as a recognition of her stay while in Colorado. May's music brought her in over a thousand dollars last year. As I think I told you, I had Max have her invest the first $1000 she made in Government War Bonds, which gives them a return interest enough to carry his life insurance. He made enough out of his professional work to pay the running expenses of the motor and an outlay of two or three hundred dollars for equipment for his office. They made, too, over $50.00 on their poultry. Altogether they have managed splendidly, and I only pray that this year he may have better fortune in health and strength, and be able to handle something of the practice which his book is beginning to bring him.

I am glad the children continue to get pleasure out of the Christmas gifts.

With best love to all, dear Jennie, Believe me,

Ever affectionately yours,

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practically nothing for it. We have just to make the best of things as they are & reduce living to the simplest form.

So far as the household belongings are concerned I am sure there will be no difficulty in dividing them. I have wanted to send you a list out of which you could select what you thought was fair, but have had no chance to write. I suppose we would all like the portraits of Father and Grandfather & Grandmother but I realize that under the circumstances you will wish to have those. Mother's cabinet of silver I think comes next.

Mag
1609
Glazerne Rd

Walkerton
July 9th 1918

My dear Willie:

We tried all last evening to get you by phone but were unsuccessful. I meant to write on Sunday but some people came in and I was prevented. Then yesterday morning your next letter came with the cheque for $1000 and as we had to go out, tried to get you by phone instead. At eleven p.m. I cancelled the call as I thought

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you might think something
serious had happened!
It is very kind of you to send
the cheque for this amount.
As, however, I never expected
to get anything from Mother's
estate, I hope you will let
Mac borrow from me to this
amount (if he will consent to
do so) and so relieve you for
a time of any extra burden.
Harry gives me all I need &
it will be a very great privilege
to feel that the money is being
used where it is most needed. I

have not yet written Mac. In fact my last letter was the one to him from the hospital. I had to stay in bed for a week after I came home and am only now getting back any energy. It will take a long time to regain my strength. We have tried in vain to get a maid & have only a little girl who comes in & washes the dishes. There are simply no maids to be had and everyone in town is in the same condition. The farmers are desperate and I don't know what we are going to do. It is not a question of wages for we have been paying $20.00 for months past & getting

me know if you want me.
I should think a winter in England would be a relief & pleasure to you. Of course I don't know whether your trip has any significance but the change will be good for you. We three will be about as far apart as we well can be.
I wonder if you saw in Friday's mail & Saturday's Globe that Nelson passed first of the Dominion for the Naval College which is to open in Esquimalt in September. It is a long way to send him but we are very proud of him & hope to let him go. He was over 70% in all but two subjects & 93% in one.
Now I must mail this. Let me know if there is anything you want me to do. Will write Mac tonight if possible. Love from all & very many thanks. Affectionately & Yours, Jennie

Then there are the silver covers, china, glass & general household furnishings but I do not see why these should not be divided between the three of us. The drawing room sofa & arm chairs I would love to have & of course I already have Mother's clothes. (In confidence) Just here I would like to tell you that Mother was most emphatic that none of her lace or clothes should ever go to Mary. She told me that she would never forget the way Mary treated the things she took out to her and impressed on me that she was leaving these things with me & that they were for me & my children forever! That she repeated several times in Ottawa & told me she wanted me to take the lace back after she had her

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photo taken. You know Willie there isn't very much and all of it needs mending & may would never appreciate it. I wondered if it would be possible to send Mary Mother's desk & chair which are light & practically new & which were really Mother's? You will know best. As to the brush & comb. I hate to seem piggish but no one can have the sentiment about Mother's set which I have as it was bought under circumstances which no one else can appreciate. Mother gave Jean Isabel's set when Father died & I feel Jean has a right to it as Isabel loved her & wanted her to have it. All I have of Isabel's is the bracelet which Harry gave her when we were married, & which I am keeping for Jean, & her set of Tennyson. Nellie got her ring & Hazel her brooch & May her fur coat & Mac her money & yet Isabel was more to me than to anyone else. However if you think best I will hand over one of the sets of brushes.

I got this far last night & had to stop and now have only time for a line before train time. If I could be of any help to you when you are disposing of the things in storage, Harry says I may go down. Let

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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, January 10, 1918.

My dear Jennie:

As requested by you, I enclose copies of Father's and Mother's wills.

In addition to the wills there is an agreement of date April 12, 1915 between Father, Mother and myself, witnessing the assignment to me of Father's policies of insurance in full discharge of his obligation to me in the payment of all his debts, and advances made, including borrowings on the insurance policies themselves, and an undertaking on my part to keep the policies fully paid up to the time of his death, and to advance to him and to Mother further monies whenever needed.

I have all along thought that both you and Harry were fully aware of the existence and nature of this agreement, entered into at a time when Father's blindness had rendered inevitable the discontinuance of his law practice and his services as a member of the Law School Faculty, and when except for the monies not already borrowed on his policies he had no means of any kind of further providing for Mother and himself during the remainder of their lives. I was glad to assume, and they were glad to enter into the obligations of the agreement, that neither of them might ever become dependent in any measure on either you or Max, for they, as well as I, realized that you and Harry had your own family and special obligations to provide for, and that Max and his family would necessarily continue to be dependent on me in large measure for some time to come. I assigned my own life insurance policies over to Father and Mother in case of my death during the lives of either or both of them (with provisions safeguarding Max and yourself) and in this way they were accorded the feeling, which I think they both enjoyed and valued, that in no way were they under obligation to or dependent on any of their children, or ever likely to be so long as they lived.

It was Father's wish that the condition of his affairs should not be made a subject of disclosure or discussion with other members of the family, but should be kept private by myself. It was for this reason, and this reason only, that no copies of the agreement were given at the time to you or to Max, though the purport of it was made fully known

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to both you and Harry, and Max and May. Max, I may say, expressed himself more than satisfied, both to Mother and me, with the arrangement, and has never done other than express his gratitude for it.

I have told you of the relation the amounts I have paid out have borne to the securities I received. Had they been three or four times what they were I should gladly have continued to comply with the trust I assumed. I suppose it might have been termed a business arrangement, and construed as such. I never cared to view it in that light. As a business arrangement, the obligation would have ended when sums equal to the amount of the policies, less outstanding indebtedness, had been advanced. A business agreement to divide and share a balance if any, would have involved a like agreement to divide and share a deficit. Such an agreement Father and Mother and I believed that neither you nor Max would wish, nor were in a position to be a party to, and did not therefore propose it.

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As to the household belongings, it is my belief that it would have been Father's and Mother's wish that, all outstanding obligations being met, these should be divided equally between the members of the family surviving them, though I think that as regards Max, it is not less in his interest and in the interest of his family than owing to those of the family who are giving him support, that a degree of trusteeship should continue to be exercised with respect to whatever belongs to him, a trusteeship which in strict equity might well be extended in some measure to my share and yours, unless it is to be assumed that no matter what happens all further assistance to him is to be from me exclusively, and none whatever be borne by what would be regarded as the Estate had the possessions been left in that way. Max has said as much in conversation with me, and I think he feels, not without reason, that his interests and those of his family are not likely to suffer as a consequence.

It is not possible for me to begin at once a disposition of the effects that are stored, and if it were I should prefer to wait till we were a little farther removed from the present time. If there are among them articles that you would like to have immediately, I could perhaps arrange to meet your wishes, but unless you have a special reason for wishing a final settlement at once, it would be a real accomodation to me to allow matters to remain as they are, until at least I have completed my book for the Rockefeller Foundation, and we get into the warmer weather. Perhaps you would think over what there is and make a list of what you are most anxious to have, and what you think would be a fair disposition. Meanwhile I could obtain from Max his preferences and wishes, and perhaps in this way we could mutually agree upon what each should have, and arrange a distribution in accordance with a spirit which would add to the enjoyment of later possession. After all, the amount stored is not so considerable; it comprises only what there was in the apartment on Avenue Road. There may be a few articles which each of us would like to have, but these I should hope we will not find it difficult to come to an agreement upon.

Let me say, in conclusion, that I deeply regret having to write upon these matters at all, and would not do so, but for the emphasis you place in your letter on the necessity of an immediate settlement. If it has been necessary for me to refer to some of the matters mentioned, it is simply because I have had no alternative in view of your wish for a statement. Though I have sought to meet your wish, I hope you will believe

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that my own is to continue in the spirit in which all along I have sought to meet each obligation as it has been assumed: to make out of the hard and dark places of life something bright and beautiful and full of memories that may be fondly cherished. Above all, in the precious things of home and its associations, I desire only to help to hallow the memories we already have, by doing justly, not in accord with any letter, but in the spirit of those most loved.

Ever your affectionate brother,

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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, January 17, 1918.

My dear Jennie:

You have evidently chosen, for what reason you know best, to deliberately misinterpret, not only the purport of Father's and Mother's wills, but also the whole of my endeavour of many years to safeguard and protect their interests and the name and interests of each member of the family. You seem, too, to be eager to reveal a distrust and to impute motives which are hardly worthy of you, and which I find it impossible to comprehend.

On reflection, however, I am not wholly surprised, since, in love,

'Faith and unfaith can ne'er be equal powers;'

and

'Unfaith in aught is want of faith in all' - and you say there is much which you could never quite understand.

Perhaps I might quote to you, as worthy of some thought at this time, the verse in Tennyson's Idylls which follows these lines. I am sending, as asked for, the little set of Tennyson which belonged to Isabel.

"It is the little rift within the lute,
That by and by will make the music mute,
And ever widening slowly silence all."

I would advise that you do not seek to forfeit too hastily or too completely, a love that apparently means little

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to you, and that in justice to yourself you strive to share something of the confidence and trust which Father, Mother, Isabel, and Max were glad to share, and which none of them, I think, ever found betrayed.

I regret it is not possible for me to attempt at present a disposition of what has been left, but I shall endeavour to do this at the earliest opportunity in accordance with what I know were Father's and Mother's expectations and wishes at the time their wills were made and always. Meantime, I shall count on your co-operation in letting me know of the disposition you would regard as most equitable and which would most accord with your wishes.

Yours affectionately,

Willie.

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My dear Jennie.

The more I have thought of your letter, the more the indignation I felt upon its receipt has turned to pity - genuine pity for you - that some resentment which you have not wholly concealed in the past, could have so blinded you to all appreciation of ~~the truth of a situation~~ what is fair and just, that you would be prepared to sacrifice all your noblest instincts to it, and utter words which I fear you may live to regret all your life.] [It was a month ago tonight that dear little mother died here in the room in which I write. - If I seek to suppress every feeling that your letter provokes, and write in complete forgiveness of all you have said, it is that I may remain true to the spirit of love which above all else she sought to bequeath to her children.

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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, January 18, 1918.

My dear Jennie:

It was a month ago tonight that dear little Mother died here in the room in which I write. If I seek to suppress every feeling that your letter provokes, and write in complete forgiveness of all you have said, it is that I may remain true to the spirit of love which above all else she sought to bequeath to her children.

You have interpreted the wording of Father's and Mother's wills as evidencing a desire on my part, and a yielding to compulsion on theirs, to make me the sole possessor of what during their-life-time constituted their home, and which, you know as well as I do, it was ever their wish should be equally shared when they were gone, among their children. This is as unfair to the love they bore you as it is unworthy of the love I might have expected you to have for me.

When Father and Mother made the wills in the form they did, it was with the expectation that they would be supplemented later on with codicils or memoranda more in detail expressive of their wishes. Such an expression I sought over and over again to obtain, but was always met with the reply that there was no need for any immediate decision, or words to that effect, and, to use Mother's words, "Willie will do what is right"; "he will know what it is best to do if anything happens to us." Moreover, at the time the wills were made, there was the problem of Max's illness and what it might continue to entail, to be considered. Father and Mother both deeply regretted they had not found it possible to do anything for Max, and they both mentioned that in leaving matters in my hands to do what might seem best, they felt they were taking the course that in the event of their death, was wisest in the circumstances. It is to be remembered that at the time these wills were made, Father's tenure of office as a lecturer at the Law School was at an end, and he had not a dollar of income from any source either present or future assured. In addition to that, blindness had made the hope of future work on his part impossible. He knew that Max could contribute nothing towards his support and Mother's in their remaining years, and he felt the same in regard to yourself. There was no one to look to but me. I had given up my connection with the Civil Service for politics, and after defeat was left with nothing.

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My position with the Rockefeller Foundation had only just commenced, and was of a temporary nature, and liable to end at any time, as it since has. There was actually not the wherewithal to meet any expenses at the time. You were fortunately spared the anxieties which these problems occasioned, and very many more of which I do not care to make mention. I only thank God, I was able to help to relieve.

The truth is, as Mother told me during her illness, both she and Father had counted on being spared to enjoy together the 50th anniversary of their wedding. It was with the utmost difficulty that I could get Father to make a will at all; and it was only after a proposal by Father that on assigning his insurance policies to me, I should assign mine to an equivalent amount to him and Mother, and I went beyond this to the extent of making a will of my own whereby I left everything I possessed (with a few exceptions) to Father and Mother for enjoyment during their life-time, and to you and Max and to the children of your two families thereafter, that to avoid, in the case of unforeseen contingencies, difficulties such as we experienced through Isabel having died without having made a will, Father drew up the codicil to his own will, and prepared the will for Mother's signature in the form he did. I asked Father at the time, if he would not make some indication of the disposition he and Mother might wish, and if he would not like Harry or Max joined as executors. It was in reply to this, he said most emphatically that he did not wish any member of the family or connection to have to do with his affairs but myself, and made me promise that I would not disclose or discuss them with anyone. This was Mother's wish as well as his own. It was, however, their belief and desire that, should the time come when a final disposition would have to be made, and nothing specific was mentioned, that I might be expected to act honourably in accord with what I knew their wishes would be. I have never had, and never could have a thought of doing otherwise.

If I have failed to realize the doubts and suspicions in your mind, it is because I have believed they were foreign to you, and if I have said little myself, it has been because I have been concerned much more than you will ever know, in seeking to find a way to meet every situation as it has arisen in a manner that would best conserve the interests of all.

With regard to what remains to be done, you will have to give me time. Neither my feelings nor my present duties will permit me to enter immediately upon the painful task of recounting expenditures made on account of Mother's illness or attempting to dispose by sale or otherwise of her possessions. It came as

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a shock to me that you could wish to enter on a discussion of these matters before even the letters of sympathy from friends had been answered. If I regretted having to write you, that was the principal reason. I had thought that perhaps before Easter some chance of seeing Max might come, and that at Easter itself I might spend a few days at your home, and we could then quietly go over much that was very sacred in a spirit that would help to hallow memories we cherish. But evidently we view life and its events from different angles, and a confidence on which I have been relying does not exist. I can only be sorry for this. I trust, however, that with opportunity of reflection, and a desire to see a very difficult situation from all its sides, you will yet come to do justice to yourself and to me.

I am sorry that your feelings have been wounded, especially at a time when they cannot be other than keenly sensitive. That is perhaps a reason why it would be well to let Time play its necessary part, in this, as in all other matters, and not attempt much in the way of further discussion for the present.

With love to you all,

Yours affectionately,

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present to give any further information I shall be glad to drop just now a discussion which should not have led to personalities. If you think any criticism of mine unjustified. you must put it down to my pained surprise at the wording of Brother's will

With love from all.

Yours affectionately

Jennie.

Walkerton
January 25th 1918

Dear Willie

Thank you very much for sending me Isabel's Tennyson. Apart altogether from the fact that Isabel wished Jean to have it, there are associations connected with it which mean more to me than they could possibly mean to anyone else.

Thank you very much also for your letters which came on Saturday and Tuesday. I wrote to you on Sunday but had not time to finish the letter and have decided that you would not appreciate it anyway. I would like to point out, what

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you seem to have forgotten, that it was in reply to your request for remembrances to give away, that I spoke of Mother's things in the first place. Also I may say that, as it is over a year since Father's death, I think we showed our implicit faith in you in never insisting on seeing Father's will. It was some remarks made by Hazel on the day of Mother's funeral which made me determine that I must know whereof I spoke. No matter from what angle I view life I fail to see how a brother could see his brother & sister disinherited

in his favor and expect them to be grateful. As you say, however, we view things from such very different stand-points that I may have misjudged you. Had you been perfectly frank with me in the first place all the misunder-standing and heart break would have been avoided. Time only can heal. My love should be as precious to you as yours is to me. As for my love for Mother, that is something too sacred to be discussed in any way whatever. As you say you are not prepared at

The Roxborough,
Ottawa, January 28, 1918.

My dear Jennie:

I am not at all surprised that, if you believed, to quote the words of your letter, your "brother could see his brother and sister disinherited in his favor", you should have experienced something not unlike a heart-~~some~~ in reading Father's and Mother's wills. What you have evidently overlooked is that such a thought implies a judgment, not only upon me, but also upon Father and Mother, which I am sure in moments of reflection you will wonder at having ever thought of, let alone made. That Father or Mother would have disinherited any of their children under any circumstances is inconceivable. If their lives should have taught us anything, it was that their natures were incapable of such an action.

I forgive only too readily all that you have written, and the fact that you ever felt as you did, and I hope that Time may help me to forget the circumstance as well. Did I not know that the last year has been one of great strain and anxiety for you, and had some of the effects of this strain not been noticeable to me when you were here, I should feel very differently than I do; but I know too well what an overwrought condition of mind and body may do for one not to make every allowance for it, and I have therefore not permitted your words or what they implied to weigh with me other than objectively, in so far as it has been possible for me to do this.

To comfort your own mind and to give it the consolation which it will undoubtedly need, let me suggest that you try to see the circumstances surrounding the making of Father's and Mother's wills in the light of what they actually were. When Father's will was first drawn, everything was left in it to Mother. I was made the sole executor. That was some time before Isabel's death, and was done with her knowledge as well as mine, and not only with her knowledge but also with her hearty acquiescence.

When Isabel died, I was in Colorado. I came home, but was obliged to return within a fortnight. During that time we had very considerable trouble getting the Bank of Commerce

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in Toronto to release the small sum of money Isabel had on deposit in view of the circumstance that she had left no will. You had to be written to in Walkerton; Max had to be written to in Colorado; both of you had to have your signatures witnessed on the same documents; and these documents Father and Mother had also to sign and have witnessed, as well as myself: this to secure the sum of a few hundred dollars concerning the disposal of which there could be no doubt one way or the other. Father and Mother were the first to see the unwisdom of leaving their affairs in this condition. Neither of them wished at the moment to make a disposition, as between their children, of the contents of the home which they hoped to share together for yet a number of years. On the other hand, Bella's death having brought home to us all the vast uncertainty of life, and Father and Mother both being of the age they were, and in addition Mother not too strong and Father blind, they both felt that being left alone again as they would be the minute I returned to Colorado, they might only be adding to the grief we as their children would have should either of them die at anyunforeseen moment and no document be left by which it would be possible to avoid the kind of complications we had concerning Isabel's estate. There was never intention on either Father's part or Mother's that their wills as drafted then should be other than for purposes of protection, and the best evidence of the circumstance is that at the same moment I made my own will, in which, with trifling exceptions, I left everything to you and your children, to Max and his children, securing to Father and Mother during their life-time the use of the income from my estate.

If nothing was said of these matters, it was not through any desire of anyone to profit at the expense of others by them. It was only and wholly because the arrangement was one wholly tentative, meant as a method of immediate security against unforeseen events, and intended to be altered as circumstances might occasion. I am sure, for example, that neither Father nor Mother nor I anticipated that Mother would survive Father. Her will, therefore, was a purely formal statement, in no way intended as an expression of her wishes after death should she become the sole survivor.

As to Father's will, you knew that by it everything had been left to Mother. That was most clearly stated to both you and her at the time of Father's death. As to Mother's wishes with respect to the disposition of what belonged to her, she was with you, as she was with Max, for a month or two after Father's death, and before coming to me. There was nothing to preclude either you or Max or Mother from discussing her affairs

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with you, and nothing, I presume, did preclude except the feeling, which has been very much mine ever since Mother's death, that there was something unsumpathetic, not to say unnatural, about seeking a disposition of what had been left before Time had brought some healing to a wound so recently made. From the day after Mother came to live with me to the day of her death, she was not a single day out of her bed, nor without the care or a nurse day or night. During part of that time you were with her, and might have, had you so desired, asked what disposition she would like to have made of her effects. You can hardly blame me if, on behalf of Max, I did not do this, because restrained by feelings of delicacy and affection akin to your own.

I once heard a professor at Harvard say that "We gum our own labels on to the facts of life." It is a homely expression, but it is a very, very true one. Perhaps this incident, painful as it has been, may not be without its benefit through life, ~~and~~ if it helps to reveal the sorrow that we needlessly bring upon ourselves through failure to be guided by two precepts which philosophers of all ages, and more especially those who have gleaned the wisdom of the Scriptures, have come to regard as fundamentals of happiness and character. The one is, "Impute no evil", and the other "Charity never faileth". To carry these maxims as torches on the path of life is to avoid many a pitfall and save many a stony and thorny place, and perhaps a bleeding heart at the end.

With love to all,

Yours affectionately,

-- P.S. - I enclose part of a letter which I have received from Max to-day. You will notice that the wording of Father's and Mother's wills occasioned him no surprise; they were, as he says, in keeping with what he had expected. Please return this enclosure.

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Walkerton
Feb. 6th 1918

Dear Willie

I enclose the clipping from Mac's letter. I was sorry to hear from him that you have been in the Hospital with an affected arm and hope that long ere this you have quite recovered and

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back in your rooms.
This is dear little Mother's
birthday and I don't doubt
she is thinking of her
three children who are
all so dear to her still

Yours affectionately
Jennie

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Walkerton
April 2nd 1918

My dear Willie
Very many thanks for your kind Easter card which came yesterday. I don't think I ever felt quite as lonely as I did this Easter when I realized that never again could I have a home where I could take the whole family for

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a visit! Last Easter, though dear little Mother was so ill, there was still the chance that she might pick up and have her own home again but now they are all gone.

I hope you are quite better. The children are all well and join with Harry and me in sending

love

Your affectionate sister

Jennie

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Walkerton
May 3rd 1918

My dear Willie:

I was very glad to get your letter written after your return from Toronto and to know that you had been out to Mount Pleasant and found everything satisfactory. I hope to go down to

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Toronto some time soon
if we can get a maid
They seem to be impossible
to get and being without
always means a return
of remittes which is very
painful, and adds to the
hardship.
I hope you are quite
well as they all are here.
I shall be glad to hear
from you when you
have time to write.
All join in sending love
Your affectionate sister
Jennie.

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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, May 21, 1916.

Dear Jennie:

I enclose a memorandum regarding Mother's estate, which I have prepared for you and Max. I shall be grateful if, when you have gone carefully through it, you will write to me very fully and explicitly concerning any questions it may raise in your mind, or any limitations it may appear to have.

As I have said in a letter to Max, a copy of which I enclose herewith, it is for you and him to determine what course you wish to have taken with regard to the final disposition of the matters pertaining to Mother's estate.

As I am leaving on Thursday night for Colorado, and shall be with Max in the course of ten days after arrival in the southern part of the State, there will be opportunity for you and him to correspond before I see him. I should like, so far as he is concerned, to have definitely settled while I am in Colorado what his wishes may be; and it will help very much toward a speedy termination of all outstanding matters connected with Mother's estate if, while I am with him you can let us both have an expression of your own views and wishes; and particularly I shall be pleased to know while with him what you feel should be done with regard to the household effects in storage, and what particular articles from among the number stored you may feel you should like to have.

In preparing the memorandum, I have tried to touch upon the several matters which I thought were likely to be raised in a consideration of a final settlement of the estate. If in writing Max you can find it possible to express your views with regard to each and every question asked or point raised, it should be possible for both of us to come to some final disposition which will be satisfactory all round.

I am very sorry to have had to keep you both waiting so long for this statement; but upon its perusal you will see, I am sure, why I did not feel at liberty to enter quickly or lightly upon the task which I knew was involved in seeking to give you and Max the details which I knew you would wish to have.

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As in one of your letters to me you mentioned not having seen any copy of the agreement between Mother and Father and myself respecting the insurance monies, I enclose a copy herewith.

I shall take to Colorado with me the vouchers and other papers relating to the several expenditures referred to in the memorandum. If you wish to examine any of these, please let me know what particular vouchers you would like to see. I can send all if you so desire, but they constitute a very considerable bundle, and unless you feel that a perusal in detail by Max is insufficient, it may save both correspondence and expense not to transfer the entire lot.

Again let me repeat how anxious I am that you should express your mind without reserve in regard to any and every detail of my management of Father's and Mother's affairs, and your own and Max's interests therein.

With love to Harry, the children, and yourself,

Yours affectionately,

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I shall take to Colorado with me the vouchers and other papers relating to the several expenditures referred to in the memorandum. If you wish to examine any of these, please let me know what particular vouchers you would like to see. I can send all if you so desire, but they constitute a very considerable bundle, and unless you feel that a perusal in detail by Max is insufficient, it may save both correspondence and expense not to transfer the entire lot.

Again let me repeat how anxious I am that you should express your mind without reserve in regard to any and every detail of my management of Father's and Mother's affairs, and your own and Max's interests therein.

With love to Harry, the children, and yourself,

Yours affectionately,

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REPEAT
REPETITION

The Roxborough,
Ottawa, May 21, 1918.

Dear Jennie:

I enclose a memorandum regarding Mother's estate, which I have prepared for you and Max. I shall be grateful if, when you have gone carefully through it, you will write to me very fully and explicitly concerning any questions it may raise in your mind, or any limitations it may appear to have.

As I have said in a letter to Max, a copy of which I enclose herewith, it is for you and him to determine what course you wish to have taken with regard to the final disposition of the matters pertaining to Mother's estate.

As I am leaving on Thursday night for Colorado, and shall be with Max in the course of ten days after arrival in the southern part of the State, there will be opportunity for you and him to correspond before I see him. I should like, so far as he is concerned, to have definitely settled while I am in Colorado, what his wishes may be; and it will help very much toward a speedy termination of all outstanding matters connected with Mother's estate if, while I am with him, you can let us both have an expression of your own views and wishes; and particularly I shall be pleased to know while with him what you feel should be done with regard to the household effects in storage, and what particular articles from among the number stored you may feel you should like to have.

In preparing the memorandum, I have tried to touch upon the several matters which I thought were likely to be raised in a consideration of a final settlement of the estate. If in writing Max you can find it possible to express your views with regard to each and every question asked or point raised, it should be possible for both of us to come to some final disposition which will be satisfactory all round.

I am very sorry to have had to keep you both waiting so long for this statement; but upon its perusal you will see, I am sure, why I did not feel at liberty to enter quickly or lightly upon the task which I knew was involved in seeking to give you and Max the details which I knew you would wish to have.

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Mrs. H. M. Lay

Walkerton

Ont

J. M.

Postmaster.

OTTAWA CANADA REGISTERED DATE MAY 22 1918

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Walkerton
June 2nd 1918

Dear Willie

I am very sorry to have had to keep you waiting so long before acknowledging the receipt of your letter with memorandum and agreement I do not see that anything can be gained by discussing statements or figures, and have no desire to see any vouchers or papers relating to the several expenditures referred to. Neither do I see any use, at this stage,

I would. When I went down again early in September she asked me if I had done so? I said no, it was my summer holiday to go & see her & Harry was only too glad to let me go. Then she made me promise that I would take $30.00 & buy myself a dress. Of course I didn't do it: but the day I left for Ottawa, Nov. 20th as Harry was away, I sent the maid down with a Cheque, drew the money & took it with me & told Mother I had the money but had not

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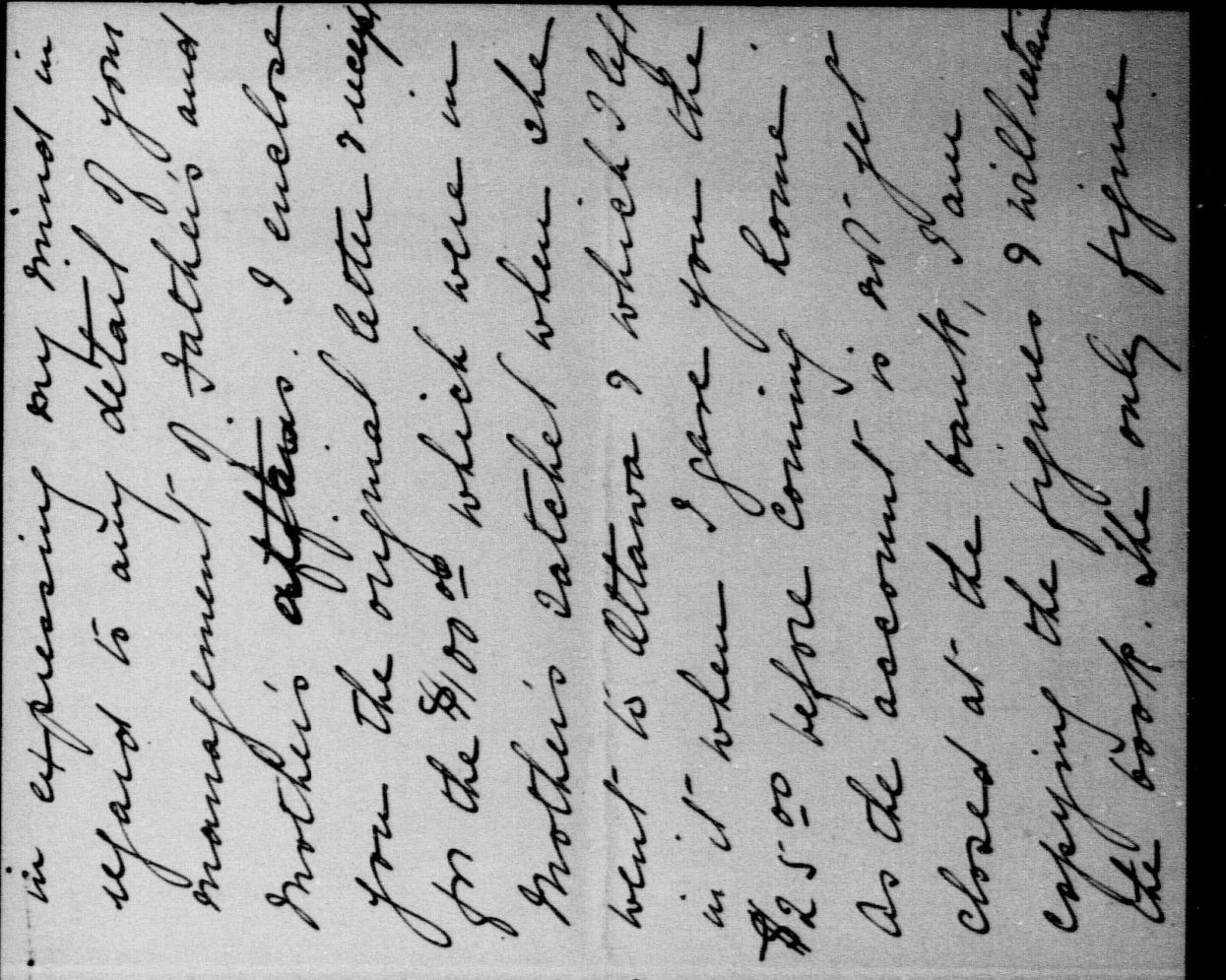
in expressing my mind in
regard to any detail of your
management of Father's and
Mother's ~~Ottawa~~. I enclose
you the original letter I receipt
for the $100.00 which were in
Mother's satchel when she
went to Ottawa I which I left
in it when I gave you the
$25.00 before coming home.
As the account is not yet
closed at the bank, I am
copying the figures I will retain
the book. The only figure



which needs further explanation is
the $30.02 drawn on Nov. 20. 1917.
When I went down to Ottawa a year
ago to-day, you very kindly offered to
pay my fare instead of taking John &
me to the sea, as of course we knew
could never be. Mother heard you &
was very disgusted, & said on no account
was I to accept any money on such
conditions, but was to take my fare
out of the money in Walkerton. She was
so insistent that, to please her, I said

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until you are able to assure us explicitly that you relinquish the legal claim to the whole, which you undoubtedly have under the "Agreement" & wills. - You can only do so by admitting that, as a matter of equity, we have the same claim as if the Agreement had never been drawn and, instead of sole legatee, you had been named executor to divide everything equally between the three of us. It seems to me that it leaves a stigma on

Father's & Mother's names that their two younger children could only secure their natural heritage in the guise of a gift from the elder brother. I will be glad if you will show Mac this letter & tell him he is at perfect liberty to show you any of my letters which he thinks best. With love to you all.

Your affectionate sister
Jennie

got the dress yet. She kept at me till Mrs Hope sent in a dress which pleased her & which I paid for myself with my own cheque the day I left Ottawa. Of the $30.00 I paid $3.52 for butter which I took to Ottawa, the balance $26.48 I still have in Mother's satchel and am holding till I see the amount of Dr Stalker's bill which Harry has tried repeatedly to get from him.

I cannot help feeling though that any proposition of yours to share with Rae and myself in a division of Father's & Mother's estates cannot be considered

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June 14, 1918.

My dear Jennie:

After fully discussing with Max the matter relating to Father's and Mother's estate, I have decided to make a few changes in the memorandum which I have sent you.

In the first place, I wish to make it clear that, personal profit having formed no part of the purpose of my agreement with Father, or of the wills as they were drawn up by Father and Mother, and the purpose of these documents having been fully served previous to the present date, in our present settlement we may completely disregard their existence. The effect of this arrangement is to place you, Max, and myself on an equal footing in the disposal of the estate, as I believe Father and Mother would have wished.

If you are agreeable, I should like to regard Mother's sojourn with me at The Roxborough as that of a guest. But Max will not allow me to be personally responsible for the extra expenses incident to Mother's illness. He has checked over and classified the various items of my memorandum, and I have been guided by his opinion with regard to expenses chargeable to the estate. I wish you would look over the charges as they now stand, and without delay submit either to Max or myself any change which you feel should be made, or any claims you hold against the estate. When you feel quite satisfied that we have reached a correct balance, I shall be glad to send you a cheque for one-third of that amount.

I am purchasing from Max his interest in the household effects, and await your opinion or suggestion before proceeding further.

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Statement submitted by Dr. King June 10. 19[illegible]

FATHER'S ACCOUNT

	Cr.		Dr.
Frazer Estate	2,500.00	Refund, Mother	650.00
Law Book Company	150.00	Refund, Isabel	100.00
Interest	46.50	University	81.60
Library, with interest	258.80	Isabel's death	400.00
Borrowed Life Insurance	2,859.57	Refund, Will	2,859.57
		On hand at death	1,723.70
	5,814.87		5,814.87

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FATHER'S ESTATE

On hand at death	1,723.70	Cemetery	893.00
Balance of Frazer Estate	656.91	Funeral	395.22
Balance of Insurance	5,370.43	Physicians' accounts	255.00
Due Estate (Page 3)	220.03	Unpaid rent	235.42
		Incidental (Page 7)	38.77
		Closing house	142.17
		Mother's legacy	6,011.49
	7,971.07		7,971.07

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Statement submitted June 10, 1918 by W.L.M. King with pencil additions.

FATHER'S ACCOUNT

	Cr.		Dr.
Frazer Estate	2,500.00	Refund, Mother	650.00
Law Book Company	150.00	Refund, Isabel	100.00
Interest	46.50	University	81.60
Library, with interest	258.80	Isabel's death	400.00
Borrowed Life Insurance	2,859.57	Refund, Will	2,859.57
		On hand at death	1,723.70
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MOTHER'S ACCOUNT

	Cr.		Dr.
Refund from Father	650.00	Paid into house	758.97
Loan from Will	1,000.00	Refund to Will	1,000.00
In bank	218.10 ~~804.90~~	Storage and insurance (1916 1917)	180.98
Interest	58.92	Travelling	150.40
July - Law School	100.00	Walkerton deposits	500.00 ~~256.85~~
Father's estate	6,0~~11~~2.49	Cash	155.00
Carnegie gratuity	92.67	Presents	156.85 ~~116.60~~
Pensions	747.38	On hand at death	6,286.36 ~~6,846.56~~
	8,888.56 ~~9,465.36~~		8,888.56 ~~9,465.36~~

MOTHER'S ESTATE

On hand at death	6,286.36 ~~6,846.56~~	Funeral, etc.	437.70
Special equipment (Open to you at same figure)	275.12	Special equipment	343.90
Invalid supplies (Revert to household effects)		Invalid supplies	115.85
		Physicians	641.50
		Nurses	1,357.00
		Medicine	480.66
		Conveyance	14.50
		Oil and Coal	11.40
		Extra electricity	18.75
		Nurses' trays and laundry	125.00
		Carpenter	10.00
		Telegraph and telephone	25.00
		Olive (exclusive of Kingsm.)	171.00
		Nurses' board at Kingsmere ($1.00 a day)	90.00
		Storage 1918	51.00
		Balance on hand	2,668.22 ~~3,279.42~~
	6,561.48 ~~7,121.68~~		6,561.48 ~~7,121.68~~

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Statement submitted by Dr. King - June 12, 1918. Typewritten revise June 14.

FATHER'S ACCOUNT

		Cr.			Dr.
Frazer Estate	(p.1 & 2)	2,500.00	Refund, Mother	(p.1)	650.00
Law Book Company	(p.2)	150.00	Refund, Isabel	(p.1)	100.00
Interest	(p.2)	46.50	University	(p.1)	81.60
Library, with interest	(p.3)	258.80	Isabel's death	(p.1)	400.00
Borrowed Life Insurance	(p.15)	2,859.57	Refund, Will	(p.15)	2,859.57
			On hand at death		1,723.70
		5,814.87			5,814.87

FATHER'S ESTATE

On hand at death		1,723.70	Cemetery	(p.6)	893.00
Balance of Frazer Estate	(p.3)	656.91	Funeral	(p.7)	395.22
Balance of Insurance	(p.15)	5,370.43	Physicians' accounts	(p.7)	255.00
Due Estate	(p.3)	230.03	Unpaid rent	(p.7)	235.42
			Incidental	(p.7)	38.77
			Closing house	(p.7)	142.17
			Mother's legacy		6,021.49
		7,981.07			7,981.07

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MOTHER'S ACCOUNT

		Cr.			Dr.
Father's Estate		6,021.49	Paid into house	(p.5)	758.97
Refund from Father	(p.1 & 2)	650.00	Refund to Will	(p.5 & 6)	1,000.00
Loan from Will	(p.5 & 6)	1,000.00	Storage & insurance 1916-1917	(p.8)	180.98
In Bank	(p.4)	218.10	Travelling	(p.22)	150.40
Interest	(p.2 & 5)	58.92	Walkerton deposits	(22 & p.s.)	200.00
Law School - July	(p.5)	100.00	Cash	(p.22)	155.00
Carnegie gratuity	(p.3)	92.67	Personal Expenditures and Presents	(p.22 & 23)	156.85
Pensions	(p.10)	747.38	Income during life		6,286.36
		8,888.56			8,888.56

MOTHER'S ESTATE

Income during life		6,286.36	Funeral, etc.	(p.21)	437.70
Special equipment (p.18 & 19) (Open to you at same figure)		275.12	Special equipment	(p.18-19)	343.90
Invalid supplies (Revert to household effects)			Invalid supplies	(p.17-18)	115.85
			Physicians	(p.17)	641.50
			Nurses	(p.17)	1,357.00
			Medicine	(p.17-18)	480.66
			Conveyance	(p.18)	14.50
			Oil and Coal	(p.20)	11.40
			Extra electricity	(p.20)	18.75
			Nurses' trays and laundry	(p.21)	125.00
			Carpenter	(p.21)	10.00
			Telegraph & Telephone	(p.21)	25.00
			Olive (exclusive of Kingsmere)	(p.19)	171.00
			Nurses' board, Kingsm.	(p.19)	90.00
			Storage, 1918	(p.24)	51.00
			Balance on hand		2,668.22
		6,561.48			6,561.48

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Attach to Page 24 of Memorandum

	Total		2,363.22
ADD	Roxborough account		456.00
			2,819.22
DEDUCT	Additional deposit in Walkerton (see postscript to Memorandum)	100.00	
	Storage, 1918 - 6 months		
	Rawlinson	45.00	
	Nordheimer	6.00	151.00
			2,668.22

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928 Olive Street,
Denver, Colorado
June 14, 1918.

My dear Jen,-

Billie has written you today along the lines I have suggested, and is enclosing figures as I have drawn them up from the memorandum. I am quite sure you will feel that his offer as he now makes it is perfectly fair in every respect.

He has dropped entirely any charge for rent at The Roxborough, although I felt he was quite entitled to $90.00, which he paid out for extra rooms due entirely to Mother's illness. His not charging this more than offsets any interest that would have accrued on the estate, which would have come to about $60.00.

You will notice also that he has charged for Olive, only for such time as of necessity she was engaged for Mother. However, I felt that he was quite entitled to $1.00 a day for nurses' board at Kingsmere, and you will see that this exactly offsets Olive's wages while at Kingsmere.

Added to the original memorandum is $51.00 for storage for the first six months of 1918; also there is included the $100.00 mentioned in a postscript at the end of the memorandum as having been sent to you at Walkerton.

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I feel that if you have any criticisms to make of statements as they are now sent, you should come along without delay and let us have them so that we can get the matter over and done with. I feel however, that any criticisms which cannot improve matters or set matters more right than they are at present would be better omitted. I think the attitude to be taken is that "All's well that ends well". I have not shown Billie any of your letters, because I saw no advantage that could be gained by so doing. To say a thing or to do a thing that will merely cause pain is surely a mistake, and I feel that the more constructive and less destructive we can be in our everyday relations, the nearer we shall come to what is high and noble.

Now with regard to the household effects it seems to me that perhaps the wisest thing you can do is to send me a list of the things you are most anxious to have, I shall get Billie to do the same. It may be that if you each know what the other wants, you will be in a position to make a division agreeable to both of you. I might say that Billie is purchasing my share of the effects, and so, of course, will be entitled to it as well as to his own.

I hope that you are better and that Harry and the kiddies are quite well; and that you have managed to find some help in the house-work.

With love to all,
Ever Your affectionate brother,

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June 30, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Lay:

Mr. King wrote the enclosed letter this morning, and left it for me to copy and send on to you. I had not finished copying the letter when he left for the 3.10 train, and had not seen that there was to be an enclosure. Evidently the enclosure has been overlooked in the hurry of preparation for the trip to Pennsylvania.

I send this note only to explain the omission, and to let you know that at the first opportunity I shall call Mr. King's attention to it.

Yours sincerely,

F.A. McGREGOR

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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, June 30th, 1918.

My dear Jennie:

Max has sent on to me your letter to him written from the hospital. I am indeed sorry to learn of your illness, and to know that you have had the trying time you have. I hope when this letter reaches you, you will not only have returned safely home, but that you will be again up and about experiencing a real benefit from the operation.

I am leaving this afternoon for Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to confer with the Shipbuilding Corporation there concerning matters of labor policy, so have only time to write a very few lines. Max will probably have written you of the care with which we discussed together matters pertaining to Father's and Mother's estates. I think he was fully satisfied that all circumstances considered, I had done the best it was possible to in his interests and yours as well as my own, and that if there was error at all it was not at least of intention.

In making up the financial statement, I sent you, I did so primarily with the object of giving you and Max as much in the way of detail as possible, that you might both realize how many considerations there were of which I had to take account, and feel that if in any regard you were both not kept informed of what was being done from time to time, it was more with a view of not burdening your minds with distressing considerations, in the light of then existing uncertainties, than aught else. I am conscious that in my management of affairs I may not have acted as a chartered accountant or professional administrator, Had I assumed that role, there might have been a legitimate bill of costs against the estates which would have swamped any bittle balance there may have been. I was most anxious that there should be a balance, that there should be, in fact, something in the nature of a financial legacy coming to you and Max, as well as your share of the household possessions. In my statement there may be charges that to you may seem excessive. I think to Max, the account as revised by him seems wholly just and reasonable. I am glad to hear from you as to any further revisions you think should be made. I note what you say as to my adding the $90.00 on account of the extra rooms. I should prefer not doing that; there was a much greater saving to me in having these rooms, than in refraining from this expenditure earlier and trying to work along without incurring this extra expense. As I explained to Max, I did not orginally intend to make any mention of rent charges, preferring to have Mother's stay with me a purely personal privilege, but Max had emphasized so strongly in his letters the desire on his part and yours not to be under any

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obligation of any kind to me for anything, that I felt you might both feel I was taking from you something in which it would be your wish to share for the reason mentioned. I am glad Max does not feel this way about it, and in permitting me the privilege of feeling that Mother, apart from the expenses incidental to her illness, was my guest, as she was yours and Max's before she came to be with me. Under this circumstance, I would not wish to make any charge for the extra rooms. It may help to offset any extra charge in some other directions which you may feel should be modified to allow me to assume this amount myself, and I would greatly prefer to have it so.

Then I have felt that if, instead of attempting more in the way of revision, I were to fix $1,000 in round figures as the amount to which you and Max were each separately entitled of Mother's estate, so far as its monies were concerned, this amount might be taken to cover expenses to which you were put in coming to Ottawa, or other incidental expenses of which you may have given no account, and offset anything in the way of omissions on my part, as, for example, the payment of interest on your legacy to date. Such items I have regarded as legitimately offset by the time and expense involved in managing affairs and making an accounting, and in different ways performing the duties of a guardian or executor for which I have rendered and would wish to render no account. All these matters I have been pleased to regard as the privilege of a son and a brother. I have never cared to view any phase of these transactions from a legal or technical aspect.

I enclose my cheque to you for one thousand dollars in payment of your share of the monies coming from Mother's estate to you. If you feel that it adequately covers the amount to which in equity or on any other ground you are entitled, I shall be glad if you will accept the cheque and give me a receipt for it. It is Mother's legacy in part to you, and I pass it on as her trustee. Max accepted my cheque for a similar amount in full payment of this part of his claim. In a very noble spirit he then endorsed the cheque over to me in repayment in part of advances I have made to him. This amount, together with what remains as my share of the monies of the estate, I am setting aside as a fund from which he is to be at liberty to borrow at will to meet, so long as it holds out, future expenses incidental to his illness. If repayment of the amount is possible without strain, during his life time, well and good, if not there is to be no obligation upon his estate or any one deriving benefits under it for repayment of any part or the whole of the amount so used.

I shall have to defer till I return from Pennsylvania taking up with you the best method of dividing the balance of the Estate. I have hoped all along that you might specify the articles that you would most wish to have and make out a third interest for yourself. It might be that the list would contain some articles that either Max or I

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With love to Harry, the children and yourself, and with every wish for your speedy and safe and complete recovery, I am,

Yours affectionately,

Willie.

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obligation of any kind to me for anything, that I felt you might both feel I was taking from you something in which it would be your wish to share for the reason mentioned. I am glad Max does not feel this way about it, and in permitting me the privilege of feeling that Mother, apart from the expenses incidental to her illness, was my guest, as she was yours and Max's before she came to be with me. Under this circumstance, I would not wish to make any charge for the extra rooms. It may help to offset any extra charge in some other directions which you may feel should be modified to allow me to assume this amount myself, and I would greatly prefer to have it so.

Then I have felt that if, instead of attempting more in the way of revision, I were to fix $1,000 in round figures as the amount to which you and Max were each separately entitled of Mother's estate, so far as its monies were concerned, this amount might be taken to cover expenses to which you were put in coming to Ottawa, or other incidental expenses of which you may have given no account, and offset anything in the way of omissions on my part, as, for example, the payment of interest on your legacy to date. Such items I have regarded as legitimately offset by the time and expense involved in managing affairs and making an accounting, and in different ways performing the duties of a guardian or executor for which I have rendered and would wish to render no account. All these matters I have been pleased to regard as the privilege of a son and a brother. I have never cared to view any phase of these transactions from a legal or technical aspect.

I enclose my cheque to you for one thousand dollars in payment of your share of the monies coming from Mother's estate to you. If you feel that it adequately covers the amount to which in equity or on any other ground you are entitled, I shall be glad if you will accept the cheque and give me a receipt for it. It is Mother's legacy in part to you, and I pass it on as her trustee. Max accepted my cheque for a similar amount in full payment of this part of his claim. In a very noble spirit he then endorsed the cheque over to me in repayment in part of advances I have made to him. This amount, together with what remains as my share of the monies of the estate, I am setting aside as a fund from which he is to be at liberty to borrow at will to meet, so long as it holds out, future expenses incidental to his illness. If repayment of the amount is possible without strain, during his life time, well and good, if not there is to be no obligation upon his estate or any one deriving benefits under it for repayment of any part or the whole of the amount so used.

I shall have to defer till I return from Pennsylvania taking up with you the best method of dividing the balance of the Estate. I have hoped all along that you might specify the articles that you would most wish to have and make out a third interest for yourself. It might be that the list would contain some articles that either Max or I

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Walkerton
August 5th 1918

My dear Willie:

It has seemed impossible for me to get letters written, except the one to you I owe to Mac. I have written none since I left the hospital. I am sorry the letter I wrote you was not all it should have been for my intentions were good, but you can hardly understand what it means to write with three of your children at your side and a hundred interruptions in the few minutes at your command

Money is nothing to me, except in so far as it enables us to give happiness & make life a little easier. I often wish we had more but I realize more keenly every day that it is not our worldly goods which bring truest happiness. They are not much use unless there is a very great deal of love with them.

There will be no difficulty whatever about the household things. Whatever you do will be quite all right. I have

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candour & confidence on your part would have prevented all the heartache. I think this winter has been the hardest I ever put in for my heart was nearly broken when I realized how I had been treated after the loving years of service I had given. As far as the money is concerned I never expected any and consequently one thousand dollars seems a lot. I hope Mac will use it for I feel that had Mother had her wish that is where it would all have gone i

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for the winter anyway.
We still have no help.
Today is Civic holiday
& Harry is in Harrow
at a bowling tournament
& Nelson is away fishing
so I gave the children
a "scrap" dinner so that
I could get this letter
written. Sunday seems
the only day I get time
to write & for the last
few weeks we have had

visitors both afternoon & evening.
My hands are full of rheumatism
so that explains the writing.
I hope your book is progressing
satisfactorily. Kingsmere ought to
be an ideal spot to work in.
I have not heard from Mac since
I wrote him but trust he is feeling
the good of his holiday. I so
often wish I could go out & see him.

Nelson leaves the end of this month for Esquimalt and will spend a few days with Murray & Audrey before he enters College. I hope he will do well. We is anxiously waiting to hear the result of his Matric exams.

Harry & the children join me in sending love. Your affectionate sister,

Jennie

a lot of work, & I will gladly pay the freight if you will send it to me. Grandfather's little table & the wardrobe are mine but the latter may as well be sold as I do not need it. With these exceptions you can do as you think best with everything else.

Do you know Alice's address? I wonder if she would come to me

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like, however, & that is that all the "truck" that was in the store room be shipped to me. I would not like anyone else to go through it & I can dispose of it some way up here, either at a rummage sale or to one or other of the charitable institutions. It would not be possible for you to go through it all, for it means

thought about the brush & comb, & feel that I could not enjoy using it, knowing that Mac would like it, when I already have the one you gave me years ago. The comb is broken but if I go to Toronto this week, as I hope to do to get Nelson's outfit, I will try & have another comb fitted

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been put off. Would you rather I would send them to Ottawa or to Toronto when you go to settle the things? There is also the green trunk that Mother's things were in. I have not yet unpacked it. I was not sure whether you wanted it. Let me know and I will attend to it at once. There is one thing I would

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Mother at Kingsmere and see her as we drove away. Remember me to Olive & to Geoffrey. I am glad they are with you. Harry & the children are all well & join with me in sending much love yours affectionately

Jennie

Walkerton
August 25th 1918

My dear Willie

Thank you very much for your letter which came yesterday. Fortunately I have secured a splendid maid who came to me last Wednesday. So far she has done well & I am beginning to relax a little. I knew Olive was not keen on coming where there are other children &

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I should have written before but I was waiting to get a little present from Selfridges and Regimental. I'm afraid that means that I can't get it for a few days and that means that I can't get it for a few days and that means that I can't get it for a few days and

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I course. I didn't know
she was with you. However
I hope now to get a little
rest & as Nelson leaves
next week for Esquimault,
there will be one less in
the family and that means
a difference to a servant.
I am sending a belated
birthday remembrance. It
was what Mother & I wanted
to get but I have never
had a chance to go to the

city till Harry & I went down for a few
hours last week to get Nelson's things.
It is just a little centre piece & we
wanted to get it for your mahogany table to save the one Mother
gave you. I'm afraid it will not be
much use just now but may come
in handy after you return from England.
Dear little Mother was so interested
in it that I hope you will feel her
loving thought as well as mine is
in its selection. I can picture

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Ottawa, August 26, 1918.

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
Walkerton, Ontario.

Love and best wishes for a happy birthday, and many happy returns. Letter mailed from Kingsmere Sunday.

Willie.

Chg. W.L.Mackenzie King
The Roxborough.

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Walkerton
Sept 1st 1918

My dear Willie

Very many thanks for your most welcome birthday gift. I lost no time in filling the ink well and have it now on my desk with the letter holder, stamp box and paper knife. The latter two were among Mother's things when I unpacked her trunk. The next time I go to Toronto I will take them

you for them. My birthday this year was the happiest I have had for many years and everyone was more than good to me. The one sadness was the word about Maisie. She dictated a little letter to me but it made me feel very sad to think that after his long fight he should be down on his back again. I have been wondering how they got home yesterday. It made me think of the day we took dear little Mother

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with me and have Kyrie
put the initial on them.
The letters are beautifully
done on the two pieces
you have sent me and
I truly appreciate your
kindness in sending them
Isabel was very proud of
them and they have added
associations now which
make them still more
to be prized. When I opened
it, the stamp box still

had two stamps in it and a little
note from me to Mother. The
knife was with some old
spectacles. I really haven't had
time to thoroughly go through
Mother's trunk & some of her
little bundles are still untied.
I think the blotter is packed in Toronto
for Mother did not bring that up here.
I am delighted to have these things
and send many loving thanks to

I can go at all. I sent the leather trunk with valise enclosed to the Roxborough & it should be there now. I should have sent it long ago but put off till a more convenient season! I am sure Kingsmere is looking lovely. It is just about a year since I went down & we had glorious weather all the time. I was with Mother for Father's birthday but I don't think I was there for today. It is very good of you to say you wish we could go down for a little visit but it is a little far and our own place needs looking after. Some of Harry's sweet peas [illegible]

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back to Ottawa & I feel very sorry for May. The anxiety must be terrible & I am truly thankful her Mother is with her just now. How long is she to stay? All summer I have been hoping to be able to go out & see Mac but until I got this maid it seemed quite hopeless. I have had her only ten days but if she continues as she is doing she will be a real comfort. She is a splendid cook and it means very much to me not to have to show how

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to do anything. She is the first
competent maid I have had for
five years & if she stays will
lift a load from me. At
present I am busy getting
Nelson ready for College. Harry
John & he leave on the 14th Sept
to take the boat trip to Port Arthur
Nelson's college opening has been postponed
till the 21st Sept. So it gives us
a little longer to have him
here. He has been in Goderich
all week but will be home
tomorrow. Your letter to him
is here as we did not

forward it. I am glad you wrote him
as I think he rather expected a letter
from you as he has heard from most
of his Aunts & Uncles & of course he thinks
of you as one of them. He did remarkably
well & I only hope; will appreciate this
opportunity. The trip in itself will be an
education. When do you leave for
Colorado? & how long are you to be there?
Of course I cannot go while Harry is away
& it depends on a number of things whether

P.S. I don't think Olive would care to come here if she has the chance of going back to Mrs Smart for the winter & to you for the summer. The summer here is the time a maid is hardest to get on account of the harvest, & is most needed. If Emma does well I would be foolish to let her go, but thank you very much for speaking to Olive

J. K. L.

over seven feet high and the place is really beautiful just now. I am sorry we are so out of the way for you might manage to run up some times when you are in Toronto. Harry got second prize for his "display" of sweet peas at the Exhibition in Toronto this year & third prize for "peas" We didn't go down this year as we thought Nelson's trip would be excitement enough.

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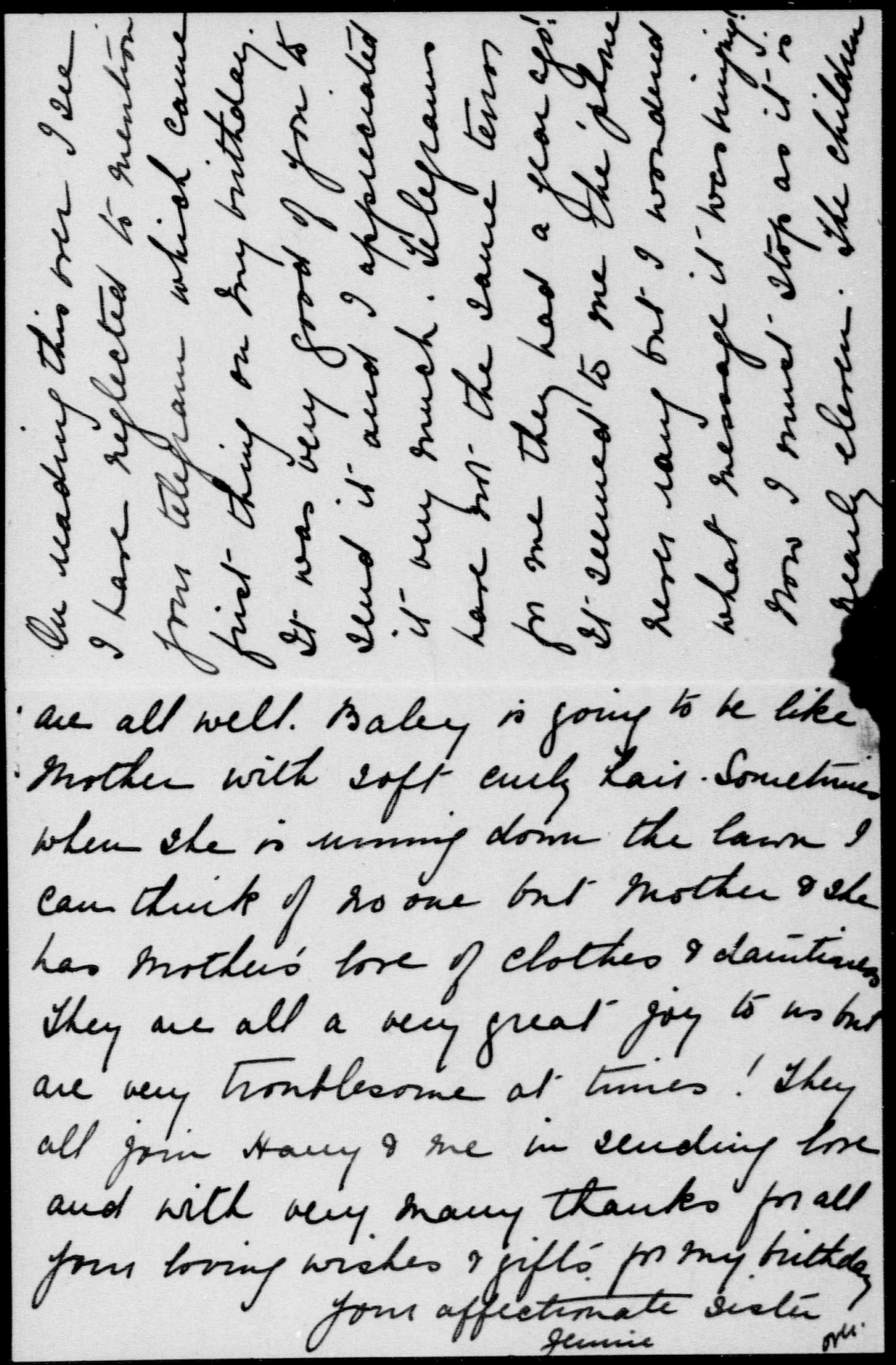

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On reading this over I see I have neglected to mention your telegram which came first thing on my birthday. It was very good of you to send it and I appreciated it very much. Telegrams have not the same terror for me they had a year ago! It seemed to me the 'phone never rang but I wondered what message it was bringing! Now I must stop as it is nearly eleven. The children are all well. Baley is going to be like Mother with soft curly hair. Sometimes when she is running down the lawn I can think of no one but Mother & she has Mother's love of clothes & daintiness. They are all a very great joy to us but are very troublesome at times! They all join Harry & me in sending love and with very many thanks for all your loving wishes & gifts for my birthday

Your affectionate sister
Jennie

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Walkerton
Sept. 4th 1918

My dear Willie

Very many thanks for your kind letter & the additional piece of Satelite desk set. I had forgotten about this blotter but recognized it the moment I opened the box. I do indeed prize these pieces & always when I look at them do many memories crow my mind. It

before last Christmas but it is the first chance I have had I am home in Toronto.

I had cards from Min & Madge Gibson. They are going to settle up sometime this month.

I must close as it is mail time & I want this to go tonight. Nelson will write soon. He is busy studying for an exam next week in Latin Composition.

Harry & the children join me in sending much love with very many thanks Yours affectionately
Jennie

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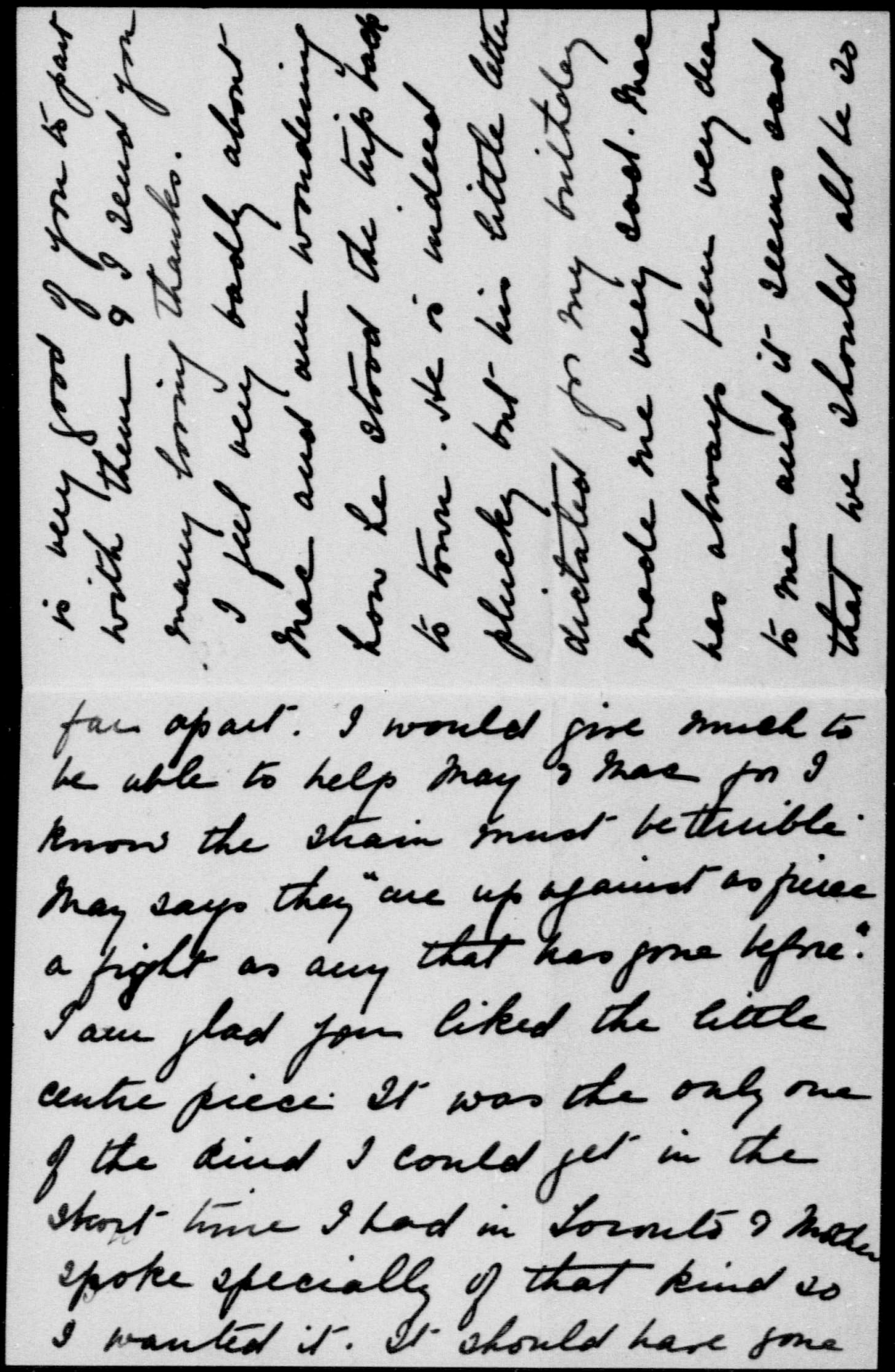

is very good of you to say so about it. I am very glad you like it. I designed it myself with them in mind. I am sending you a few more things which I hope you will like. I feel very much honoured that you have asked me to do something for you. I have had a very busy time since I came home. We have been very busy indeed. Everybody has been very kind to me

Walkerton
October 21st 1918

My dear Willie:

Thank you very much for your kind letter which came this afternoon. I was wondering if you had left for Denver but, like you, have been too busy to write many letters. Why for as I am concerned you need never worry about mother's things for I never think of them; I haven't time!

I am glad you have escaped influenza & sincerely hope it will not touch Rae's home. We are all well here. Nelson speaks of being "almost quarantined". I see young Roper of Ottawa has been ill but Nelson didn't speak of him. Mary is waiting so I must close. Mary joins me in sending much love Your affectionate sister Jenn

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to write Nelson & Mac
each week but sometimes
don't manage to be that.
I am sorry the maid I
got turned out to be crazy
and we had to get rid
of her at the end of three
weeks! I have had a young
country girl helping me
clean house for ten days
but she has had to go home
to help get in the "roots". I

expect to have her back in a
couple of weeks but it will take
a little time to get her into shape
for anything. It will be some time
in November at the earliest that
I can hope to get away at all.
I am sorry, but this year home
must come first. I don't seem
to be able to catch up so can
quite sympathise with you. So

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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, September 19, 1918.

My dear Jennie:

I am in from Kingsmere only for a few hours, to arrange to get off the final chapters of my manuscript to the publishers. I have still a little work of revision to do, and am going back tonight, and hope to complete it by Sunday.

I shall leave on Sunday afternoon for Boston, to go on from there to Washington on Monday night. I expect to be back here from Washington during the course of next week, and shall know definitely then the date of my leaving for Colorado. It will probably be some time in the week after next. There is just a possibility, however, that I may get word to hurry along at the end of next week, in which event I shall telegraph you. I hope you are going to find it possible to come west with me, or in any event, to be with Max while I am also there.

I cannot tell you how sorry I am not to have been able to get up to Toronto before this, and to get the final disposition made of the effects that are in storage. I simply have not had one minute to myself the entire summer, but have had to give every second I could spare to get my book completed. The many interruptions I have had have thrown me considerably behind. It may be that I shall have to leave until my return from Colorado the straightening out of matters in Toronto, but if I can arrange it, I shall stop over on the way to Colorado.

This is only a line written in a great hurry, but it is the first chance I have had to send any word since I received your last kind letter.

With love and best wishes to all, Believe me,

Affectionately yours,

DICTATED BY MR. KING
WHO WAS COMPELLED TO LEAVE
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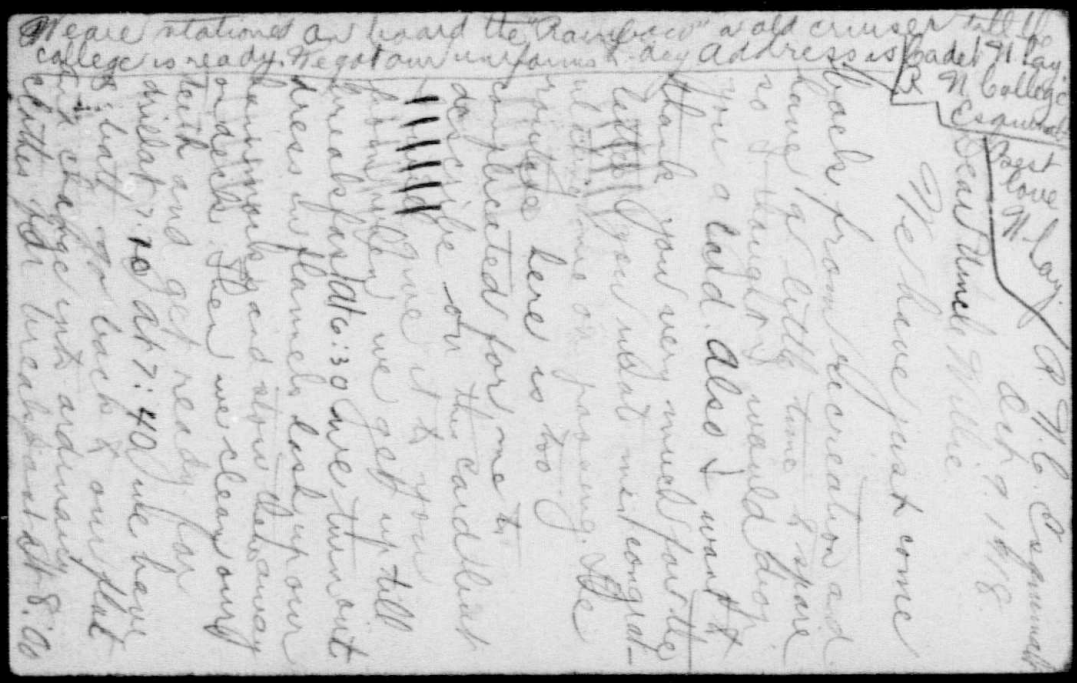

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Denver, Colorado, November 7, 1918

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
Walkerton, Ontario, Canada.

Max, May, the boys, and I rejoice with you and Harry and the children at the conclusion of Peace. We send loving greetings to you all.

Willie.

PREPAID
W.L.Mackenzie King
Room 829
Brown Palace Hotel

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November 9, 1918

My dear Jennie:

I am sorry that I have not had an earlier opportunity of writing you since arriving in Colorado. All this week I have been visiting factories in the northern part of the State, and travelling about continuously, so there has been no chance to write.

I know you will be anxious to have word of Max. It was a great delight to me to hear his voice at the phone when I called up on arrival. I found out later that he had an extension phone at the side of his bed, and that he was speaking from there. He got up for dinner on Saturday night and on Sunday, but did this, I think, chiefly to please me. He has been in bed all this week, and is likely to remain there, I imagine, for some weeks to come. He looks as though he had been through a pretty severe siege. This disease deceptive that it is hard to say what his present condition may be. I judge from the way he speaks that he has confidence in being able to get up and about again in the course of a month or so, but that he has made up his mind to drop altogether the thought of renewing his practice, at least for some time to come. The unfortunate fact is that the left lung, which hitherto has been the strong one, has become somewhat affected, and the question of his life hangs on the degree to which it may be possible, through rest, to stay the progress of the disease there. He is wonderfully cheerful and May is splendidly resolute in her whole attitude. I wish it were possible to do more than encourage them all we can, but that is the most it is possible for us to do.

As to your coming out, Max tells me he has already written you of the nature of their accomodation. Now that the winter is about to set in, you would, I fear, find it a little uncomfortable having to spend most of the time on a porch, as well as sleeping on a porch at night. I do not like to advise

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you one way or the other. If you were well situated in the matter of a servant in whom you have every confidence, coming out would perhaps be a pleasant change for you. If, however, you would be anxious while away, I think it would be wiser perhaps for you to give up the idea of coming just now, though planning definitely to come in the warm weather of another year. With the influenza what it is everywhere, you would perhaps be taking an unwise risk in travelling so far. Max may recover sufficiently to be about again. I believe he will - and the prospect of your visit at some future time will, I believe, be a comfort and cheer to him.

When the word of Peace came, I happened to be in Denver, and I ran out to share the joy of the tidings with Max and May and the boys. We had you all so much in our thoughts that we sent the wire which you received, and to which you have replied in words which have given us all great pleasure. Max told me of them in conversation over the phone this afternoon. While our exchange of greetings was a little premature, these days, being the most significant in the history of the world, though filled with infinite sorrow, are also fit occasion for great rejoicing. To witness a new era born in the history of the world is given only to few generations. We have reason to be grateful that our lives have been spared in these historic times.

I was glad to be able to tell Max of our talk over the phone, and of your all being well. On the whole, matters here are better than I expected to find them. Max is having a gathering at his house on Monday night, and I am to speak on Labor questions to the members of a Club to which he belongs. He will be confined to his bed, but all the guests are familiar with his condition, and though there will be this limitation to our happiness, I am sure it will add to the joy of his birthday to have this little event and be able to share it together. I only wish you also were to be of the party.

With love and best wishes to Harry, the children, and yourself, Believe me, dear Jennie,

Your affectionate brother,

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Brown Palace Hotel,
Denver Colorado, November 11, 1918

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
Walkerton, Ontario, Canada.

Max and his family and I greatly rejoicing with you all today. Send best love.

Willie.

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W.L.Mackenzie King
Room 829
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a small one & made eat it! They are still at it & every little while we hear a drum & know that some other poor German is being taught loyalty!

Surely, surely the help problem should improve! I had the Bank Inspectors for dinner today & was thankful to have any help, as last time they were here I had none & Baby was only a tiny few months old. She is going to be like Mother I think & I so often wish Mother had lived just a few years longer.

I have just finished writing Mac & must write Nelson. I don't know what to do about going to Denver but will let circumstances decide. Harry & the children join me in sending much love from affect. sister Jennie

Walkerton
Nov. 13th, 1918

My dear Willie:

I was so glad to get your letter today & to hear about Mac. It does seem hard that he should have to suffer so much when he is so plucky. I am sure it was one of his greatest happiness to have you with him on Monday and have you speak to his friends in the evening. His birthday would be one grand celebration & a day never to be forgotten. I don't think any of us are likely to forget either your last birthday or his! If Peace had

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didn't write a reply when I tell you that Harry wanted to cable his mother & wire Nelson, & didn't! This is a fairly strenuous year for us with Nelson's outfit & all. They are having a great time here rounding up the pro Germans & making them kiss the flag! On Monday night they had an effigy of the Kaiser & had his trial on the town hall steps. Two pro Germans suffered the figure & assisted with his execution. They finally burned him & made all Germans kiss the flag & sing God save the King. One man who refused to kiss the flag was sent

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My dear Jennie:

I expect to be leaving Denver on Sunday night, December 1, and to be at the Hotel Blackstone in Chicago on Tuesday the 3rd. I shall go on from Chicago on Wednesday or Thursday night, either to Toronto direct or to Toronto via Youngstown, Ohio, where I may stop over for a day to visit the Youngstown Sheet and Tube works.

I am wondering whether there is any possibility of your coming to Toronto in connection with Christmas shopping or other matters; and if so, whether there would be any chance of your being there on either Friday or Saturday of next week. I have thought that if there were, we might go over together the different household belongings in storage, and arrange for their final disposition.

If there were not a chance of your being in Toronto, I might be able to arrange to go to Walkerton from Stratford, and spend a day with you going over the inventory of Mother's estate, and arranging for a final disposition. As you know, I have been worried and disappointed at not having been able to make this disposition long ago; but in making the suggestion, I am seeking to take the very first moment that is now offering.

I wish you would write me to the Hotel Blackstone, Chicago, so that I shall receive your letter if possible on arriving there next Tuesday morning; and I shall either write or telegraph you definitely as to what I can arrange, in accordance with whatever you may suggest.

You will be sorry to know that Max's trouble seems to have advanced into another stage, which threatens deafness. He has already lost the hearing of one ear, which became perforated some weeks ago; and within the last day or two there has been perforation of the other year, which he fears will bring about complete deafness in two or three months' time. It is really very, very sad, especially when one sees how brave he is. May is naturally most anxious and fearful of the worst, as the disease in the case of one of Max's friends took exactly the same course and carried him away not long

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after deafness had set in. Dr. Holden told me that the odds were very much against Max being able to get back again to where he was before; though he might, by keeping pretty still through the next few months, succeed in building up a fibrous condition in the lung which is now being attacked, to use Dr. Holden's words, "like wildfire". When Max found he was likely to be deaf, he began to think at once of what he could turn to when prevented from examining chests, and has concluded that he will make an effort at writing articles on Reconstruction in matters of health. I hope, in writing him and May, you will not say anything which will indicate to them that I have expressed to you the concern which this letter would suggest. It is all right to speak of my having said that I feared his hearing might be affected; but I would not speak of more than that; and whenever you write, write, above all else, cheerfully, and say nothing which is likely to cause him the slightest worry. If you find it possible to write regularly, even if it is only a short note, I think he will greatly appreciate it. His letters from the outside world are few, and now that his practice has been cut off, his contact with people at home is lessening, and the need, therefore, of anything which will help to give him a look outward will be helpful. When I see you I can tell you more about his condition. His will is much that he may succeed in holding on to life for some time to come; but he finds himself that in many directions he has not even the little power and strength he had a year ago.

I was anxious that you should have one of the very first copies of my book, so I have asked the publishers to mail you a copy just as soon as any are available for distribution. If it comes, "with the Author's compliments", instead of with a written inscription, you will understand that that is simply because of my wish to have you get a copy at once. I am expecting the book will be ready for sale this week, in which event you may get a copy any day.

With love to all, Believe me ever, dear Jennie,

Affectionately yours,

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striven for.
Many thanks for your
thought of me in regard
to your book. Harry & I
will look forward to enjoying
it together.
Harry is waiting for this
note as I want it to catch
todays' mail. All join
in sending much love
Yours affectionately
Jennie

Walkerton
Nov. 29th 1918

My dear Willie
I was very glad to
get your letter last night
and to know there is a
chance of your coming
to see us. I am afraid
it will not be possible
for me to go to Toronto
next week. The same

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Toronto yesterday but our plans had to be changed. We shall all be delighted if you can come up for a few days & hope to have a happy little visit.

I am more sorry than I can tell about Jack. It does seem a shame when he has been so plucky that his reward should

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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, December 13, 1918

My dear Jennie:

I got back to Ottawa this morning, and write at once to thank you and Harry for your kindness to me during the little visit I had at your home. I was sorry indeed that it had to be so brief, but I am sure both of you understood that, but for the pressure of work I have been under and the long absence from Ottawa, as well as the necessity of clearing up as many things as possible before Christmas, I should have been more than happy to have stayed over for a few days. Perhaps that chance will come some time in the New Year.

I got into Toronto late Wednesday night, and first thing on Thursday morning went up to the warehouse. It was my intention to try to get out some of the things you had expressed a desire to have; but I found everything so tightly packed that it would have beeniimpossible to get into any of the boxes or barrels without having at least part of the day to pull things apart. I started at this, but soon found that what you had said about being in that cold storage was correct. It was raw and cold, and I am sure if I had stayed any longer it would have meant courting the influenza; so I decided it was better to leave all of that for the present, more especially as you had not said that you were particularly anxious to have things go along at once. In a day or two I shall send you a typewritten memorandum of the division as I understood it to be agreed upon. If in any particulars you should like to suggest changes, please do not hesitate to do so.

I am sorry to have to tell you that there appears to be no chance of securing Olive. On receiving my letter yesterday, Mr. McGregor started out at once on a search for her. It is fortunate we did not send the letter to her address. She had not left word there where she was going. She appears to have secured another position as a housekeeper, for a widower with children, and apparently is anxious not to make another change, as she has firmly in mind going to England by Easter. She had not read your letter at the time of telling Mr. McGregor her feelings, and it is possible that after reading what you have written she may feel differently. However, I doubt very much if she

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will want to make the journey, especially if she finds her present position at all congenial. I shall try to see her myself for you, and if there is the slightest possibility of securing her, will certainly do so.

I have just sent Max a little line telling him of my visit to Walkerton, and of the happiness it gave me to see the children and to have talks with you and Harry again. I am now getting ready to get off to New York, if possible by the middle of next week, with hopes of being able to get back here again before Christmas.

I trust that a copy of my book intended for you and Harry will have reached Walkerton before this letter. I was somewhat nonplussed when the publisher, Mr. Allen, who gave me the copy to take on the train with me, asked what you thought of it; and I was unable to give him any answer. We had talked so much of other things that I don't think you had a chance to look at the book, either on the inside or out. I shall be interested in knowing what you and Harry think of it, if you have opportunity of glancing through its pages during the winter evenings.

With love to you both and to the children, and again with thanks for your kindness to me, believe me, ever,

Your affectionate brother,

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changed very little since she knew you in Berlin. Did you see that Alex Millar is dead. Mrs Burrows said it was in Thursday Mail but there was no notice in the Globe. I think she said he was 83 I can scarcely think with the pain in my hand so you must excuse this little note. Harry joins me in sending every good wish for the very happiest birthday & very many happy returns. I am glad you were up last week as perhaps we understand each other a little better. With every loving wish for your birthday your affectionate sister

Jennie

Walkerton
Dec 15th 1918

My dear Willie

It seems a long time ago in one way, since Mother & I were planning to celebrate your birthday and laughing about our telegram! Now it is the same message "Many happy returns" and we hope you may live long and enjoy much prosperity. I had hoped to finish a centrepiece in time for your

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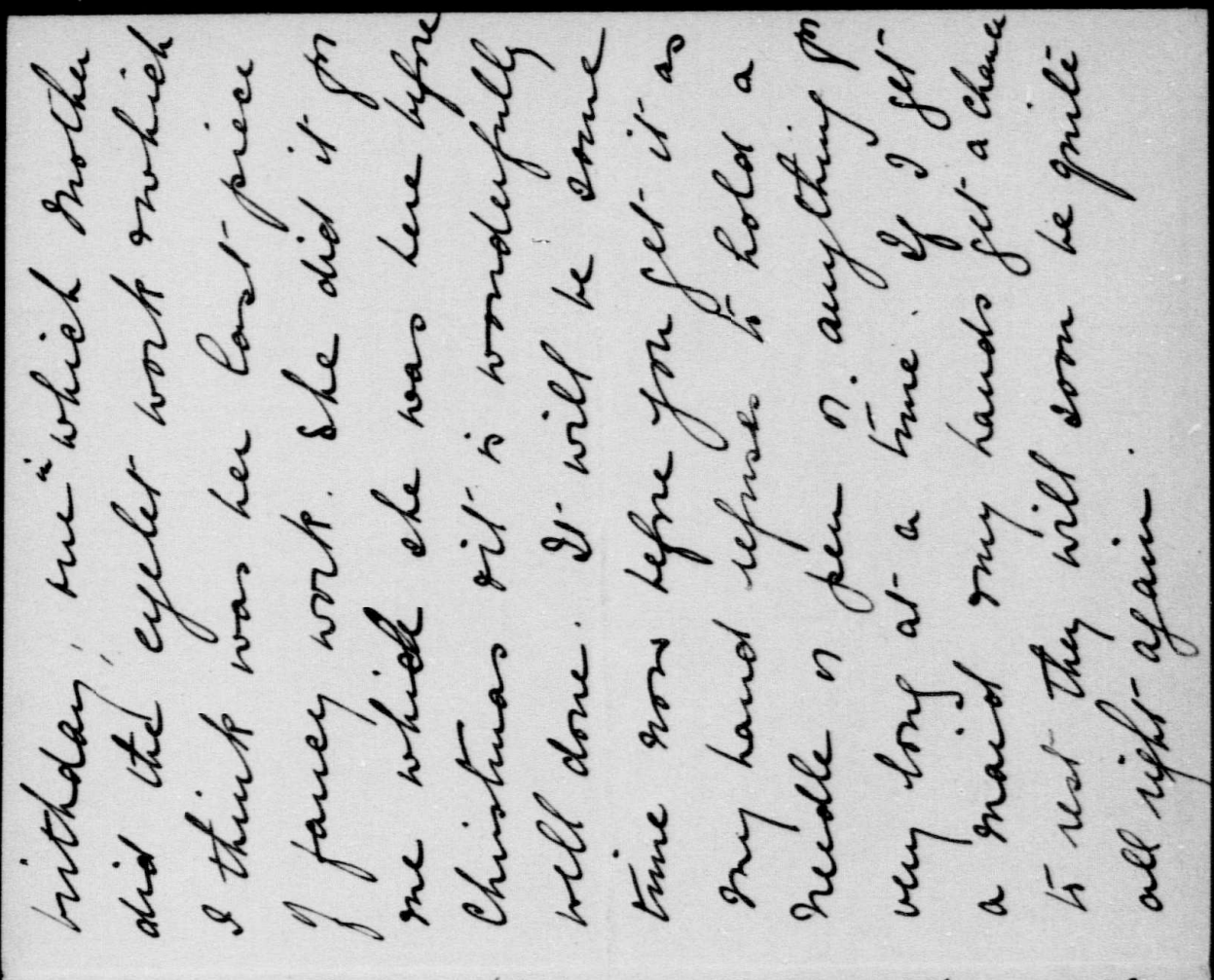

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birthday; one in which mother did the eyelet work & which I think was her last piece of fancy work. She did it for me which she was here before Christmas & it is wonderfully well done. It will be some time now before you get it as my hand refuses to hold a needle or pen or anything for very long at a time. If I get a maid my hands get a chance to rest they will soon be quite all right again.

So far I have had no word from Olive but keep on hoping! I had a former manager of Harrys for tea the night you left so there would not have been much chance for conversation had you stayed over. He was here for tea on Thursday night also and Friday night I celebrated by going to bed at 9.30 p.m!

Mrs Burrows said she saw you across the street when you were here, but did not speak to you as she thought she would see you again. She has been most anxious to see you & thought you had

The Roxborough,
Ottawa, December 16, 1918

My dear Jennie:

I enclose a statement of my understanding of the agreement we came to with respect to the division of Mother's estate. If it differs in any particular from your own impressions, please let me know, and I shall be glad to make the necessary revisions. I am sending Max a copy that he may know what is proposed.

I was pleased to hear you say, with respect to the assignment of Father's policies to me, at the time all of his obligations were taken over by me, that you thought this quite proper. If you have not had a chance to read over the statement in which I have accounted for all monies received, I wish you would do this, and let me have back the statement itself to be destroyed. It was Father's wish that his financial affairs should not be of record, and I am anxious to have his wish in this particular respected, as far as it is in my power. Max returned the copy of the statement I sent him, and has expressed his entire satisfaction with it. I should be glad to know if you are satisfied with my action as respects the financial side of Father's and Mother's affairs.

As to the will, there is just one thing further I wish to say. When Father and Mother signed the will in the form in which it was drafted by Father, neither of them had any intention of doing other than leaving whatever belonged to either to whichever one survived the other. The reference to myself was for the purpose solely of meeting legal requirements in the event of such an unforeseen catastrophe as both being taken away at the same time, and before there was opportunity of making a further disposition, in which event it would have been their wish that there should be an equal division of their estate between the three of us. It is true that Mother was spared to receive Father's estate in its entirety; but from the moment of Father's death to the time of her own, Mother's condition was never such that she had either thought or desire of making a will herself. When she and Father signed the will together, neither of them viewed the reference to myself which the will contained as other than protection of their estate against outsiders, and a wise precaution in the meeting of legal requirements.

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Neither of them had the slightest thought of making any disposition of everything to me, any more than I had thought or desire of any such disposition being made. I am sure that, after Father's death, Mother felt the estate was wholly hers, and never once had the thought that any disposition had been made of it, but rather that this step awaited her own recovery. Under the circumstances, I think we are all justified in believing that, so far as a final disposition of their effects are concerned, neither Father nor Mother made any will, save to leave to whichever survived whatever belonged to the other.

To meet legal requirements in the event of unforeseen misfortune, the precaution was taken of bringing my name in, in the form in which it was. This precaution, in the light of circumstances, has proven eminently wise, so far as the purpose for which it was intended is concerned. Beyond that, it was and is of no significance whatever. As the purpose has been served, I see no advantage in longer retaining a document which might be misleading if read by persons who did not know the circumstances and intentions responsible for it. Accordingly, I am anxious to destroy the will altogether, and shall do so just as soon as I receive your consent so to do. You can quite honestly say, if questioned, that Mother made no will after Father's death, and that the only will made was one before Father's death, signed by both Mother and Father, and which left everything to the one surviving, and which was intended more to avoid a final disposition of their effects than to make one. The only disposition either Father or Mother would have wished was one which would have served to unite their children in loving remembrance of them.

In so far as my well-meant intentions of furthering this aim have failed of their purpose, I am deeply sorry. I can well understand the grief you would suffer from any act which would seem to countenance a different view. I never dreamed that any act of mine, and much less of theirs, could have admitted an interpretation that would cause pain. Since it has, I can only hope that actions may prove louder than words, and that the disposition which has in fact been made is answer sufficient to any doubts concerning intention.

Affectionately yours,

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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, December 18, 1918

My dear Jennie:

In case I should send anything by express, on which it may be difficult to write, I wish you would keep the enclosed cards and put them with the gifts for the children when the gifts come to hand.

I am sending these now in case I should be delayed in getting the things off, in consequence of my trip to New York this afternoon.

With love and best wishes to all,

Ever affectionately yours,

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Walkerton
Dec. 19th 1918

Dear Willie

I find it is going to be utterly impossible for me to do anything this Christmas & I ask as a special favor that you will leave Harry & me off your list this year. About the children you must do as you like but I will

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be very grateful if you will do as
I ask for this year
I hope you will have a happy
visit in New York and be home
in time to enjoy Christmas in
Ottawa.
With love from all
yours in haste
Jennie

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Walkerton
Dec 23rd 1918

My dear Willie

Just a little note to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy, bright new year. I am truly sorry that the old Christmas re-unions are a thing of the past but we may be truly thankful that we have so many

Miss McLennan told me in Saton's that it was one of the best "sellers" this year. We are looking forward to enjoying it this winter. Very many thanks for your kind thought of us.

Harry & the children join me in the hope that your Christmas will be one of good cheer and happiness & send loving wishes for the day & season.

Your affectionate sister
Jennie

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on.
We sent off today, a tiny
remembrance from the
children and also their
photos which I hope you
will care to have. I
trust you will do as
I asked in my note, &
leave Sorrento on Friday
list for this year. I
went to Toronto on Friday
but found that, with the

crowds, the few hours at my
disposal were of practically no use!
I bought the toys for the tree & a
few necessary clothes & then
ran for my train. I haven't been
out of the house since I came home
so Christmas will just have to be for
the children this year.
I hope you have had a pleasant trip
and will be able to spend Christmas
in Ottawa. Your book came when
I was in Toronto & we are delighted to have it.

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THE ROXBORO OTTAWA ONT

DEAR WILLIE EVERY LOVING WISH FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR
WE ARE ALL SORRY YOU ARE NOT TO BE WITH US BUT HOPE YOU
WILL HAVE A HAPPY DAY WHEREVER YOU MAY SPEND IT. LETTER FROM MAC
BRINGS HIS LOVE TO US BOTH BEST LOVE ALL

JENNIE

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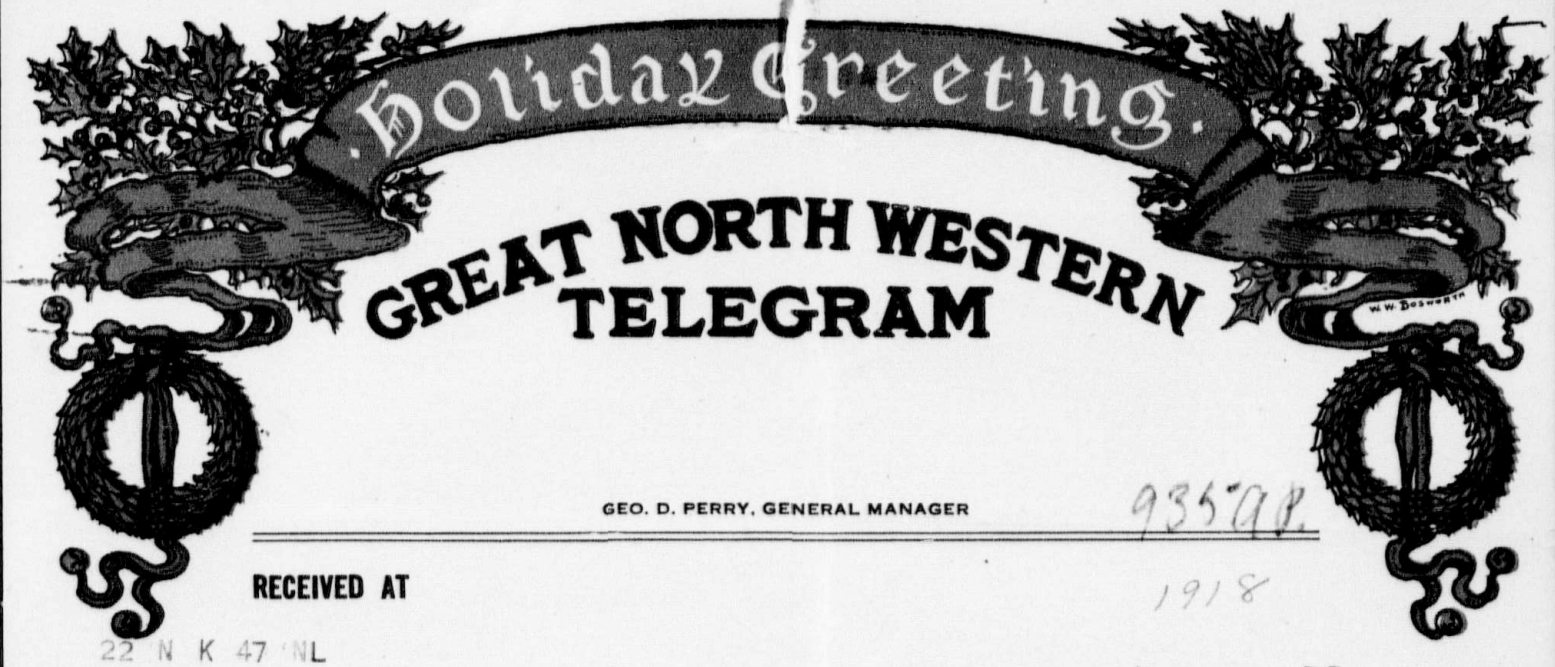

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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, December 26, 1918

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
Walkerton, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Lay:

Mr. King made a visit of little more than a day on his last trip to Ottawa. He received a telegram from New York yesterday, asking him to return in time for an engagement tomorrow noon; and this has meant that absolutely no time could be spared to-day for correspondence of any kind. Before leaving on the 3.10 train, he asked me to let you know the reason for his inability to get off any Christmas letters, and to say also that he hoped the parcels sent from New York and Montreal have arrived safely. Nothing had been received here from Walkerton up to train time; but no doubt the lost parcel will turn up before Mr. King returns, probably about Monday of next week.

May I send with this note, too, the season's best greetings to yourself and Mr. Lay; and with all kind remembrances, Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

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Walkerton, Dec. 28. 1918

My dear Willie,

Your kind messages by telephone and telegraph to Jennie which included Christmas greetings to us all were very welcome and you have my sincere thanks. I feel however that in adding to your kindness the beautiful copy of Canada with its lovely paintings and picturesque comment is putting me under an obligation altogether too unmerited. I knew Jennie had asked you to allow our Christmas remembrances

old and new England will I hope bear good fruit in better relations between ourselves in Canada and the Yankees.

I am delighted to hear you are likely to be in England soon. Such a visit just now will be of extraordinary interest.

With much love from us all and wishing you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year

Yours affectionately

Harry McLaren

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to be simply the exchange of
the good old Christmas greetings
and so we did not send you
any tangible gift, and yet we
trust you will believe that
we did not want to appear
churlish. The present to Jennie
of your book was a valuable
enough souvenir of your
visit and of the Christmas
Season without the lavish
and generous nature of the
beautiful book, the lovely
set of brushes to Jennie and
the children's presents which
are still en route. Please
accept our very best thanks
for all your generosity
and messages of love.

We are looking forward with
much pleasure to the enjoy-
ment of Spring and Summer
Please accept my heartiest
congratulations upon the tremen-
dous vogue it is having.

Peace negotiations will
require all the wit and
wisdom of both hemispheres
if democracy is to start
afresh without disaster.

The new entente between

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Walkerton
December 29th 1918

My dear Willie:

The beautiful little set of brushes & comb & the lovely book for Nancy arrived safely on Friday and have been admired by everyone who has been at the house since. They are far too lovely presents to give & really wish you had done as I asked and left us out this year. However

We were delighted to hear of the success of your book. We have enjoyed very much the little we have had time so far to read. I envy you your chance of going to England just now when so much of interest is taking place. The new year bids fair to hold much that is pleasant for you all here send best wishes for 1919 and hope it may be "the best yet". Again please accept our very best thanks for all your kind thought of us and for the very lovely gifts & with every loving wish for the new year.

Your affectionate sister
Jennie

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I shall take good care of the lovely set and Baby will be proud of it all her life. She claimed it at once & started in to brush her hair! Very many thanks for the lovely gifts and for the messages of good will which came with them. I think the cards you sent were lovely & Baby's specially was the sweetest I have seen. The babies are hardly old enough to realize their worth but their parents fully appreciate your kind thought. Then too your Christmas

wire & the phone message on Christmas eve were very much appreciated. Your generous gifts to the children have not yet arrived but doubtless will come within the next few days.

We had a very happy Christmas day we had four "homeless" ones for dinner & the only drawback was that we had no help. Everyone seemed to have a good time & the dinner passed off beautifully. The children were all safely tucked into bed & asleep by seven p.m.

1918(?)

Monday

Dear Willie

I have opened my letter to tell you that the parcel with your lovely gifts for the children, arrived safely this morning. I don't know which of the three was most delighted. Baby simply shrieked with joy when she saw Lees Elliott on tip toe to get it. Then she took it up to bed with

best loving thanks

Best wishes for the new year & all love

affectionately

Jennie

The charges were 1.32

The rest goes into the bank!

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her dit was only after
a burst of tears that
she could be parted
from it for her dinner.
Jean is now in bed then
dolly with her! They are
both lovely & so pretty
which is something for
don't get with dolls
in Canada. Jean is
delighted that her doll
has pockets!

John's lantern, fortunately, cannot
be used till this evening, so we
have a minute to breathe! They
are all lovely presents & much
too generous. This is all I have
time to write as Harry is waiting
& it is just mail time. Please
accept our very best thanks
and the children send their

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE
ESQUIMALT, B.C.

Jan 7 1919.

Dear Uncle Willie

We got back from our Christmas leave yesterday, so this is the first chance I have had to thank you for your very fine Christmas present. It was very good of you to remember me. The three dollars certainly came in very handy in the holidays. Burgess, another cadet and I spent the holidays at my aunts in Vancouver. We had a very good time there were dances almost every night and in the afternoons we went skating or to the theatre. We went to see a hockey game between Victoria and Vancouver on Monday night. It was quite exciting. Victoria had the best team but her best ~~team~~ was hurt and a substitute took his place. At the end of the

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third period the score was 3-3 and Vancouver scored the winning goal with only about ½ minute overtime.

Before Christmas we played English Rugby and we had a team in the Victoria intermediate league. We won every game we played and didn't have a point scored against us. When the "New Zealand" was here we played her gunroom and were beaten 14-10. We also played two games with the Wanderers a senior league team. We won one and so did they.

I have written this letter on my knee as we are having a ping-pong tournament on the mess gun-room table.

It is almost time for prep. now so I must close.

With best wishes for the New Year

Your affectionate nephew,

Nelson Lay

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Esquimalt, B. C.
Jan. 15. 1919

Dear Uncle Willie,-

When I got back to the college last Wednesday I was very agreeably surprised to find your lovely present. I thank you very much for it. It was quite ingeneous and when I first looked at it I didn't see the five dollars at all. The latter will certainly be very useful because we are nearly always short of money here.

I was very lucky in the way of presents for besides your presents Daddy gave me 5.00 Uncle Graene 5.00

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$300 from 3 other people, a pair of silk socks from Uncle Murray and a pocket book from Aunt Audrey, besides other fine presents.

I spent the Christmas holidays at my Aunt Audrey's in Vancouver. My cousins Dennis and Walter Watson were staying there too so we had a good time together. We had three weeks holidays and were a little sorry to get back. However we are looking forward to the summer holidays.

It is almost time for supper now so I will have to close.

Once more thanking you for your lovely present

Your loving nephew.
Nelson Lay

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two lantern shows and the excitement is keen. It is a splendid lantern & Harry was suggesting to his accountant to give a lecture to Harry's young people on Mexico, where he was for two years, & illustrate it with John's lantern. If this girl stays I hope to have time for some joys with the children. The girls love their dolls & Baby specially is very sweet with hers. I have put the little brushes away till Baby is a little bigger for she is at the destructive age and they are too pretty to be scuffed. I fail to see where the case is shop worn. All your gifts were very lovely. Did I tell you that

Walkerton
Jan. 20th 1919

My dear Willie
You will be glad to hear I have at last secured some help! A little girl of 17 came to me last Tuesday and, though she is very incompetent, I am truly thankful to be relieved of some of the rough work. I should have answered your kind letter and telegram sooner but, before the maid came I had it a minute, and since she came I seem to have given out. I feel better this week but last week was

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good for nothing. It is the first
week for a very long time I have
neglected writing to Mac but I
couldn't manage it.
Harry has been reading aloud
your book on "Industry & Humanity"
and we are enjoying it very much
We are not very far on as we do
not get many quiet hours together
I hope to re-read it when my brain
gets a bit rested! How well I
remember the Sunday of which
you speak when Father & you
went over to see Sir William!
(I see by the paper that Sir William
is to be in Walkerton in March &
I hope we may see him then.)
The little slip in the front of the

book was the correct one & we have pasted
it in till you write in the book itself. Several
people have asked us to allow them to read
the book. I suppose that is the cheapest
way of getting it!!
It was very good of you to telegraph &
write us for new years and we send very
grateful thanks. Cora also wired us but
I am sorry to say none of my Christmas
or New years gifts or messages have been
acknowledged. I hope people will under-
stand how utterly impossible it is for one
pair of hands & one brain to do so many
things. I hope this week to catch up but
I get very few spare minutes. We have had

most healthy but it is helping us through the winter without using too much coal!

All join in sending much love with very many thanks

Yours affectionate sister

Jennie

Harry divided the change from the Express & put it in the Bank with money from Douglas & Gina so all three are a bit richer!

In a letter from Nelson today he says he got a letter from you when he got back to College after the Christmas Holidays.

So far I have not had time to touch the centre piece of Mother's but next week I may get a chance. In going through some pictures last week, I came across the photo of the cottage where you & Isabel were born. It-

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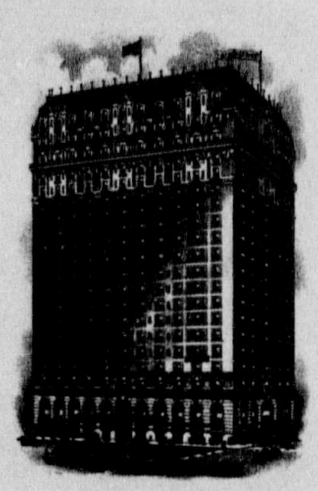
occured to me that you might
like to have it as you are the me
most interested, and I will send
it with the ~~photo~~ centre piece.
I get so little time that I don't
know when that will be.
We are wondering when you
are leaving for England? It
must be about the time you
had set. I hope Mr. McGregor
has quite recovered. So he
going with you? He wrote
me a very nice little note
when you left after Christmas.

I have been at this letter about a
dozen times so you will have to
excuse the disjointed style. Harry
is just leaving for the Bank so I
will let him take it. Harry & the
children join with me in best
wishes to you for a very happy
& prosperous New year. We are
all well & hope you have been
able completely to shake off
your cold. This weather is not the



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CHICAGO, January 28, 1919

My dear Jennie:

I received here yesterday your letter of some days ago, and write at once to thank you for it.

I am indeed glad to know that you have received some help at last, and I hope it may not be long before you will get thoroughly competent domestic aid. I fear the consequences of the prolonged strain you have had, even more for the future than the immediate present. I do not think you can do too much in the way of seeking rest and recuperation, if you are not to suffer seriously for what you have already undergone.

I am sorry to hear that you have not been well, though I confess it is not the least surprising to me. The surprise is rather that you have not broken down completely long before this. I do hope that this new year is going to make some change in the management of your domestic affairs.

My trip to England has been delayed because of one or two opportunities of picking up business on this side of the line. I am at present working out a plan of representation for the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and also advising the International Harvester Company and one or two other concerns on similar lines.

It is just possible that my work may take me through Denver to Wyoming in the course of the next fortnight; but of this I am in no way certain, as there are also matters in New York which are pressing, and which may necessitate my going there instead. If all works out well, however, I shall go on further west, seeing that the chance will give me another glimpse of Max and his family. From reports it would seem that Max's patience and perseverance in resting as he has, are being rewarded, and that he is gradually getting back enough strength to be able to walk about again. I do hope

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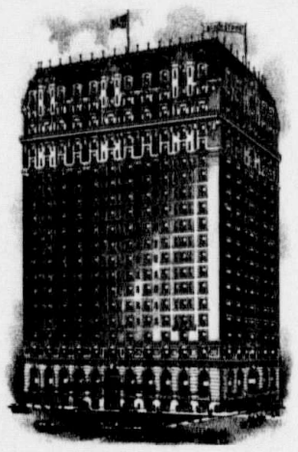

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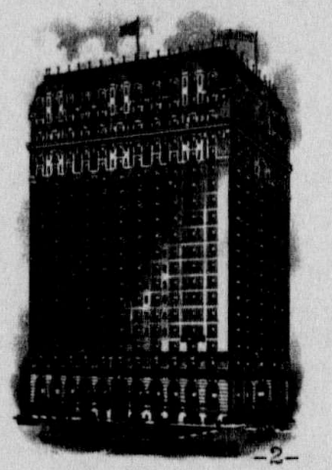

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I am glad to know that the lantern works well, and that it is giving pleasure to the children and their friends; also that the little girls are fond of the dolls. I enclose a very nice letter which I have just received from Nelson. Please let me have it back. I thought perhaps you and Harry would be interested in reading it.

I shall be very glad, indeed, to have the photo of the cottage in which Isabel and I were born, and I thank you very much for offering to send it to me. Let me also thank you again for the centerpiece of Mothers which you gave me on my birthday. I hope you will not be in any hurry about continuing the work upon it, as it will probably be some little time before I have a chance to make use of it. I am glad to know that it is to be mine, and that, of itself, is a pleasure quite sufficient for the present. I do not know whether I mentioned to you that I looked for the velvet at Rawlinson's in Toronto; but I could not see it anywhere. If it is in the collection of things there, it must be packed away somewhere rather carefully. My impression still is, however, that it is in Cora's possession, and that Mother and I left it with her the afternoon we started for Denver.

I am glad to say I have quite shaken off the cold I had, and also that Mr. McGregor got successfully through with the touch of influenza which came his way. We are both here together, and shall go together to the old country if that trip is not indefinitely postponed. Just now, I am hoping that it may come off about the end of next month. I have in no way set my heart upon it, because of the many other matters which may transpire in the interval.

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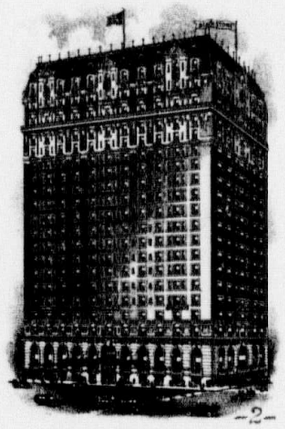

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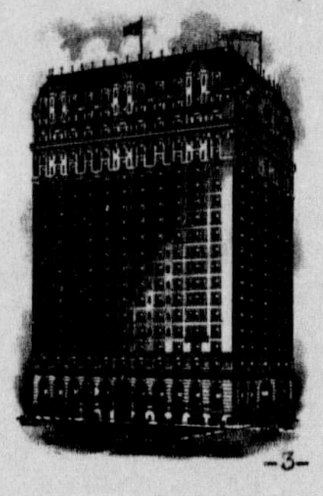

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With love to Harry, the children, and yourself,
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Ever affectionately yours,

Willie

P.S. - I have never heard whether you received a letter I wrote you after my return to Ottawa from Walkerton, in which I outlined my recollection of the understanding we came to respecting the division of Mother's affairs. No doubt you have been too busy to give any thought to this matter; but it is one which I am anxious to have off my mind before sailing; and if in the next little while you can find it possible to look over the memorandum and let me have your views upon it, I shall be grateful. No doubt Max will also wish to know whether you have any expression to give concerning the proposal I made in the letter as a means of effecting a division which would leave no cause on your part or his to feel that I had done other than consider, first and foremost, your interests and his.

You may also remember that I spoke to you of the memorandum sent regarding Father's financial affairs. I am very anxious to have this back when you are through with it, as I promised Father that his affairs ~~were to~~ would be kept entirely private, and I have felt that in placing them on record as I have, I have perhaps not respected his wish to the extent I should have. What I am most anxious to do, once you and Max are satisfied as to matters pertaining to the estate, is to destroy whatever there may be of record in these matters one way or the other; and if I could do this before going abroad it would be a material relief to my mind.

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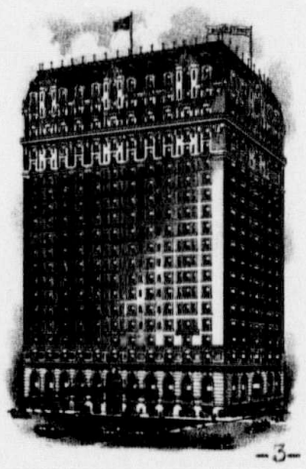

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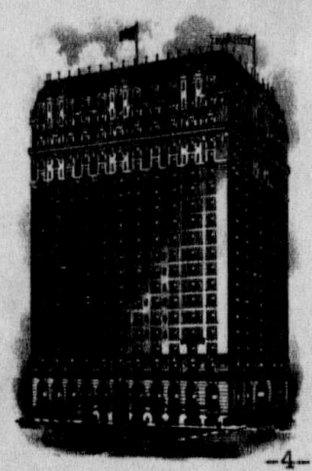

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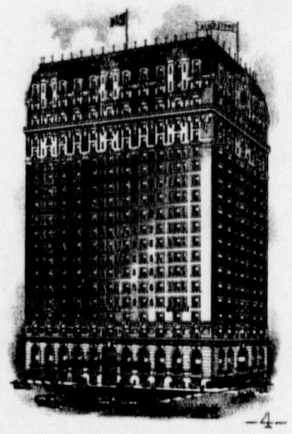

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and pray that he may recover sufficiently to be spared for some time to his family. He has very wisely determined not to attempt any work for the next six months, and has asked me to increase my allowance to him so as to permit of his giving up altogether for a while. This I am only too happy to do, and I cannot but be grateful for his willingness to forego further work until he sees whether his strength is going to be restored or not.

I am glad to know that the lantern works well, and that it is giving pleasure to the children and their friends; also that the little girls are fond of the dolls. I enclose a very nice letter which I have just received from Nelson. Please let me have it back. I thought perhaps you and Harry would be interested in reading it.

I shall be very glad, indeed, to have the photo of the cottage in which Isabel and I were born, and I thank you very much for offering to send it to me. Let me also thank you again for the centerpiece of Mothers which you gave me on my birthday. I hope you will not be in any hurry about continuing the work upon it, as it will probably be some little time before I have a chance to make use of it. I am glad to know that it is to be mind, and that, of itself, is a pleasure quite sufficient for the present. I do not know whether I mentioned to you that I looked for the velvet at Rawlinson's in Toronto; but I could not see it anywhere. If it is in the collection of things there, it must be packed away somewhere rather carefully. My impression still is, however, that it is in Cora's possession, and that Mother and I left it with her the afternoon we started for Denver.

I am glad to say I have quite shaken off the cold I had, and also that Mr. McGregor got successfully through with the touch of influenza which came his way. We are both here together, and shall go together to the old country if that trip is not indefinitely postponed. Just now, I am hoping that it may come off about the end of next month. I have in no way set my heart upon it, because of the many other matters which may transpire in the interval.

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With love to Harry, the children, and yourself.
Believe me, dear Jennie,

Ever affectionately yours,

P.S. - I have never heard whether you received a letter I wrote you after my return to Ottawa from Walkerton, in which I outlined my recollection of the understanding we came to respecting the division of Mother's affairs. No doubt you have been too busy to give any thought to this matter; but it is one which I am anxious to have off my mind before sailing; and if in the next little while you can find it possible to look over the memorandum and let me have your views upon it, I shall be grateful. No doubt Max will also wish to know whether you have any expression to give concerning the proposal I made in the letter as a means of effecting a division which would leave no cause on your part or his to feel that I had done other than consider, first and foremost, your interests and his.

You may also remember that I spoke to you of the memorandum sent regarding Father's financial affairs. I am very anxious to have this back when you are through with it, as I promised Father that his affairs were to be kept entirely private, and I have felt that in placing them on record as IIhave, I have perhaps not respected his wish to the extent I should have. What I am most anxious to do, once you and Max are satisfied as to matters pertaining to the estate, is to destroy whatever there may be of record in these matters one way or the other; and if I could do this before going abroad it would be a material relief to my mind.

I do not, however, wish you to give up any papers or make any suggestions until you are wholly satisfied in your

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than we think." That was the last conscious thing she said the rest was just crying for relief. Now I can't write any more. Ever since your letter came I have been thinking of that day & I don't want to It was too terrible.
All join in sending much love. Will answer your other letters some other time. I hope you will have a good trip
your affectionate sister
Jennie.

Walkerton
Feb. 11th 1919

My dear Willie:
I was very glad to get your little letter written on Mother's birthday. That last day was such a very trying day that I have done my best to forget the details. You have never watched anyone you loved suffering terribly & dying or

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defeated all she said was "Poor boy, I'm sorry for him". I said "Hadn't you better say "Better luck next time" & she said "Yes, tell him "better luck next time" That is as near as I can remember & I don't think she spoke of you again. When she waked up next time she said "Jen dear I had such a lovely dream, I dreamt Mother was here with me". I said Perhaps she was Mother dear, heaven

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Feb. 23rd 1919

My dear Willie

This is just a little note to send you our best wishes in the present crisis. We are watching with keen interest the course of events in Ottawa and wondering what the outcome will be. I cannot help thinking how interested all are well & join with me in sending love & good wishes for your future prosperity. How glad you must be that you had not left for Sydney. This will alter your plans.

With love from all.

Your affectionate sister
Jennie Lay.

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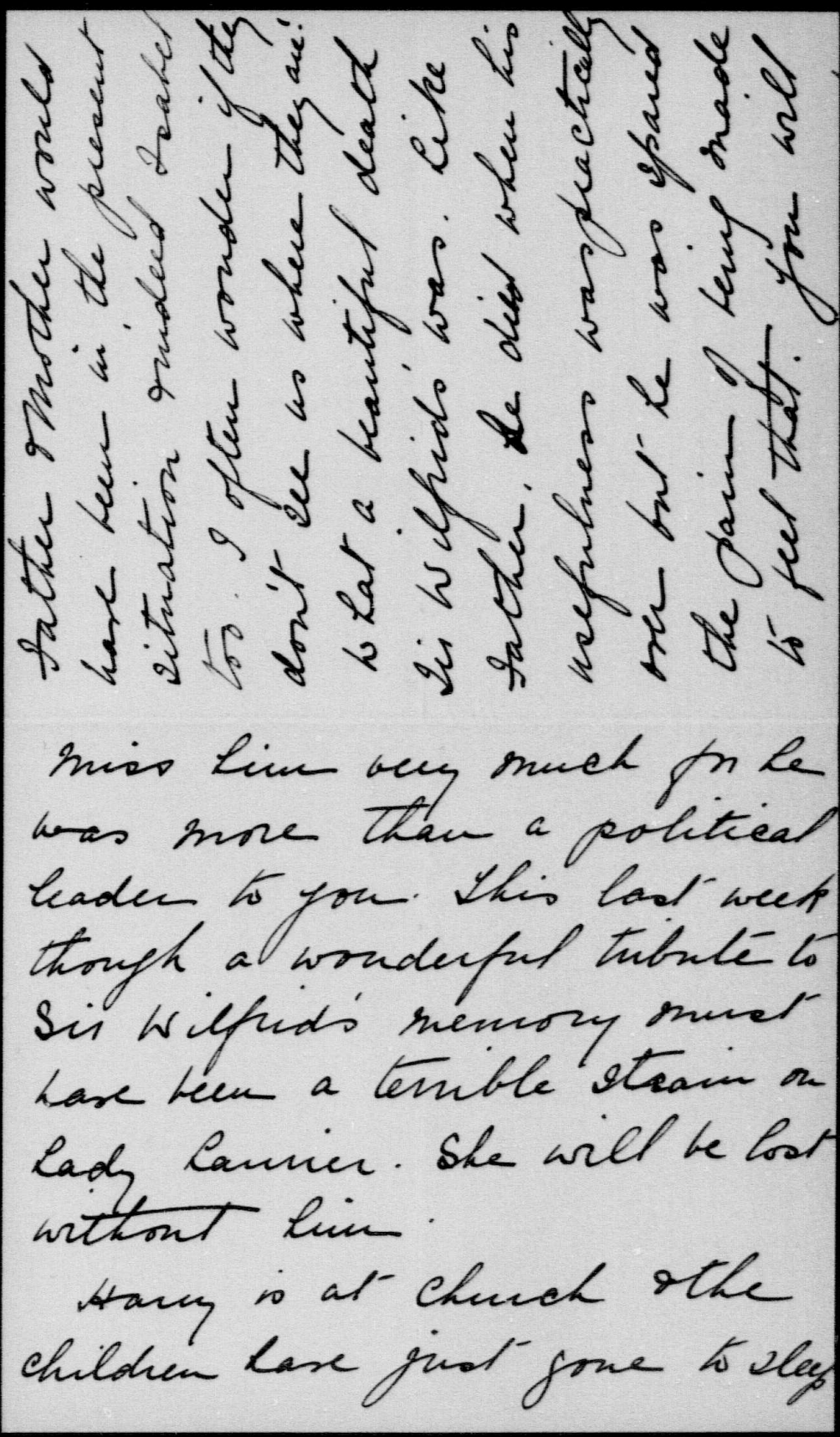

Father & Mother would have been in the present situation & indeed Isabel too. I often wonder if they don't see us where they are! What a beautiful death Sir Wilfrid's was. Like Father, he died when his usefulness was practically over but he was spared the pain of being made to feel that. You will

miss him very much for he was more than a political leader to you. This last week though a wonderful tribute to Sir Wilfrid's memory must have been a terrible strain on Lady Laurier. She will be lost without him.

Harry is at church & the children have just gone to sleep

The Roxborough,
Ottawa, March 4, 1919

My dear Jennie:

I am sorry not to have had a chance to write sooner and thank you for the letter I received at the time of Sir Wilfrid's death. I was obliged to go to New York at the end of last week, and have only just returned. This will account for my not having written sooner.

Certainly Sir Wilfrid's passing away has meant a great loss to me. I feel utterly bereft, so far as the closest companionships of life are concerned. Father, Mother, and Bella would all have been so interested and sympathetic in the matter of my future, as would also Harper, Norman Duncan, and Wilfred Campbell; but with all of these, as well as Sir Wilfrid, gone, it is natural that such prospects as public life may offer for the future do not bring with them the same delightful anticipations that I otherwise might have possessed. However one can be true, even in unseen association, to cherished hopes and affectionate interest; and in the belief that all these dear ones still share an interest in my life, and in some measure may be controlling its destiny, I find the companionship I need most just at this time.

In a letter just received from Max, he mentions that you and he have had some correspondence of late with reference to the division of Mother's estate. From Max's letter I gather that you feel that the division into thirds, as arranged at the time we were together, is not wholly fair to you; and that you are entitled to something more than the third of the possessions. I wish you would let me know just exactly what you feel you are entitled to and should have. If you will do this, I shall very gladly say, here and now, that whatever you propose will be wholly acceptable to Max and myself. The only feeling either of us can possibly have as to the division of Mother's estate is that there should not be in the mind of any one of the three of us a feeling that any injustice has been done. Max is wholly satisfied with the division proposed so far as he is concerned. The matter, therefore, remains now just between you and me, and I should like to say that I shall be wholly satisfied

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With love to Harry, the children, and yourself,

Your affectionate brother,

Willie

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Walkerton
March 9th 1919

My dear Willie:

I am sorry that anything I may have written to Mac could have been so thoroughly misunderstood as to make him feel that I ever expected or desired more than a third of Mother's estate. When you were here you asked me not to refer in any way to the division of things when writing Mac. In accordance with your wishes I never mentioned the matter but found that you had written him fully on the subject. He asked me some questions & I think it

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must have been done
remark about Mrs Ikes'
clothes that he mentioned
Dr was before Christmas I
write him glad to hear
Mrs Ike was ready to
divide the things I shall
be very glad to have
what you care to have
satisfied with from
dinner. I hope you
will feel it necessary
to write any more on this
subject.
I hope for all the letter
I wish to for to Chicago

last Month. I sent it to the address you
gave me.
Several people have asked for the loan
of your book and want it put in the library
here. I haven't finished it yet as I get
very little time for reading.
We are all well and hope you are the
same. Harry & the children join me in
sending love
Your affectionate sister
Jennie N. Kay

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Walkerton
April 7th 1919

My dear Willie:

Very many thanks for the papers you so kindly sent a week ago. We had read, with a great deal of pleasure, the account of your

of strength.
Excuse a short note
My arm & hand are very painful with a touch of rheumatics.
I hope you are well as we all are. All join me in sending much love Your affectionate sister
Jennie

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speech to the Empire Club. Evidently the "Journal" writer hasn't much of an opinion of Mr. Atkinson's. Don't it tought you are to speak in Toronto to the York Liberals? we saw a good account of your speech in Quebec

we have the men here painting & papering & it makes a lot of dirt & confusion but we will have the joy of it later on.

I had a long letter from May last week. Evidently Mac is getting back a certain degree

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Z.A.LASH, PRESIDENT — HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO, ONT. — GEO.D.PERRY, GENERAL MANAGER

Hot Springs, Va. April 26, 1919 Night Letter

Mrs. H. M. Lay Walkerton

Have received no reply my letter April thirteenth. Please telegraph me here before Monday noon if you will meet me Toronto Wednesday April thirtieth or send me Tuesday care Ontario Club Toronto statement sent you after Walkerton visit containing suggested division of household articles. If you will do either I shall come from New York to Toronto Wednesday and arrange immediate shipment our articles to Walkerton. Not having list with me will have return Ottawa first making special trip Toronto unless you can send your list or come personally. Wish to avoid this if possible as sailing for England week following and time very limited.

Willie

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Wrote Thursday last
telling you not to disturb
goods unless for your own
convenience. Cannot go to
Toronto and list is of no
importance. Sorry you
had to wire. Hope you
have good trip Jennie

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Hot Springs, Va., April 26, 1919

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
Walkerton, Ontario, Canada.

Have received no reply my letter April thirteenth. Please telegraph me here before Monday noon if you will meet me Toronto Wednesday April thirtieth, or send me (Tuesday) care Ontario Club Toronto statement sent you after Walkerton visit, containing suggested division of household articles. If you will do either, I shall come from New York to Toronto Wednesday and arrange immediate shipment your articles to Walkerton. Not having list with me, will have to return Ottawa first, making special trip Toronto, unless you can send your list or come personally. Wish to avoid this if possible, as sailing for England week following and time very limited.

Willie.

NIGHT LETTER
Chg. W.L.Mackenzie King
Room 528

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HOT SPRINGS VA

WROTE THURSDAY LAST TELLING YOU NOT TO DISTURB GOODS UNLESS FOR YOUR OWN CONVENIENCE CANNOT GO TO TORONTO AND LIST IS OF NO IMPORTANCE SORRY YOU HAD TO WIRE HOPE YOU HAVE GOOD TRIP

JENNIE

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April 23rd 1919

My dear Willie

I am sorry to have been so long in writing but we have had the men here papering & painting and the days fairly fly. As to the things in storage I hope you will not touch them on my account. I

mild weather.
I hope this will reach you in time. I wonder if we will ever get the chance to go to England. Harry & the children join me in sending love & best wishes.

Your affectionate sister
Jennie

I am sorry I neglected to enclose this before. Thank you for letting us read it. J.

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have all I need here
and more than I seem
able to take care of!
When you are taking
your own things out, will
be quite soon enough to
send me anything that
is mine. Thank you for
thinking of it.
Will you be able to come
up to Walkerton before leaving

for the Old Country? I rang
up Helen McMurrich on her
birthday (the 15th) & she said
you had been up to see her
on the 4th. It was the first
time I had heard her voice
since Isabel died.
Harry & the children are well
and thankful to be able to
live out of doors in this lovely

that holds him to life,
but he is brave and
patient. I hope you
will all be well, and
that I may escape the
perils of the sea and travel
in these times that some
day we may meet again
It seems strange to be going
so far away and no one
to say goodbye to

With love to you all.
and all good wishes
Lovingly yours
Willie

The Rexborough
Ottawa April 30-19.

Dear Jennie.

In view of your telegram
and letter which I received
about the same time and
for both of which I thank you,
I have decided to sail for
England at once, and not
to wait as I had planned
to do till May 10, so as
to get the things out of
storage for you. I am
accordingly arranging to
sail by the Aquitania

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of the Cunard line which leaves New York at 10 am. of Saturday of this week. (May 3) I shall leave Ottawa at 3. on Friday afternoon. I got here only at noon today, having come straight through without stop once in New York.

I am sorry not to have seen you to say goodbye before taking this journey and to have had a glimpse of Harry and the children. My address in London will be care of the "High Commissioner for Canada" 17 Victoria St. London S.W. It will probably be the middle of July before I get a return passage.

I hope you will keep in as close touch with Mrs as possible while I am away. I confess I do not like being so far from him, knowing how frail is the thread

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away. Should you wish any of the articles in storage at Toronto you have only to go to the warehouse and take out what you want. I am sorry not to have had this finally disposed of before sailing but hope you will do as I suggest about anything you may wish to have. I have written Hawkinson letting him to give you the freestones and to assist in arranging any shipment.

With love to you all.

Ever affectionately yours,

Willie

THE ROXBOROUGH
OTTAWA.

Sunday, May 11. 1919.
Mother's Day

Dear Jennie:

I found it was impossible to get away by the Aquitania and complete the matters which required attention before having, so held to the passage secured originally on The Baltic, White Star Line, which sails from New York on Thursday, the fifteenth. I leave Ottawa tomorrow afternoon, and shall be at the Harvard Club

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27 West 44th St. until going
aboard early Thursday morning.
Mr. Rockefeller Jr has been
obliged to postpone his trip
indefinitely so I doubt
very much if we shall
meet on the other side.
I plan to return to Canada
before the end of July, as
I think I should be here
for the Liberal Convention
in August. I do not
anticipate being chosen
as Leader of the party.
At the Convention, I have
had no time to give to

politics, beyond a meeting or
two, besides I am unwilling
to manoeuvre for the position.
I have come also to feel, that
being alone, I should find
the bitternesses of public
life well nigh unendurable
and unless there were
unanimity in the choice
I would prefer not to
have the leadership, much
as I should welcome it under
other circumstances.

I hope you and Harry
and the children will
all be well whyte I am

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Rawlinson. Thank you very much
John is now at public school
and loves it. They are all well
and growing fast. I wonder if
you will have time to go see
the Lays. I know they would love
to see you.
I sincerely hope Mae will keep
well while you are away. I may
get Katie Doyle next month if I
do, or get any one I can trust, I am
going out to Denver for a few days.
We expect Nelson home next Month
He was second in his term exams.
Harry & the children join me in sending
love & best wishes for a very happy
trip your affectionate sister
Jennie

Walkerton
May 12th 1919

My dear Willie:
We were very much
surprised to get your letter
from Ottawa today. We sent
a wire to the Aquitania
wishing you a good trip
& sending love from the
family but doubtless it
went to the "dead telegram"
office! All our sailings go
those in peril on the sea

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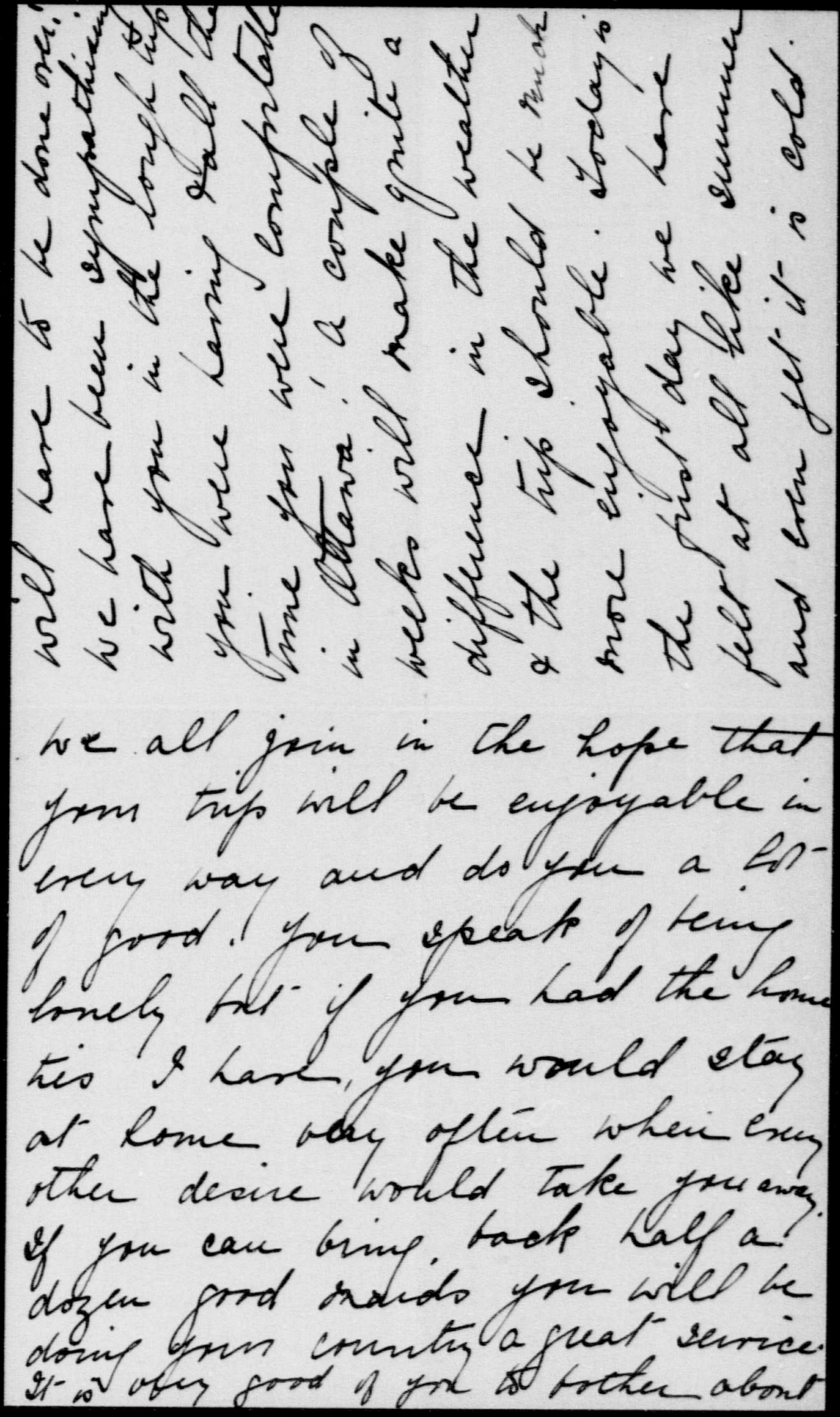

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will have to be done over.
We have been sympathizing
with you in the rough trip
you were having & all the
time you were comfortable
in Ottawa! A couple of
weeks will make quite a
difference in the weather
& the trip should be much
more enjoyable. Today is
the first day we have
felt at all like summer
and even yet it is cold.

We all join in the hope that
your trip will be enjoyable in
every way and do you a lot
of good. You speak of being
lonely but if you had the home
ties I have, you would stay
at home very often when every
other desire would take you away.
If you can bring back half a
dozen good maids you will be
doing your country a great service.
It is very good of you to bother about

HARVARD CLUB
27 WEST 44TH STREET

May 15. 19.

My dear Jennie:

Just a line of "goodbye" before putting out to sea. And best love to Harry yourself and all the children.

Your affectionate brother
Willie

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S.S. Balli.
May 15th 19.

Dear Jennie:

I have just received your welcome letter. Many many thanks for it, and also for the telegram to the Equitania. I am glad you are thinking of going back to Denver. You will always be glad if you do. I trust dear Max will be all right. I believe he will. Best Love to Harry the Children & yourself

Ever lovingly yours
Willie

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C/o High Commissioner for Canada,
19 Victoria Street, S.W.,
London, England, June 3, 1919

M. Rawlinson, Limited,
610 Yonge Street,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sirs:

Should my sister, Mrs. H. M. Lay of Walkerton, Ont. desire to visit your storehouse and to take out any of the articles stored in the room I am holding, I wish you would please accord her this privilege, and regard this letter as authorization for the same.

I expect to be back in Canada about the end of July, and am writing this note in case my sister may desire to get anything from the warehouse before that time.

Yours very truly,

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Walkerton
June 23rd 1919

My dear Willie:

It was more than good of you to send me the two little letters & also the nice from New York. I intended to thank you to write at once, but have so very little time for letters, and just then May & Mac needed all the cheer they could get. I hope Mac is quite himself

lucky to have escaped June in Canada this year for, except July, three years ago, I never remember such trying heat. The grass & everything in the gardens is drying up for want of moisture & they say the hay has stopped growing. It is very serious in a district like this & Harry is heart broken about his garden.

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again. It is over a week
since I heard last then
he was up rabout but
very thin. May said. I'm
afraid my trip to Denver
is very much in the future
for I don't seem to be able
to get a maid. Katie Boyle
came to me for a week but
had to go back to her old
place. She has promised
to come to me on the 1st
of July but I can't depend

on her keeping her word.

I hope you had a pleasant trip across & that you are having a happy holiday. There seems to be plenty to do in Canada these days! One strike following another till we never know where it will end. The street car strike in Toronto today must be very trying especially in this heat. You are

they would love to see you. It will soon be time for you to start for home if you are to be here for the beginning of August. The summer will be gone before we know. Mrs McGregor came in & I had to stop here. All are well and join in sending much love and good wishes for a good trip home.

Your affectionate sister
Jennie

We had Helen Mc Dermid with us from Saturday till Monday the last Sunday in May. Unfortunately it was terribly hot & I was sick so couldn't make it as pleasant for Helen as we would have liked, but it was a very great pleasure having her as I haven't seen her since Babe died. She was to have

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in Fergus on June 3rd so
came up here for the Sunday.
They are moving to Poplar
Plains Rd (I think it is) &
Helen says the house will
be smaller & easier to take
care of.
Nellie Douglas has very
kindly invited me to go up
to the Holiday House with
her for two weeks in July
& to take Baby & Jean with
me. If I can possibly
manage it, we are going
as the change would do us

all good & Harry, Nelson & John can
manage for a couple of weeks. We
expect Nelson next Monday & are
looking forward to having him
here for July & August. He has to
report again on Sept 10th.
Have you seen anything of the
Rays? I haven't written them for
months but, when last we heard
they were at "Bognor". Frank is
probably in town however. I know

P. S.

My cap size is $6\frac{7}{8}$

N.L.

Dear Willie:

Nelson is very anxious that you should secure a cap for him though we told him Uncle Frank would have more time! The children were delighted with their cards. Thank you so much. A little maid has just arrived for which I say "Thank God"! This is all I have time for now as I have to initiate her. Love from all & best wishes for a safe return. Lovingly Jennie

Walkerton, Ont
July 1st. 1919

Dear Uncle Willie,-

I have just got back from Esquimalt for my summer leave. The rest of the family were at Toronto when I got there on Sunday morning and we stayed till Monday morning. We went to Niagara on Sunday afternoon and Mother and Daddy did some shopping on Monday morning.

If you had time

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would you mind getting me a naval officer's cap and badge, and a couple of white tops to fit it. I am not quite sure what they would cost but it would be somewhere around ten dollars. We could settle about the price when you get back if you can get one. All uniform clothes are much cheaper over there and Mother said she didn't think you would mind.

We are having awfully hot weather just now. The lawn is all burnt but it is fairly smooth and we will be able to have some good tennis. Mother is giving Daddy a canoe for his birthday and I am going to give him a sail for it. I am going to make the latter myself so I suppose it won't be very efficient.

It is almost time for dinner, so I will have to close.

With much love from us all,

Your loving nephew,

Nelson Lay

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Much love

Your affectionate sister

Jennie.

Walkerton

July 6th 1919

Dear Willie:

In case my little note does not reach you in London, I am sending this line to Ottawa to tell you that Harry has been appointed manager at Barrie & we expect to be

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there about the end of July. We are all delighted for it is a very nice town I hope you have had a good trip & found everything in good shape on your return. It must have been a great experience, going

over the recent battle grounds.
I am sending this little note now as later on I will be so busy packing that letters will be out of the question and I wants you to know on your return that we are no longer in Walkerton.
All here join in sending

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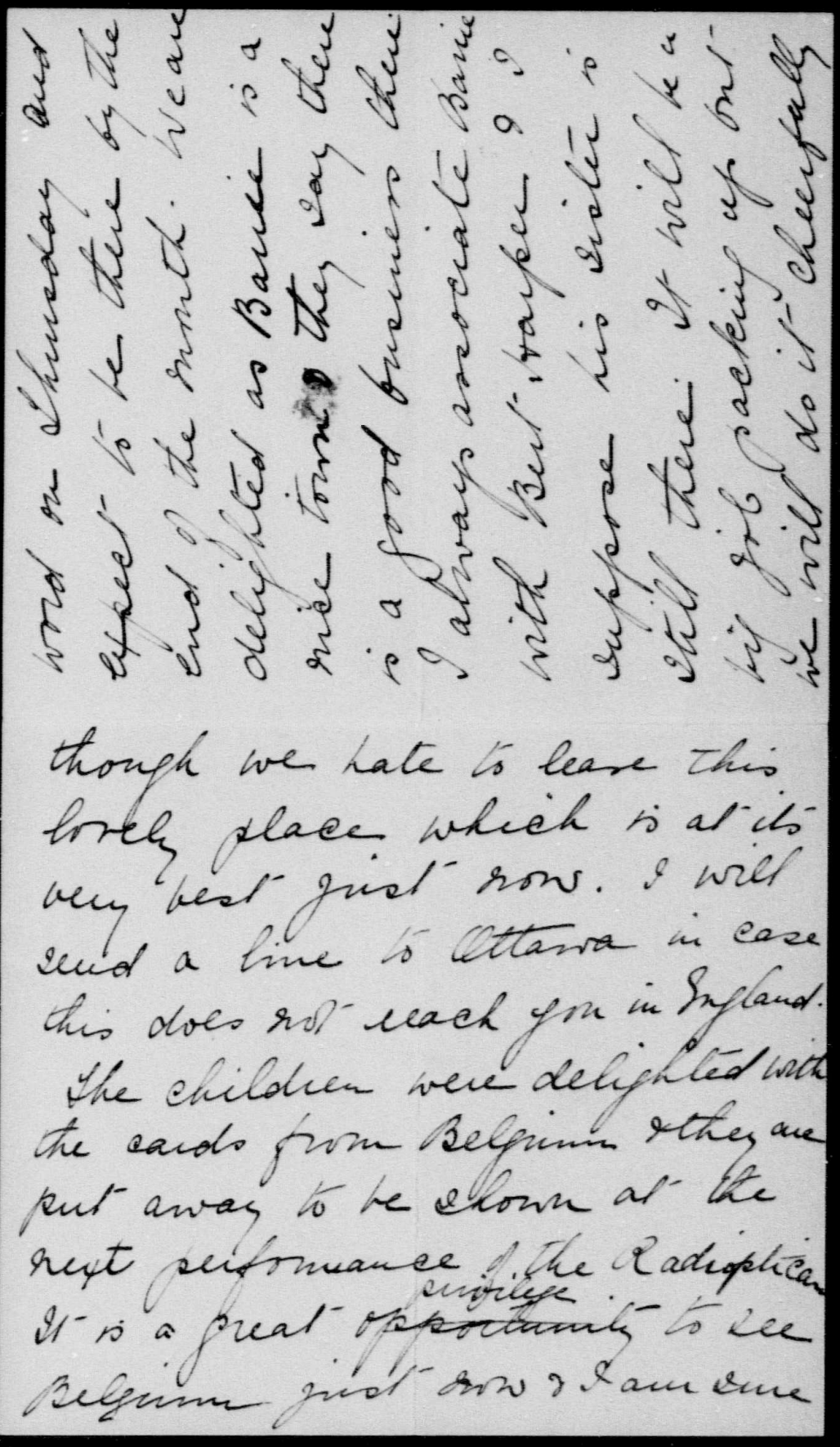

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word on Thursday and
expect to be there by the
end of the month. We are
delighted as Banie is a
nice town & they say there
is a good business there.
I always associate Banie
with Bert Harper & I
suppose his sister is
still there. It will be a
big job packing up but
we will do it cheerfully

though we hate to leave this
lovely place which is at its
very best just now. I will
send a line to Ottawa in case
this does not reach you in England.
The children were delighted with
the cards from Belgium & they are
put away to be shown at the
next performance of the Radioptican
It is a great ~~opportunity~~ privilege to see
Belgium just now & I am sure

W. L. MACKENZIE KING

The Harvard Club of New York,
27 West 44th Street,
New York, July 21, 1919

My dear Jennie:

I arrived in New York by the "Aquitania" yesterday forenoon, and was delighted to learn, in a wire received from Max, that you and Harry expect to move to Barrie early in the month of August. Please extend my best congratulations to Harry on this move. I am sure both you and he will like Barrie very much. It is beautifully situated, and will place you in close touch with your Toronto friends, especially in the summer months when many of them will be sharing the shores of Lake Simcoe with you. I am sure you must both be greatly rejoiced at what is a promotion as well as a most congenial change. You are sure to find a pleasant society in Barrie and Allandale combined. I think it ought to be a good banking centre as well.

Please tell Harry that a week or so before coming away from England I spent a Sunday afternoon at Forest Hills with his mother and sisters. I found all three looking exceedingly well. They have a beautiful little home, prettily situated, in what is one of the pleasantest of London suburban towns. The large drawing-room has windows which open out on to a pretty little garden, and altogether I think it would be difficult to find surroundings more suitable or congenial. Harry's mother seems to me to have changed very little since I saw her some years ago. She is, of course, older, but I was unable to detect any apparent change in her vitality or appearance. She seemed to be keenly interested in all you were doing, and told of your having been with Nellie Douglas at Lake Simcoe, and of incidents connected with the children. Frank and his wife were away on a holiday, so I missed seeing them while in England. Mrs. Lay said they were both very well. They all sent warmest love to you and Harry and the children.

I am leaving New York for Ottawa tonight, and expect to be there until after the Liberal Convention which meets early in August. My movements thereafter will depend upon what takes place at the Convention. I have no expectation

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I hope you will feel free to take from the warehouse in Toronto whatever you may want of the articles in storage. In view of the move you are now making, it is fortunate that they have been left just as they were. If possible, I shall get up to Toronto in the course of the next three weeks.

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Max seems to have survived his last serious attack, without too serious results though I imagine he is still very weak. I hope his condition may improve and that matters may go well with him and May.

With best love to Harry, the children, and yourself, and again congratulating you all upon Harry's promotion and your new place of residence, which I trust may prove a source of great happiness and benefit to you all,

Believe me, dear Jennie,

Ever affectionately yours,

Willie

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The Roxborough,
Ottawa, July 24, 1919

Mr. H. M. Lay,
Manager, Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Walkerton, Ontario.

My dear Harry:

I have already written Jennie of the pleasure it has given me to learn of your appointment as Manager of the Bank of Commerce at Barrie; but I feel I should like to add this note of personal congratulation.

Knowing something of the beautiful location of Barrie, I can well understand how greatly pleased you and Jennie must be at the thought of having your home so near the shores of Lake Simcoe, and at a point so convenient to the Muskoka Lakes on the one side, and Toronto on the other. I am sure you will find Barrie a delightful place to live, and among its citizens and those of Allandale many congenial and pleasant friends. I wish you every success in this new post.

You will have learned from my letter to Jennie of my visit to your mother's home in Forest Hill. I was delighted to find Mrs. Lay looking so well, and also both of your sisters. An elderly lady, who was your mother's bridesmaid and has known you since you were a child, was with Mrs. Lay the afternoon I called. Unfortunately, I do not remember her name at the moment, but you will doubtless know to whom I refer. She sent her love and best wishes to you. The house at Forest Hill is beautifully situated, and is a charming little spot in itself. I think you may feel that your mother and sisters could not be at any spot more likely to be more pleasant and satisfactory.

I hope the children are all well, and that you and Jennie may get through the moving without any ill effects. It will be a pretty strenuous job at this time.

This is my last letter to Walkerton. After your long residence there, you will not leave the community without many

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feelings of regret. I am sure the citizens of Walkerton will miss you quite beyond words. You will leave with a feeling that you have rendered the community a fine service and a good example in a multitude of directions. You will also leave your home there with the feeling that, however difficult at times situations have been, there are memories which ever will remain the fondest it is possible to cherish. In your new home at Barrie I hope you and Jennie and the children will be abundantly blessed.

With love to you all,

Affectionately yours,

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own behalf we suppose you have not set your heart on it just now. I suppose these things are obtained very much as an election is won largely by organization. Not being a politician, even in the rank and file degree, I don't hear very much as to what is going on. As our furniture is nearly all in the car I am writing this at the kitchen table and rather under difficulties so I hope you will excuse a scrawl. When we are settled at Barrie we shall not be so far out of the way and hope we shall often see you.

With very much love from us all Yours affectionately,

Harry McLaren

Hon Wm. M. King C.M.G.
Ottawa

It was more than good of you to go to see my people in England and I thank you most sincerely. They would think it most kind of you I know. &c.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Walkerton, July 27. 1919

My dear Willie,

Very many thanks for your kind letter of the 24th which reached me yesterday and for your congratulations on our move to Barrie. A little promotion is always pleasant and I am sure Jennie and all of us will like Barrie as much as we expect, and we have heard so many people including yourself, speak well of it that we have "great expect-

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ations." Jennie asks me also to thank you for your letter to her which we both appreciated very much. She has been doing so much in the packing line that I am quite anxious about her. To make matters as bad as possible the baby has been so sick for the past two weeks that it almost at one time looked like disaster. Her temperature persisted above 102 going up to 104 and no remedies appeared to succeed until two days ago. We are thankful to feel ~~now~~ that she is now out of danger and she seems to be recovering as fast as her sickness was sudden. But packing with a wailing child in her arms was certainly a fearful trial.

A friend of ours Frank Rennie a retired farmer, whose daughter Annie Eidt lives next to us in the small cottage is chosen as the Provincial Liberal Candidate. ~~Frank Rennie~~ I don't think Cargill will run again so it is rather interesting to know whom the Tories will put up. We are hearing all kinds of rumours as to who will get the Leadership at the Convention. From your making no campaign in your

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HARRY.

HARRY LAY

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Barrie
August 8th 1919

My dear Willie:
We are all delighted
with the news in this morning's
paper and hope there is much joy
for you in your new work. It is a
signal mark of favor for so young
a man but we know you have the
ability & the will to fill the position
honorably & well. My first thought was
"How I wish Mother, Father & Babel

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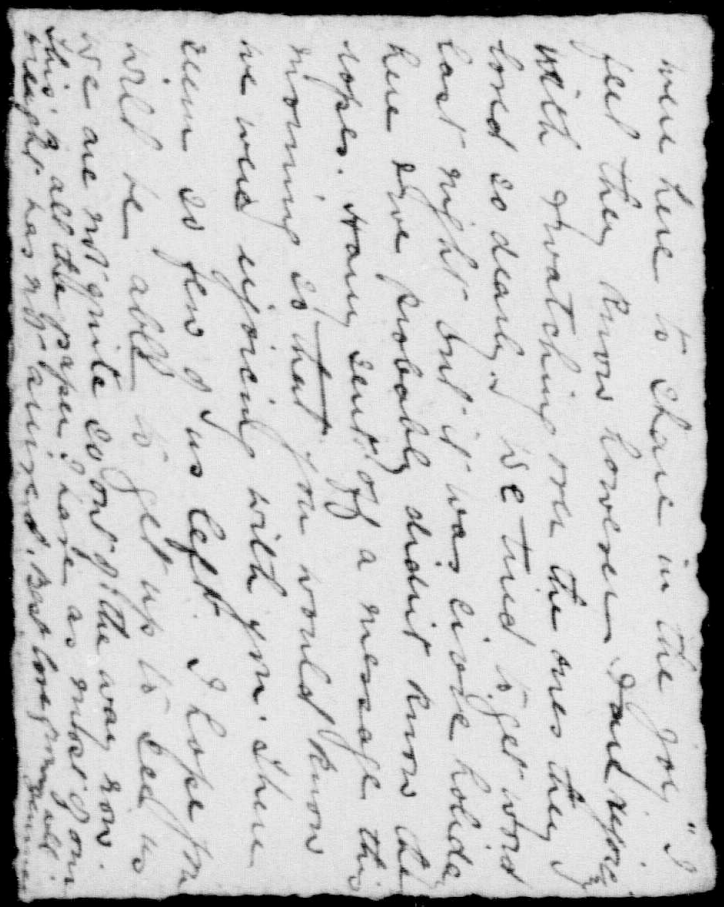

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Your triumph will come a
keen sense of responsibility,
but it is no flattery to say
that no one of those who
aspired in friendly rivalry
with yourself and contended
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fortunate as yourself in
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training of a special nature
so necessary to the solving
of the intricate problems in
our society and public life
I am sure that never
was there a time when genius

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Barrie ~~Walkerton~~, Aug. 10. 1919

My dear Willie,

We were all tremendously excited and delighted when we saw by the papers on Friday morning that you had been accorded the highest honour a political party has in its gift. We were in the throes of settling in our new home and had been working late unpacking furniture on the evening of your election and so did

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Barrie
~~Collingwood~~, Aug. 10 1919

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your triumph will come a keen sense of responsibility, but it is no flattery to say that no one of those who aspired in friendly rivalry with yourself and contended for the second right to carry the Liberal flag is so fortunate as yourself in natural powers for the office or in the concentrated training of a special nature so necessary to the solving of the intricate problems in our society and public life

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not hear the news until that night. If we had been in Kalkutta our friends the Macnamaras at the telegraph office would undoubtedly have called us up as soon as the news came over the wires.

As soon as I had phoned to Jennie we sent off a brief message of congratulation by telegram and we tried to get you on the 'phone in the evening but were not surprised that we were unsuccessful. We are all proud of your success and repeat our warmest congratulations. Though my profession prohibits any but a private participation in politics, my early boyhood associations and the keen interest my father took in public affairs and my own inclination have always led me to look upon a public service as the greatest career to which a man of British birth could mark out for himself. With

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should be in his saddle
more than 16 day, and
however much those who
were jealous over in your
favour may envy your
honours none will minim-
ize the price in devotion
and labours which must
be paid when these honours
are worn as Premier in
the very near future.

The opinion of the man on
the street is that the days of
the Unionist Government are
telling short and that the
Liberals will have a big
majority at the next election.

We are gradually
getting accustomed to our

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new domicile at Barrie. We only got the second consignment of our effects on Friday so progress of getting the house in order has been slow.

We hope next time you are in Toronto you will have time to run up and see us.

Jennie wrote you last week and joins me and the children in much love and renewed congratulations

Yours affectionately
Harry Lay

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Barrie
August 10th 1919

My dear Willie:

Mary has written you but I want to add a line to enclose this telegram which was sent on here from Walkerton. Evidently Freddie didn't think the new Leader would be known in Ottawa. We have been most interested in reading the press comments. The Globe certainly hasn't been any too generous but I fancy you can get along without their approval as you did without their support. Bobbie Cassels

The children were all much interested in seeing your picture in the paper & John has asked endless questions as to what it all means. It is after eleven & we want to take this up to the post so I must close. all join in sending much love. I hope your new life will be full of joy, as it will be of opportunity. Many thanks too for your letter after your return from England. I would have written sooner but had a very sick Baby and a terrible lot of work! Am hoping to hear from Mac & know how delighted he is at your success

Your affectionate sister
Jessie

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who is married to Emily Falconbridge
who has a summer place up
here, was in the Bank on Friday
& was delighted at your appointment
There are several old friends up
here but I have not seen them
since we came with the exception
of Mr. Ross & Frank Harper who
came up last Sunday evening
for a few minutes. Frank was
preaching here for the day.
Harry has seen Judge Wismer
& one or two others who have
spoken so kindly of Father & the
family. You will be glad to

see this message from the Mits &
I am sure none will be more
sincere. We tried till after 11 p.m.
to get you by 'phone on Friday but
gave it up as they couldn't get you at
all. I see you are invited to go to
Newmarket in a couple of weeks & we
hope if you can spare the time you
will come on up to us. We are much
nearer Toronto here & only a few miles
from Newmarket. We got the last
of our freight last Friday so will
be fairly well settled in another week

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Ottawa, August 26, 1919

Mrs. H. M. Lay,

Barrie, Ontario.

Hearty congratulations, dear Jennie, on your birthday anniversary. May the new year on which you are entering be one of great happiness for you and all of your family. I send best love with best wishes.

Willie.

D. H.
W.L.Mackenzie King
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Banff
September 4th, 1919

My dear Willie:

Each day something has happened to prevent me putting letters. I meant to write to you on Sunday but Harry & I went over to Mr. Grassett's for tea & stayed longer than we intended. Do you remember Mr. Grassett? He was manager of the B. of Commerce in Waterloo and later was moved here & has since retired & is living here.

it was a great pleasure to speak to you & know you are well. The next morning your very kind letter came & we were glad to get your news and all your good wishes. I can quite understand what a task your correspondence must be at this time for the ordinary amount of mail is hard to cope with & you must feel this an almost insurmountable task. It kept me busy trying to answer the comparatively few letters I got at the time.

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He is a conservative but nothing could have been kinder than the way he spoke of you & also of father & mother.

First of all let me thank you most sincerely for all your kind thought of me on my birthday. I wrote May & Mac asking them to cut out presents & was hoping you would do the same. However I am delighted to have your address in the beautiful cover which ensures for it a safe abiding place! Harry & I read the address with much interest at the time it was delivered and are glad to have it in this form for safe keeping. Thank you very much for this very kind birthday gift. I have not forgotten that I still have Mother's centre piece for you but I have had so very little leisure that it is not yet finished & dear knows when it will be! Many thank also for your very kind Cattergram which I received first thing on my birthday & also for 'phoning me at night. We could hear your voice so distinctly &

We have had such nice letters from the Lays telling us how pleased they were to see you & yesterday they sent us a copy of the Times with the notice of your appointment. Harry has just phoned me that Nelson leaves tomorrow & that Annis Sidt (who lived next us in Walkerton) will be here tomorrow for a little visit! I have to go & pack Nelson's trunk & get the room ready for Annis. We are looking forward to a visit from you & will be delighted to see you whenever you can arrange it. In the meantime I send very many thanks for all your kindness on my birthday & much love in which Harry & the children join. We are watching with interest to see from where you will be returned your affectionate sister

Jennie.

My birthday letters are still waiting as we have been rather upset about the house. Everyone tells us it is bitterly cold in winter & that Mr Cross was on the point of leaving it when he was moved. He wanted to sell us his lamps, blinds, stoves etc so praised the house to the skies & let the landlord raise the rent. Since we got here we have had the offer of a smaller, more modern & compact house in a much nicer locality at a slightly higher rent which we feel would be

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offset by the amount of coal we would save, so have decided that we will move now & lose the chance of a good house. You can imagine the discussions & excursions we have had before we finally decided on another upheaval! Poor little John too has been quite crippled with rheumatism & has not been able to walk & what is harder on me, to sleep! He is better today for which we are thankful. We think he stayed too long in the water

& being unused to it, took cold. It has been unfortunate as he has missed the first week at school. As you say, a family of small children is a great responsibility but, to my mind, the greatest joy. They so completely fill your heart that there is very little room for anything but happiness. Nelson goes back to Esquimalt either tomorrow or Saturday. He has been in the Bank here for the last three weeks & has been so much happier with something definite to do & also, earning money! He has spent most of his time after hours, on the water & loves it.

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Barrie, Oct. 21. 1919

My dear Willie,

Jennie would have written you but has had no time to sit down to write, so I am dropping you a line from us both to congratulate you upon your Election at Prince. Our last letters from home (England) referred to your accession to the Leadership of the Liberal Party and my sister was wishing

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your skill at tackling
labour problems could
have been available in
England during the
recent Railway workers
strike. My mother and
sisters were all delighted
at your promotion to the
head of the Party.
It is a splendid position but
its responsibilities and cares
must tax even a vigorous
and enthusiastic spirit such as
you possess.
The children were
delighted to see the Prince
of Wales as his train passed
through Barrie last week.
Helen also saw him at
Esquimalt, where he inspected
the Naval College and gave
the boys a whole holiday.
A day or two after he
came across Helen and
another boy on the golf
links, shook hands with
them and asked if they had
had their holiday! The
has made a good impression
in Canada by a simplicity
which agrees well with our
democratic monarchy.
Jennie and the children
join with me in much love
and repeated congratulations
Yours affectionately
Harry Mitchell

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Barrie Oct. 22nd. 19

My dear Willie

We were very glad to see by yesterdays paper that you had been elected by acclamation. apart from the honor, the saving of so much needless expense will be a great satisfaction! I fancy the Conservatives all over the country are feeling rather sick at the

now we are permanently settled. The house is much smaller but very modern in every way & much more comfortable. It was an awful undertaking to move again when we had just got settled but we were afraid we might lose this house if we didn't take it at once & the other place was cold & damp. The view here is beautiful & from the back windows reminds one of the hill at "Woodside". I wish you could come before the leaves are all gone! I hope Harry will get off for a holiday sometime in November as his holidays last year were cut out by his accountant being sent to Regina. We will be glad to see you whenever you can come. The children are all well & join with me in loving & hearty congratulations

Your affectionate sister
Jennie

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result of Monday's elections.
Neither Harry nor I had a
vote as we have not been
in Barrie three months.
We were glad to see that
Mr Rennie won over W.D.
Cargill in S. Bruce. Cargill
has been member for so
long that I don't think
anyone expected his defeat.
We were interested also
in seeing your name on the
list of those who received

Ronary degrees from Queens. Any
success you attain will not be
through any help the Globe has given
you! It seems to me it has lost
any loyalty it mayores have had.
You would be sorry to read of
Mr Douglas' death. It will be very
lonely for Mrs Douglas now that
all her children are married.
We are wondering when you will
be in this part of the country. We have
made our second move and hope

The Roxborough,
Ottawa, October 23, 1919

Mr. H. M. Lay,
Barrie, Ontario.

My dear Harry:

I have just received your very kind letter, and write to thank you and Jennie for the congratulations it extends. It is a great satisfaction to have been returned to Parliament without opposition. The writ has just been sent to the Clerk in Chancery, who has forwarded it to the Clerk of the House, which means that I shall take my seat in Parliament this afternoon. As I may have to speak in the railway debate to-day, I regret I have not time to write you and Jennie at greater length, but I am anxious you should both know at once how much I appreciate your kindness in writing as you have.

I don't know whether you happened to see that Queen's University conferred on me the honorary degree of LL.D. at its Convocation last week. I could not help but wish very keenly that dear Father had been spared to have witnessed that event. He and Mother would have been scarcely less proud of this university recognition than of the public honors which have come so thick and fast of late in other directions.

When you write to your mother and sisters, please thank them for expressing the pleasure they have to you at my appointment to the Leadership of the Liberal Party. I have thought many times, and with great pleasure, of the afternoon spent at your mother's home when last in England. Please give your mother and sisters my kindest remembrances when you write.

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I am glad the children saw the Prince, and that Nelson met him. He is a splendid young fellow, and a man of whom all British citizens can well be proud. I got to know him pretty well while he was here in Ottawa. At the Government luncheon, I sat next to him and replied to the toast he proposed to the Government and People of Canada. In case you may not have seen any reference to the speech, I enclose a cutting which may interest the children, now that they have seen him. As unfortunately my clippings are not too many, I shall be glad if you would let me have the enclosed back some time, as I should like to preserve it.

Please give my love to the little folks, and with much love to Jennie and yourself,

Believe me, as always,

Yours affectionately,

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Barrie, Oct. 27th 1919

My dear Willie,

We were very glad indeed to have your letter of the 23rd and the clipping from the "Evening Citizen" which please find herewith enclosed.

We thought your remarks at the Government luncheon in honor of the Prince of Wales

commission can keep down the price of commodoties!
One ray of hope is seen in the Ontario elections and I earnestly pray that the U.F.O. Platforms and the Can. Council of Agriculture may in some not too remote future become like the abolition of the bar an accomplished fact.
Our friend Rennie was elected in South Bruce over Capell, Mgr.

Jennie and the children join with me in ever so much love and wishing you a very happy and fortunate course in Parliament. Yours very affectionately Harry Lay

P.S. We had noticed with great pleasure your degree at Queens but somehow or other overlooked our congratulations. It is a very great honour and one about you yourself I am sure would especially relish. [Jennie tells me she mentioned Queen's]

were very happy and very
finely worded. Jennie remarked
"Willie certainly speaks well".
We also read with a great
deal of interest your speech
on the Grand Trunk Railway
bill. The enormous Public
debt being piled up so
recklessly by the present
administration is a more
serious matter than many
think and yet the only
way we are told by which

National "obligations" are to
be met is by another enormous
Victory loan this year and
the promise of further oppor-
tunities of the same kind.
On the prospectus of the
loan one reads that the
money is to be "spent in
Canada" Truly these are
Spend thrift days. The only
solution to all problems —
"spend". With these enormous
annual increases to our circulating
medium what high cost of living

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Barrie, Dec 3rd 1919

My dear Willie

I am sending by this mail your very belated birthday present! I finished it last week but had not a minute to get it washed, else you would have had it before December. It has seemed so hard to get any but the necessary things done this last year & it was too much

it seems best. It has been a hard & expensive year for us and living here is much dearer in every way. Then too I am not at all well just now unable to get out to see about things and our two nurses have quite a strain.

We are hoping if you go to Newmarket on the 15th or 16th that you may be able to come on up here to see us, either before or after the banquet. Do you still

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like play to sit down and
do fancy work! I know you
will value this centre piece
as it was one of the last, if not
the very last piece of work
Mother did. All the time
I have been doing the edge
I have marvelled at the
even stitches & lovely work
that Mother could do at
seventy-four! This centre
piece and a baby pillow
cover she did just after
Rosabel was born so she

must have been nearly seventy-five.
I am sorry to have been so long
completing it but I think you will
understand the circumstances. It
carries with it a great deal of love
and the hope that you may have
many happy birthdays before you.
This year I am cutting out presents
altogether, except to the children.
Mac has agreed that he will do the
same, and though Harry doesn't
approve, still for this year at least

he has had for many years and he has had so much extra work during the war.

I hope you are keeping well and enjoying your new work. I had such a nice letter from Graeme Cameron a couple of weeks ago in which he spoke so highly of you. Did you see that he had a little daughter about a month ago?

Hoping to see you within the next two weeks and with much love in which Harry & the children join Yours affectionate sister

Jennie.

expect to get out to Ottawa for Christmas? I hope for Mackie's sake as well as your own, but specially for Mackie, that you will be able to manage it. It is hard to believe that it is over six years since I saw Mac.

We have had all the children down with chicken pox. John is back at school but Jean was pretty sick so I have kept her at home for a week longer & she and

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Baby are having a perfectly glorious time with your tobogan on the hill at the back of our place. I looked out of the window yesterday & saw fine of them roll off into the snow, and waited to hear a howl but they first laughed and Baby thought it was lovely! It is so good for them and Jean isn't six years old yet so can afford to miss

school. John was head of his room ~~last month~~ in October & was so proud but this chicken-pox kept him at home most of November so I am afraid he will be away behind the other children at Christmas.

Harry was up in Timagami for a couple of weeks in November & had the luck to shoot a fine big moose. The change did him a lot of good for it is the first real holiday

will have a resemblance to his ancestors on his Mother's side. As I told Mac, he was born "with a cowl." Jennie says this is a rare and distinguished occurrence and in her family the honour was worn at birth by her grandfather W. L. Mackenzie who having worn a hat at birth refused to take off his bonnet to the family Compact (à la William Tell)! I hope he (the baby) will be as good a man as his great grandfather, and like him a lover of freedom.

If all goes well Jennie is going to try and get home by Christmas Day though that is rather a short respite. We shall try and make it as easy as possible for her when she returns. With our united best love

Yours affectionately
Harry Lay.

Barrie, Ont.
Dec 14. 1919.

My dear Willie,

We were very glad to hear from your letter to Jennie last week that you were well. We had been looking forward to seeing you at the time of your Newmarket Banquet this week which was the date at first mention-

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The Roxborough. Ottawa. Dec 16. 19

Harry M. Lay. Esqr.
Manager. Bank of Commerce
Barrie.

Your letter just received. Please accept and convey also to Jennie my heartiest congratulations on birth of your little son. May God abundantly bless ~~and prosper~~ him and cause ~~[illegible]~~ his life to be a blessing to his home and country. Since I am glad to know Jennie is well. Give her my love & love also to his little nephew from wide [illegible]

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HON W L M KING

OTTAWA ONT

JUST RECD YOUR MESSAGE WHICH I WILL CONVEY TO JENNIE SHE AND BABY ARE DOING SPLENDIDLY VERY MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONGRATULATIONS JENNIE AND I AND THE CHILDREN SEND YOU OUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY AND OUR VERY BEST LOVE WE TRUST THE NEWYEAR WILL BRING ALL THAT IS BRIGHTEST AND BEST

HARRY

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Ottawa, December 17, 1919

Mr. H. M. Lay,
Manager, Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Barrie, Ontario.

Heartiest thanks to Jennie, ~~and~~ the children and yourself for loving congratulations and wishes conveyed in your wire received this morning. Am delighted to know Jennie and baby are doing well. Best love to one and all.

Willie.

D. H.
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Ottawa, December 17, 1919

Mr. H. M. Lay,
Barrie, Ontario.

My dear Harry:

I thank you heartily for the welcome telegram of congratulations, which was the first message I received from the outside world this morning. Please thank Jennie and the children for joining with you in sending their love and best wishes for my birthday anniversary.

The word that Jennie and the wee baby are doing splendidly was welcome news. I hope that both will progress favorably, and that, as anticipated, Jennie may be strong enough to be with you and the children on Christmas Day. I wrote her a letter last night, which was intended equally for you, so that I shall not add more at the moment, except again to thank you for the good wishes your wire conveys, and also to renew my congratulations and good wishes to you on the birth of another son and heir.

With love to all,

Affectionately yours,

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THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Barrie, Dec. 18. 1919

My dear Willie,

Both Jennie and I were delighted to receive your telegrams of the 15th and 17th inst. Please accept our best thanks for your kind congratulations and loving wishes on the arrival of your youngest nephew.

The reports of both Jennie and the boy continue to be most satisfactory and the Doctor says that Jennie

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may come home in time for Christmas. Your letter and one for Jennie arrived this morning and are very welcome. Jennie's will duly be forwarded to the Hospital.

The children were very much excited at first over the arrival of what Rosabel called a "little sister-boy", but now are taking it quite as a matter of course.

Hoping you are in the best of health and once more thanking you most warmly for your kind wishes and congratulations.

Yours affectionately,

Harry McLaren.

Hon. W. L. M. King C.M.G.

Ottawa.

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member for the time I was in the House of Commons, but otherwise have been obliged to live on my savings of recent years.

I hope the day will be a very happy one for you all. It is bound to be so if Jennie and the two one are both at home as is anticipated. I expect to be at work on speeches most of Xmas Day, and to have Xmas dinner with Colonel and Mrs Andrew Thompson at the Country Club on Christmas night. Give the little people a kiss for me on Xmas morning and lots of love, and with the best of love and wishes to you both. Believe me as always.

very lovingly yours,

Willie

McKenzie Diem
Salary '19. Gifts to children

THE ROXBOROUGH
OTTAWA.

Dec. 21. 1919.

Dear Jennie and Harry:

Just a line to send you and all the little people my love and best wishes for a very merry Xmas and a bright and happy New Year. You will all be very much in my thoughts on Xmas Day, and I hope its memories in the years to come will be among the happiest you have ever known.

To make sure of the few

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little gifts I have sent arriving in time I have had to get them off one by one as chance offered. I hope they all came up safely before Xmas Eve, but just that you may know which is for which so that the little tags here enclosed may be attached to the right parcels before they are opened let me mention, that the football is for John. the Ping Pong set for Jean, the Big and the little Teddie Bear for Rosabel, the silver

thing for the little new arrival, and the other small remembrances as addressed. These gifts are not just the ones I should like to have selected in each instance but the choice in Ottawa has been limited and my time and resources also more limited than they have been for some time back. I don't know if I told you that Mackenzie drew salary of the leader of the Opposition for both the Spring and fall sessions and that I receive nothing from this source till parliament meets next Jan. I got $380. my indemnity as

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Royal Victoria Hospital
Barrie. Dec. 24th 1919

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

My dear Willie:

This is just a line which I hope will reach you tomorrow in time to wish you a very merry Christmas and all joy and prosperity in the coming year. I hoped to write earlier but they wouldn't give me paper! Very many thanks for your telegrams & letters. I was on my back for your birthday but Harry said he would send greetings from us both. The new boy is a fine little chap of 8 lbs and is to be called Harry Norman. I don't know whether Harry told you that he was born with a caul,

Poor Harry has all the Christmas work to do himself this year for I was too poorly before Baby came to accomplish much but the necessary work and now that I am feeling better, am sorry to have anything done! All the family join in sending loving wishes to you for Christmas and the New year and hope that it will not be many weeks before we see you here.

With much love and again thanking you for your congratulations and hoping all joy may be yours tomorrow

Your loving sister

Jennie

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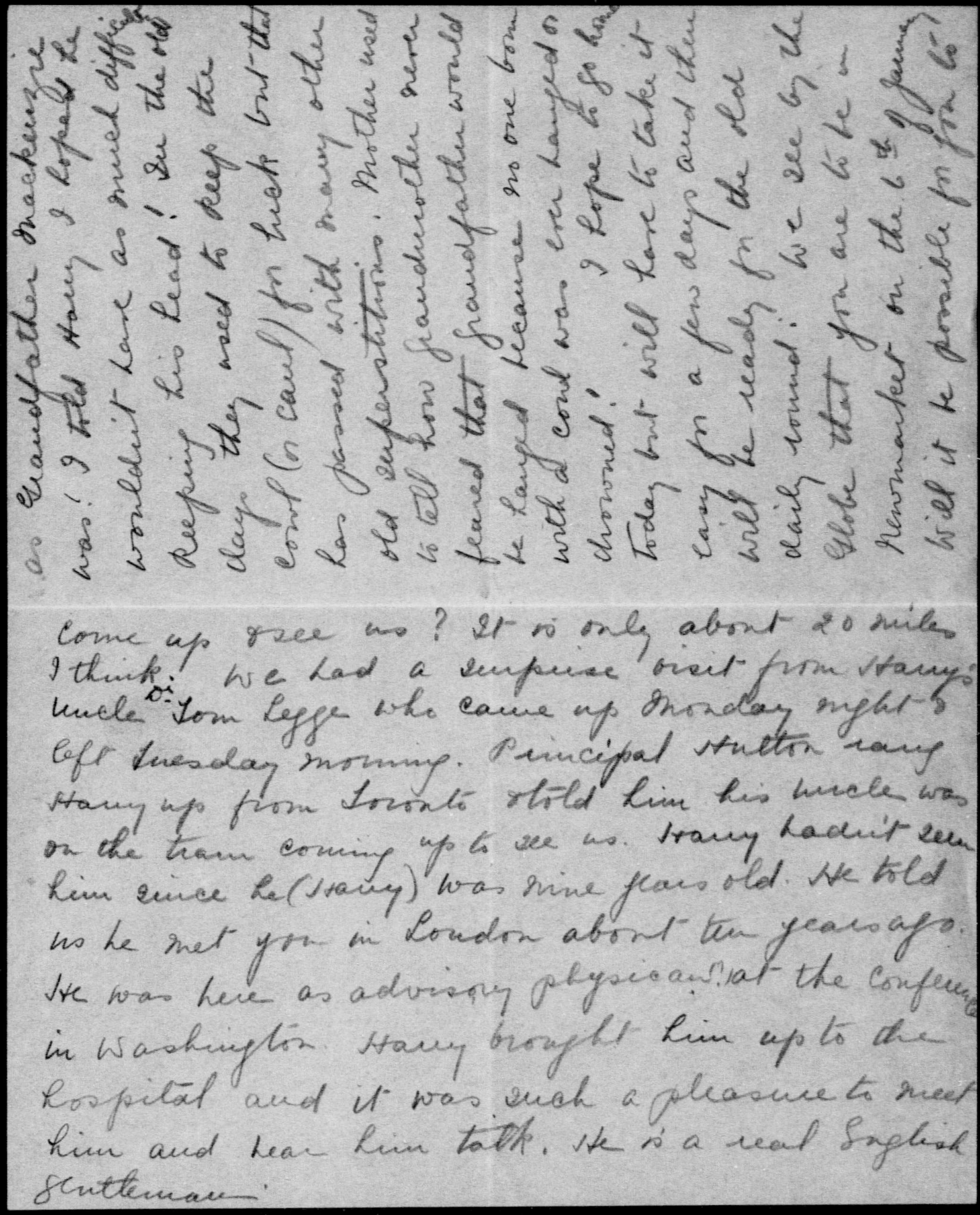

as Grandfather Mackenzie was! I feel sorry I hope to see you wouldn't have as much difficulty keeping his head! But the rest they need to keep the camp (in case) for Uncle but that has passed with many other deputations. Mother used to tell how grandfather seemed feared that grandfather would be lanced because no one knew with a cool eye lanced or chronic! I hope to Today but will have to take it easy for a few days and then will be ready for the rest daily round. We see by the Globe that you are to be in Vancouver on the 6th of January will it be possible for you to

come up & see us? It is only about 20 miles I think. We had a surprise visit from Harry's Uncle Dr. Tom Legge who came up Monday night & left Tuesday morning. Principal Hutton rang Harry up from Toronto & told him his uncle was on the train coming up to see us. Harry had'nt seen him since he (Harry) was nine years old. He told us he met you in London about ten years ago. He was here as advisory physician at the conference in Washington. Harry brought him up to the Hospital and it was such a pleasure to meet him and hear him talk. He is a real English Gentleman.

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Ottawa, December 24, 1919

Mrs. W. M. Lay,
Barrie, Ontario

A Merry Christmas, dear Jennie and Harry, to you both and to John, Jean, Rosabel, and their little brother. May you all have a very happy day. With my best love I send every loving wish to one and all.

Willie.

D. H.
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HON W L MACKENZIE KING

THE ROXBOROUGH OTTAWA ONT

DEAR WILLIE WE JOIN IN LOVING WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEWYEAR MAY SANTACLAUS BE GOOD TO YOU AND MAY CHRISTMAS DAY BRING YOU HAPPINESS AND JOY

JENNIE

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Barrie, Dec. 26. 1915

My dear Willie,

Just a line to thank you for so generously and delightfully remembering us all this Christmas.

Jennie was delighted with the beautifully worked handkerchief and as you know she is somewhat of an expert in these things and knows what is good when she sees it. "The Life of Roosevelt" will be read with much interest, the more so that he was a personal friend of yours. Biography is so vastly superior to fiction in educative value that I must thank you specially for this choice of your Christmas remembrance to myself. The beautiful silver mug (much handsomer, at present as to this. Unfortunately our maid is a very selfish girl who has absolutely no thought of her mistress' need.

I was up at 5.30 am. yesterday morning finishing the decorating (as Jean calls it) of the room and the tree. Your present made an imposing foreground. We had several strings of electric lights on the tree and it stands in a little alcove in the sitting room. Murray & Audrey sent us some lovely holly from Vancouver which arrived in splendidly fresh condition.

We had no outsiders for dinner under the circumstances but the Bank Staff came in in the afternoon for ice cream and to see the tree.

We often thought and spoke of you hoping you were having a happy Christmas.

With much love from us all,

Yours affectionately,

Mackenzie King

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at any rate, than that of its beneficiary) occupied a prominent place on our mantelpiece yesterday and was much admired by our friends who came in in the afternoon. As soon as said beneficiary is able he will thank you himself in the meantime his father and mother must do so on his behalf. Rosabel was overjoyed with her teddy bears the small one in the big one's arms is a surely your own finishing touch! John + Jean were down at the Bank this morning and were enquiring if their presents from Uncle Willie had arrived. They no doubt will be here today. It is awfully good of you to remember us so lovingly and thoughtfully, the Baby book is extremely pretty being the third "Harry Jr." has had, but as I think, the most beautiful, it will I think be entrusted with the early records preserving of the Sayings, doings + happenings of the future man. The cards you send are very beautiful.

Jennie came home with the baby on Christmas eve about 4 hrs. She is very well though of course it is imperative that she refrain from overdoing it, the doctor letting her leave the hospital with very strict commands

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NIGHT LETTER

Ottawa, December 31, 1919

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

Love and best wishes, dear Jennie, for 1920, to Harry, John, Jean, Rosabel Harry Junior, and yourself. May God abundantly bless and prosper you all in the New Year.

Willie.

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ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE
ESQUIMALT, B.C.

Jan. 8 4, 1920

Dear Uncle Willie,-

We just got back from our Christmas holidays and so this is the first chance I have had to thank you very much indeed for the very nice X-mas present you sent me. It was very good of you to remember me and your gift will be very useful I assure you.

Lawrence Burpee and myself spent the Christmas holidays at my aunt's house in Vancouver. We had a very nice time indeed and the

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holidays seemed hardly begun, when we had to come back. We had a very enjoyable time. We went to quite a lot of dances and saw several football games. On Christmas day my Aunt had sixteen to dinner, and afterwards the younger people danced, and the grown ups watched. We played quite a lot of golf at Shaughnessy. When it was wet we either went to a show or played billiards at the Vancouver Club. This club is very nice and has very nice rooms.

This is my last year at the college and we will soon have to be swatting up for the term-end exams. I hope to be high enough to get a commission. Last year they only took six cadets and of these, two had to be engineers and two

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paymasters. Last Christmas term-end exams I came third in my term and if I work a bit I ought to have a fairly good chance.

We were to have played a rugby match to-day but it was too wet so Cundill and I decided to play golf. It was blowing quite hard and we had to pull across the mouth of the harbour in a small skiff. The waves started to break about half way across and so we got rather wet. Then we had to walk about two miles. When we got to the club we found that the links were closed owing to snow. However we made the best of it by having tea and someone gave us a lift half way back to our boat.

It is almost time for evening divisions now so I must close.

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I hope I will be able to see you next summer. If I pass out of the college I shall probably go to the North Sea next September.

Best wishes for a very Prosperous year and many thanks for you present

Your affectionate nephew.

H. Nelson Lay

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16. Blake St
Barrie, March 31st 1920

My dear Willie:

John has been busy writing Easter post cards so I want to put a line in with his to you. It seems strange that Easter should so soon again come on April 4th. It has been a long five years in some ways & yet it seems no time since Isabel was with us. I have tried several times since Christmas to write to you but we have had rather a hard time here & my time is very limited. We were glad to get the copy of "Hansard" (?) thank you very much for sending it.

John & Rosabel were very sick with "Flu" in February & for a week or two we were very anxious about John. Both his lungs were affected & he was very seriously ill. We were very much afraid of pneumonia but fortunately he escaped. Jean never took it at all, though of course, she was with the other two children constantly. I had Tonsilitis at the same time but as we had

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only a little "home" girl, I had to keep up. The children had just been back at school a week when John & Rosabel were down again with measles! Rosabel had an average dose but, as the Dr said "John was terribly sick" His temperature hovered round 105 for days & he had a pulse of 140. He is downstairs today for the first time & Jean is very ill yesterday & today. We hope this is the climax. We are quarantined & will be till the end of next week. The day the rash came out on John, the maid packed her things & ran before the Dr came for fear she would be quarantined for Easter! When you realize that I dare not send any washing out or have a soul in to help me you can understand that three children sick in bed & a wee baby to look after, besides all the work, means rather a busy life. However as long as they all get well, it doesn't matter and I am glad they are through with it all.

I hope you are well and enjoying the excitement of Parliament. I don't get much chance to read the papers but Harry keeps me posted to a certain extent. I don't think we have been a week without sickness since we came to Barrie

Elsie Lay sent the enclosed clipping some time last fall & I have always forgotten to send it. It will interest you if you have not already seen it. I want to send a line to May & Mac so must close with much love & all Easter greetings from Harry, the children & myself

Your affectionate sister
Jennie N. Lay

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Ottawa, April 26, 1920

My dear Jennie:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Hansard which contains the verbatim report of the statement made by me in the House of Commons on Tuesday of last week, in answer to the slanderous and libellous representations which have been made, and which the Tory Party have sought to make part of their propaganda, concerning my relationship with the Rockefeller Foundation and non-enlistment for service overseas during the period of the War. I have thought that perhaps you and Harry would be interested in seeing the full statement exactly as made in the House of Commons, and which I hope was made in a form of which you both will approve.

I felt considerable hesitancy about making any allusion to the personal matters referred to in the concluding paragraphs, but it seemed to me that some reference of the kind was necessary at this time, to avoid the necessity of future references, should the matter, as evidently had been the intention, become one of discussion in connection with any political campaign. Having made a statement in Parliament, I imagine no further reference will be made by the press or anyone in public, of which it will be necessary to take any account.

I hope you and Harry and the children are all well. I am sorry that the great pressure of work I am obliged to be under from day to day makes it almost impossible to write a letter of any length. Though I do not write, my thoughts are with you all.

With love and best wishes,

Ever affectionately yours,

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out some celebrity!
Jean is still home from school but I am thankful to say the Dr. has discovered that it is her glands around which are causing the trouble not having got rid of the poison from her attack of measles. She seem better today & we are hoping she will soon be quite well again. Last Monday we had Hamp's Bible Class, about forty in all, here for tea and they all seemed to enjoy themselves

16. Blake St
Barrie, June 11th 1920

My dear Willie

I didn't intend to let nearly two weeks pass before writing to tell you how much the Children appreciated the box of lovely candies you sent them. John was to have written but he still requires an elders' assistance & we seem never to have had a minute. Jean had mixed

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you & George in her little
mind & the candies were
the first thing that showed
her you were still in the land
of the living! They were all
at Allandale to meet us &
you would have thought we
had been away a month by
the welcome we got. Hon
Mr. Drury was on the train
with us coming home & we
spoke to him for a few
minutes just before we
reached Allandale. I was

sorry you were not with us.
Sunday evening, just as we started
our letter writing, Mr. & Mrs. Ross
came in & stayed till after eleven.
They enjoyed some of your candies
& we gave them your message.
Then last Sunday Judge & Mrs.
Wismer came in & we really had
fun discussing the old Berlin days.
Harry & Judge Wismer were talking
about some cricket match when
you distinguished yourself by putting

guilty when I found he was
home again.
I am wondering whether you
are at Kingsmere today. It will
be lovely but there just now but
the mosquitos & black flies will
be making themselves felt. We
were glad to see you in Toronto
& to find you looking so well.
Harry & the children join me
in sending much love and
hoping to see you in the near
future Yours affectionate sister
Jennie K. Lay.

Two of the class were making
on Wednesday it was to make
them a presentation they had
the tea. We had them out
on the verandah & lawn & the
place looked very pretty. I
miss the big rooms & house
we had in Walkerton but I
dare say we are just as well
not to have so much here for
we could never manage.
We expect Nelson home in
a couple of weeks and the
children are looking forward
to the canoe trip when he comes.

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The car is again on duty & we have been out on several trips. It is a great comfort to send all the children even if I can't go myself. I told the children we were going over to Newmarket for you some day & they are looking forward to your visit. I am afraid you will find them rather stirring for I haven't time to continually subdue them. This is as far as I got on Friday & now it is Sunday afternoon. They have started

morning S.S. so all the family are at home for the afternoon. John is writing to you but, as he wants to do it 'all himself' I don't know what you will get!

I met Mr Brown, our minister, yesterday & he told me he had heard you speak when he was in Ottawa at the General Assembly. He said he tried to see you after but you had gone to the Golf Club. I meant to write & tell you he was going to Ottawa but really never had a minute to spare & felt

Ottawa, June 15, 1920

My dear Jennie:

I enclose a letter which I received from Max on Monday. I think I told you about his paralytic condition, which has now run on for nearly two years. Ever since the stroke first came, Max has had the idea that it meant at most but two-and-a-half more years of life. Under the circumstances, you will appreciate just why he feels the anxiety he does concerning seeing you at the earliest date, if it is going to be at all possible for you to get out to Denver.

According to plans as I have had to arrange them in view of the session of Parliament, it is doubtful if I can get out to British Columbia until late in September. That will mean that it will be some time in September before I can hope to visit Denver. It has occurred to me that if Max had your visit and mine both to look forward to, it might do much to cheer him during the summer months.

I hope you are all having a pleasant summer. The heat here is so intense, and the work to be covered so considerable, that there is little in the way of news to send. I send, however, best love to one and all.

Yours affectionately,

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16. Blake St
Barrie June 27th 1920

My dear Willie:

Very many thanks for sending on Mac's letter to me. I am returning it with this. I didn't know Mac's condition was quite so critical but I always feel that life is very uncertain for us all and that no one will go till his time comes.

I envy you your ability to help Mac for it must give you the greatest satisfaction as well as pleasure to be able to do it. We were glad to see you are to get an "increase" it will make the giving easier. The greatest pleasure we have in our car is being able to give so many people "lifts" or dinners. I haven't learned to run it yet as nearly always I have a baby on my lap!

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It has been the greatest desire of my heart for years, to go and see Mac but I find that my duty & pleasure very seldom run along the same line & have learned pretty well to take pleasure out of duty. Had it not been for our more here last summer, I could have gone then & had all my plans made, but again duty pointed the other way. This summer,

with a little baby six months old, it is almost impossible to get away as it would be equally undesirable to take him or to leave him. Nelson comes home on Tuesday & I am making no plans till I see how things go on. I have a very willing maid but one who has never worked in town before and needs constant help & supervision. It would be impossible for her to do all the work and look after Baby & help is as hard to get here as it was in Walkerton.

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me in sending much love & hope
to see you soon
from affectionate sister
Jennie

It has been decidedly cool
here and last week, John
had his winter flannels on
most of the week, & we were
glad to have the coal range
to warm up the place! Long
may it continue. This is a
very close day & feels like
thunder weather but the
glass is steady so we don't
hope! I trust Barrie will be

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cool for I had an idea it would be very warm. We have been glad of blankets & down quilts every night so far. I am kept pretty busy & hate the heat.

Have you any idea when you will be in Newmarket? The children keep asking me when we are going to meet Uncle Willie. I am wondering whether you are at Kingsmere today. This is the kind of day you appreciate the cottage.

The children are all well & enjoying their summer holidays. We hope to have little Harry christened next Sunday if all goes well, we have been waiting for Nelson to be here.

Harry & I are going out to tea so I must stop. If any opportunity of getting to Denver, comes along, I will let you know. It is generally the unexpected which happens! All the children join with Harry &

16. Blake St
Barrie, August 13, 1920

My dear Willie:

We are all looking forward to your ~~promised~~ visit some time this month & have been expecting to hear from you. The children were terribly excited when they heard you were in

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Newmarket & fully expected to see you. We had Miss Gibson here from Friday till Monday last week, and Helen McMurrich & her mother were here the week before. The children are all well at present & I have two maids so it is a good time to come! All join in sending love

Yours affectionately
Jennie

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Cable Service to all the World

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Send the following message, subject to the above Terms, which are hereby agreed to.

Ottawa, August 26, 1920

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

The best of love and wishes for a happy birthday and many happy returns. Small remembrance being sent by mail. Hope you will have a very happy day. Cannot tell you how much I enjoyed my short visit to Barrie. Best love, dear Jennie, and every good wish.

Willie.

D. H.
Pass No. S-3041

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16 Blake St
Barrie, Sept. 5th 1920

My dear Willie

Very many thanks for your kind message and letter of good wishes for my birthday. I was sorry to let a whole week go without acknowledging the former but we have been busy trying to crowd in all the last things we wanted to do before Nelson leaves tomorrow. Then Marion Douglas died on Wednesday morning, and, remembering the many kindnesses Nellie has shown me I felt the least I could do was go down & be with her at the

I don't know whether you have already seen this clipping!

it is the life you have always wished for and it must be a satisfaction to you to have made good.

I wish you would not bother sending a gift for my birthday for the remembrance is all I want. I find it considerable of a tax to even remember the birthdays I used to! and you have just remembered all the children which really is their mother.

Very many thanks for all your kindness, and good wishes for your trip.

Harry & the children join me in sending best love and hoping we may have the pleasure of a longer visit soon again

Your affectionate sister
Jennie

We had Marcus Tait for tea on Thursday. He goes as Rhodes Scholar to Oxford next spring.

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funeral. You know Helen M-M.
& I are her greatest friends &
I hope it helped Nellie having
us with her. Even one day out
of the week seems to mean so
much!
I had a very happy birthday; one
of the happiest in years and
everyone was so good to me.
Your message came the day before
I was a great pleasure. I am
glad you were able to get up even
for so short a visit for we have
all been looking forward to having
you in our home in Barrie. I am
afraid you found the children rather

lively but I prefer to have them that than sick, though their noise is pretty trying at times! They are still enjoying your presents John's candies are handed out one at a time at bedtime and there are still a few left! The paper dolls & house are a great pleasure & Harry plays with his owl, though I am afraid it doesn't make quite enough noise to suit him! I am so glad you are going out to see Mae for I know how fond he is of you and what a joy it will be to him to see you again. He will enjoy having talks with you and hearing of your work. You have certainly had a strenuous year but

16 Blake St
Barrie Sept. 21st 1920

My dear Willie

Your beautiful gift came on Saturday and, if I had searched the country over, you could not have found a more acceptable present. Harry took my good one with him on his hunting trip last year & "Pete" (his Indian guide) fell down a hill on it & broke it. Instead of bringing the case home for a new re-fill, they nailed it to a tree & got a new one to use for Baby's bottle

children. I am afraid you found your visit rather strenuous! Baby is getting his teeth & has been very sick across this last ten days & I don't accomplish very much when he isn't well.

I am wondering whether you have left for the West, & when you expect to leave. It will be such a delight to have you to talk to. I don't know when my time will come! Harry is going to take his holidays at home & get ready for the winter. All the children are well and join me in sending much love. Please accept my very sincere & loving thanks for your lovely birthday present & kind loving message & believe that I truly appreciate your kindness. With much love from affectionate sister Jennie

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but it is a cheap affair & nothing
to be proud of. This one is such a
beauty that I am longing for a
chance to display it in public!
Still I wish you had not sent
it for, as I said to May & Mac,
I don't want to appear ungratefully
but simply cannot afford to give
presents these days. We didn't
(not including the car)
begin to live on our Salary & last
year & it is very disconcerting to
be using Capital with no prospect
of replacing it especially when
there are five little ones to be
cared for & educated. Of course

the moving was a great expense & we
are hoping to do better this year, but
so far, I must say I preferred Walkerton
Life was not quite so difficult there & I
had one or two congenial friends. I think
Harry likes Barrie and he is always busy
with some enterprise! He is having a
return of hay fever which he hasn't had
for years.
It was a very great pleasure having
you here, even for the few hours, and
we hope you may soon be able to come
for a little longer visit. Baby will soon
be less of a nuisance & so will the other

11 Blake St
Barrie, Ont. 10th, 1920

My dear Willie:

We saw by yesterday's paper that you have completed your "Western Tour". It has certainly been a wonderful trip and even though it has been pretty strenuous, there have been ample compensations. We had several papers from different friends in the West and enjoyed very much reading of your triumphal progress. The elections ought

will be very much in our thoughts tomorrow. It will be just the age Isabel was when she died, 42, and as children no one would have dreamed of Kim being a delicate man or of Isabel dying so young. She was Isabel only 41? The years go so quickly I can't keep track. Have you made any plans for Christmas? Our home will have a very warm welcome for you if you can arrange to come to us. You may find the children a bit boisterous but we will hope for weather to let them stay outside. My little maid is going to take this down in time for the mail as I want you to find a line from me when you return to Ottawa. Harry & the children join with me in kindest much love and many congratulations from affectionate sister Jennie

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to show the results of your speeches and meetings. You must have met a number of old college friends which would be a great joy to you. I want to thank you very much for your kind letter after your visit with Mac. His condition is indeed sad and much more pathetic than if he were nearer home. He must feel very much alone at times and dread the thought of leaving Mary & the boys among comparative strangers. He has certainly been brave and May

no less so. I am still hoping to get out to Denver but it is only hope! My maid's mother required her at home so I have only the sixteen-year-old sister. It was impossible to get away while Nelson was home and since he left I have been trying to get things in order that I may leave if opportunity offers. The one wish I have at present is to go & see Mac but my first duty is here where there are four little children all needing me. It seems a shame when there are so few of us that we see so little of each other. I suppose that is inevitable as children grow up. Mac

HOUSE OF COMMONS
CANADA

Leader of the Opposition

Ottawa, December 11, 1920

My dear Jennie:

I am indeed sorry to have allowed so long a time to pass in writing to thank you for your very kind and welcome letter which I received on my return from the West. It was written evidently with the expectation that I would be in Ottawa about the time of its arrival here. As a matter of fact, however, I returned to Denver to pay Max a second visit, after the completion of my speaking tour in the Western Provinces. I then went into the East Elgin campaign for a speech or two, and on my return to Ottawa found such an accumulation of pressing matters that I had no time or opportunity of writing at once.

Last week I went to New York for a few days. I saw no other chance of getting down this year, and as I had not been in New York for over a year, there were a number of associations I wished to renew there and matters to which I wished to give some attention. I thought I would get a chance to write you from New York, but my engagements became more numerous than I had anticipated. Since my return to Ottawa on Monday last, I have been busy with other matters and have had no chance to write.

Let me thank you very heartily for your congratulations on the western trip. It really was a most successful affair. All of the party were thoroughly congenial, and though we had an exceedingly strenuous time, we all kept more or less in training for the work and were able to carry it out in a much more satisfactory manner than I had believed would have been possible. Though a little tired after so much travelling and speaking, I really felt in better shape on my return than I did when I left for the West.

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I saw a number of friends who were inquiring for you: among others, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson at Medicine Hat,who kindly invited me to stay with them; Ethel Rose, who is now Mrs. Baird, and resides in Winnipeg, with whom I had tea; Harry's brother and Audrey Lay, at Vancouver, who invited me to dine with them; and others whom I do not recall at the moment. At Victoria, we paid a visit to the Naval College, where I looked up Nelson and had a very pleasant talk with him. I do not know whether he sent you, or whether he saw, copies of the Victoria papers making mention of the visit, and his name and my own in that connection. He looked very well in his uniform, and seemed very happy among his surroundings there.

My letter written on the way to Victoria, telling of my visit with Max and May, will have given you the account of their lives as I found them at the time. I was so deeply impressed with the very wonderful way in which Max is facing what appears to be the home stretch of his long illness, and May's no less heroic attitude, that I felt it would be a source of inspiration and strength to myself, as well as of support and pleasure to both of them, were I to pay him another visit before coming back to Ottawa. It so happened that I was able to fit in a visit to Denver so as to arrive there on Max's birthday, on November 11th, by leaving Winnipeg on the completion of the western tour. That gave me an extra reason for desiring to make the visit at that time. By very close train connections, I managed to get to Denver on the afternoon of November 11th. You may be sure it was the most welcome kind of birthday gift to Max and May. I stayed with them from Thursday afternoon, November 11, until Sunday night of the 14th.

During that time we had a splendid opportunity to talk over many matters together, and in particular to look over the manuscript of a book on "Nerves and Will Power", which Max is just bringing to completion. He is most anxious to have this work finished as a final contribution to his profession. Should he live after it is completed, any writing he may do will likely be of a much lighter and more ephemeral character. He has in mind writing a novel, which I think he would do very well. In that idea, I have been seeking to encourage him. What made me feel more strongly than ever the certainty of all impossibility of his hoping for any recovery is that he has sold most of his medical books and equipment and put the money into little things required to be done about the house.

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I wish, for your own sake even more than for Max's, great as I know the pleasure it would be to him, that you might find it possible to pay him a visit early in the New Year. You would never forget the inspiration of it. He has achieved such a complete mastery in the way of self-control, and such a complete indifference to the limitations, restrictions, and privations which he is daily called upon to bear, that there is an atmosphere of otherworldiness about him which makes a very vivid last impression. I have seen nothing, not excepting the silent, patient endurance of both Isabel and Mother, at all comparable with his fortitude. It is a remarkable triumph of the spirit over all bodily infirmities, and equally strong evidence of the reality of a spiritual, as contrasted with a mortal existence.

He told me when I came that he had never expected to see me again, and for some little while seemed hardly to believe that it was possible I had come only for the purpose of another visit with him. Did my time and finances permit it, I would think nothing of leaving here for Denver just to share Christmas with him, so amply would I feel repaid in the new strength and purpose which would certainly come from such a visit. If you can manage it at all, keep the plan very much in your mind, for I think all your life you will feel ~~that~~ a pride and strength, as a result of the visit, which you would be totally unconscious of but for the experience itself.

That brings me to your very kind invitation for Christmas at Barrie. I really would love to spend the day with you and Harry and the children, were it possible to make the visit for more than a day. Unfortunately, I have to go to Montreal, to speak at a Banquet to Sir Lomer Gouin, on Thursday night of the coming week, and on the following Monday have to speak again in Montreal at a Commercial Travellers Dinner. These engagements, with others that I have here in Ottawa, will leave me no time whatever for getting off Christmas remembrances, or acknowledging any such as may come my way. Everything considered, therefore, I have thought that it would perhaps be better just to take Christmas quietly here, and spend the day remembering friends and endearing associations of the past. I would rather come to Barrie when I have a couple of days free and have the time to spend with the children in sharing in their joys and play. You and Harry, being ~~with your~~ kindred people, will appreciate just what I mean in wishing to avoid that too great pressure of

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engagements and duties, and in seeking quiet at the Christmas season which I have not been able to enjoy through many of the past few months. Your kind thought in inviting me, however, and the heartiness of your welcome, will add not a little to the pleasure of the day. Though I am not with you, I shall be sharing all your happiness in a very real way.

That brings me to one other matter. My time is so filled with public duties of one kind or another, that I doubt if I would be able to make the careful selection of Christmas gifts for the children which I should like were I to pick out the gifts myself. It has occurred to me that you and Harry, even better than I, would know just what would afford the children most pleasure. Accordingly, I have thought, if you would let me, I would like to adopt the same plan with you as I have with Max and May, with respect to their little lads. Instead of buying the gifts myself, and losing some of the value on the exchange and cost of transportation, and also to aid in avoiding possible breakages and delays, I ~~would send~~ a cheque and ask the fond parents to buy for each of the little folks just the thing that they think would afford the most pleasure from Uncle Willie. I shall send a little card, to be attached to each gift, but it will relieve me immensely of a very difficult and time-consuming problem, and perhaps also serve better to secure what the little folks would most desire, if you and Harry would make these purchases at the time of making your own. I have thought that Twenty Dollars, divided among the four, in any proportion you like, would perhaps enable you to get some little gifts that you may think would be appropriate. Accordingly I am enclosing my cheque for this amount. Should you find something particularly attractive and suitable, which will run beyond this, I would be only too happy to have you make the purchase and let me know the difference, not however, exceeding this amount by more than fifty per cent. There is only one condition I would like to impose, and that is that the gifts be of a character which will give the children real pleasure. They should be something for the children themselves, which they would not get in the course of the supplying of their essential needs. They need not be devoid of utility, but the selection should be made primarily on the basis of the real delight which their ownership is likely to afford.

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You will be glad to know that I am at last in my new office in the Parliament Buildings. I wish you and Harry might see the room itself, with its adjoining offices for Mr. Giguere and Mr. McGregor. By common consent, they are the finest in the Parliament Buildings. The walls of my room are panelled in natural wood, and the upper part of the walls are filled with mural decorations symbolical of the virtues and attributes of an Opposition, and, in a larger way, of service in parliamentary life. My desk faces a large open fireplace, the decorations on either side of which are symbolical of Vision and Wisdom, the beginning and end of all things. In the figure representing Vision, you would see a resemblance to Mother's face. The other panels are symbolical of Opposition and Conciliation, of Justice, Fidelity, and Integrity, of Watchfulness and Fearlessness. The words "Moderation" and"Toleration" also appear as mottos by themselves at either corner of the room. The room itself is on the south-west corner of the Buildings, overlooking the front lawn on the one side, and the Chaudiere Falls and the Province of Quebec on the other.

With love and best wishes to Harry and all the children,

Believe me, dear Jennie, as ever,

Your loving brother,

Willie

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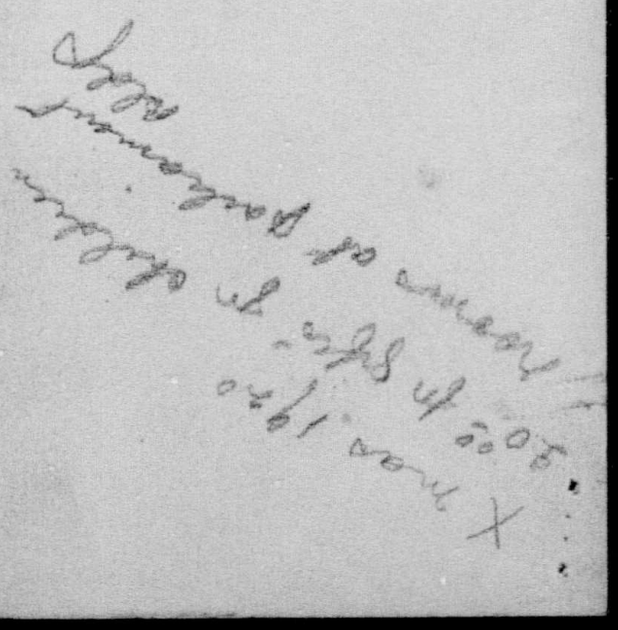

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WE ALL SEND BEST LOVE AND CONGRATULATIONS MANY HAPPY RETURNS

JENNIE AND HARRY.

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Barrie Dec. 14. 1920

My dear Willie

your very kind letter with
it's much too generous cheque
came yesterday and I want
to thank you very much
for your kindness. We shall
be only too glad to do the
purchasing and think you
are more than good to
remember us so generously.
John is very anxious for
a "Meccano" set & his hear
is divided between that & a

is walking everywhere. He
is one more added to the
band. I hope you will
have a very happy Christmas
for we may not get a chance
of writing again. I don't get
very many idle minutes &
can quite understand
how hard it must be for
you to get letters written.
Dear old Mac is very
much in my thoughts and
if in any way I can manage
it, I am going out to see him

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hockey stick & puck. He
will probably get both as
Santa Claus has skates
for him & Jean. Jean
wants a school bag with
a handle on or a doll's
carriage or crokonole
board. but we will let
you know later on what
you have given them.
We are all dreadfully
disappointed you will

not be here for Christmas as we
hoped specially you would be able
to come this year as it comes on
Saturday. However I can understand
your desire for quiet & a set of
noisy children does not offer much
temptation! They certainly are noisy.
At present little Harry who was
one yesterday is beating a tin can
beside me. He is a lovely big boy &

year will see many of your
hopes realized. I am sure
your room in the Parliament
Buildings must be beautiful
and you will enjoy it all the
more realizing what it all
stands for. Harry & the children
all join me in sending loving
greetings for your birthday. I do
not expect an answer to this
so don't try to write till the mail
is over. If you see a chance of
changing your mind about
Christmas, the welcome is
here and as Peach says "Uncle
Willie can help with the tree". She
wrote you a long letter yester-

you can hardly understand
how necessary I am here
but, with only a little girl
to help, there is much for
me to do. Harry has been a
very hard baby as he sleeps
so little, but he is a fine
strong boy & the worst is over
now. Mac's fortitude is
wonderful but when you
have faced death a few
times you will be better
able to understand how
little the things of this world

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really mean. There are much
worse things than death & the
only hard part is leaving to
struggle alone those we love
so dearly and are so longing
to help. I fancy Mac's great
sadness now is the feeling
that he is a burden when
he would so willingly be the
bearer. I would give much
to have a talk with him but
try not to think too much
of it until the way opens
when I would go at a

moments' notice. I can well understand the joy your visit was to him and the inspiration it must have been to you. It will be a great satisfaction to him to get his book finished and is a wonderful accomplishment for one in his weak state. May is all that a wife means & that is saying much.

We shall all be thinking of you on Friday & wishing you all the joys and happiness possible in the new year. I hope the day will be a very happy one and that the new

day. I told her I was going
to write for your birthday
so she sat down & gave me
all the news! When your
letter came at noon she
thought it must be an
answer to hers! She is
so like Mother & still I
can see Isabel in her very
often.

You will be sorry to hear
that Donald Ross has
been very ill with bronchial
pneumonia. They say he is

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getting better but naturally
Mrs. Ross is very anxious.
He hasn't been well for
some time which makes
this attack more serious.
It seems to me wherever
we turn there is anxiety
of one kind or another.
I have had so many in-
temptions that this letter
is rather disjointed.
Now I must get it off. I
enclose Peach's effort

as it would be a serious offense
to leave it out!
Again with every loving wish for
your birthday & very many thanks
for your most generous cheque.
Your affectionate sister
Jennie

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Ottawa, December 28, 1920

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

The gift bringing with it love and Christmas greetings from Harry and yourself was received only late last night. I cannot tell you how much pleasure it has brought me nor how delighted I am to have this particular gift from you both. Please accept my heartfelt and loving thanks. Shall write soon.

Willie.

D. H.
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16 Blake St
Barrie, Dec. 28th 1920

My dear Willie

This is the first minute I have had to thank you for your lovely presents to the Lay family. "Margot Asquith" seems popular this year! When Harry & I were in Toronto for a few hours getting gifts we bought Eaton's last three copies — one for you, one for Harry & one for Murray & Audrey who have been most kind to us! Jean got the two things she desired most in the world a school bag with handles & a croknole board. We tried all over to get a carpet sweeper for Peach but couldn't get one in Toronto or here so gave her the white muff to match the collar we had for her and a pair of mocassins. She was far more pleased than she would have been with the sweeper but it is hard to tell sometimes what children really like. For little Harry, we got him a sleigh

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Nelson. Of course the copy
you sent us is far prettier
and Harry & I send many
loving thanks for your kindness
to us. I hope to enjoy reading
it before long. Harry started
in to read aloud last night
while I darned some necessary
stockings, but was so tired
he had to stop & go to bed!
Christmas is a pretty strenuous
time where there are four children
If you already have a copy
of "Mayot" do not hesitate
to return the one we sent

as I dept the bills so that we might
exchange the books if necessary. I am
going to send back the one I gave Harry
& get something else to improve our
collection. If there is any book you
prefer do not hesitate to say so.
The children were all delighted with
your presents to them. The invoice is
enclosed. John has played with his
from the moment he spied it. His little
chum has a set, but we felt we could
not afford to give it to him in addition to
the Skates he got from Santa & the book from

I'm afraid from what May says dear old Mac was not in very good shape to enjoy Christmas. How true May is about supremely unselfish. I haven't time to write more now Jean will be seven tomorrow & we are having a few little friends in to share the Christmas tree with the children so I have to get things ready. Harry, the children & myself join in every loving wish for your health, happiness & prosperity in the New Year. I wonder will it see you Premier! We went to hear E.C. Drury speak last week and enjoyed it very much. He speaks easily & naturally though of course he is not an orator! With much love & many loving thanks from affectionate sister

Many thanks also for your birthday message

Jennie

which the children can pull him in this year & he can play with himself next year. We had bought him a little fur coat ($12.00) when we were in Toronto but thought we couldn't manage the extra $3.00 for the cap. When your generous cheque came the first thing I thought of was the cap so he is now the smuggest little boy in town. I hope you will approve of the purchase; at any rate the children do! John

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is going to write but so far
hasn't had time. With church
in the morning & S. S. in the
afternoon & Sunday
was gone, & yesterday he spent
with his little chum Maurice
McLaren. We had a lovely
Christmas but a busy one
I had six of the Bank staff
here for dinner at 1.30 and
as I have just a little maid
& she left before tea & just got
back yesterday you may
imagine we hadn't many
idle minutes! You kind
Christmas message came

when I was setting the table & wishing
you were going to be here. It was very
good of you to send it & even if we don't
reply in kind, we appreciate very much
your thought. We find living in Banie
considerably more of a problem than it
was in Walkerton & of course each extra
member is an additional expense!
We have to cut out some things we would
like to do. Harry's gift to me was a
cheque for $100.00 to be used for a trip to Denver
I hope some day to get a chance to spend it

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Barrie, Dec. 29. 1920.

My dear Willie,

It was very kind indeed of you to remember us and the Kiddies so generously this Christmas and I must add a line of Jennie my very sincere thanks both for them and on my own behalf. We were reading some pages from Mrs Asquith's book on Monday night and found them very entertaining!

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we recently read a criticism of the book in the British Weekly by Sir Robertson Nicoll and it is interesting to compare with his, one's own impressions. Her political jottings are valuable and it seems to me the most legitimate part of the book. To sell for cash the record of her own most sacred experiences e.g. the death of her own sister, seems a strange mixture of callousness, theatrical display and questionable taste.

You will soon be entering the New Year. We all join in wishing that it may be a year of happiness and satisfaction.

The last one has been a very strenuous one in Canada and closes with many difficult problems still unsolved. We have need of clear and humane men in public life like Tomsely and I trust there will be no lack of strength and support in the coming twelve months in the struggle against monopoly.

Hoping you have had a very Happy Christmas and once again expressing my thanks for your kind thoughts for me and mine

Yours affectionately
Harry Lauder

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

Every loving wish, dear Jennie, for a very happy New Year to you, Harry, and all of the children. May 1921 be a very good year for you all, and bring many blessings to your home. My thoughts will be very much of you all during the day and throughout the year.

Willie.

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Monday

My dear Willie

I have only time to send a line to tell you that Harry received a cable this morning telling him that his Mother died yesterday. It was quite a shock as we had letters last week telling us how well she was at Christmas

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I have an appointment at the church in half an hour so send just this line as I know you will be interested. I have always wished to meet Her, so that is one more dream come true.
I hope you are quite well. Will write later on
Yours affectionately
Jennie

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Globe January 18/21

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REPETITION

Barrie, Jan 22. 1921

My dear Willie,

Very many thanks for your kind message of sympathy received on the 19th both on my own behalf and that of my sisters and brothers. The news came as a terrible shock because letters received after Christmas had led us to believe that my mother was in her usual state of health which had been

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family good for a woman of her age and I had cherished the hope of being permitted to see her at least once more.

She seems to have been a link with a past in our family that now grows dimmer as the years increase. Both your family and mine have had to say goodbye to those most dear, but they have left us the record of lives well spent, sweet memories that are immortal, as themselves.

Hoping you are very well and with very much love from Jennie and the children and myself.

Once more thanking you for your sympathy which I much appreciate, affectionately,

Harry.

P.S. In a recent letter Nelson speaks of having received a very kind Christmas present from you. Much

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THE ROXBOROUGH
OTTAWA.

February 2. 1921.

Dear Jennie:

Sunday next, as you will recall is the anniversary of dear Will's birthday. I have mailed to you today, as a souvenir of the occasion a quite remarkable picture of mother and father made by a New York photographer from a picture which appeared in the Toronto Star

the broach or a photo of the broach so this more, and which is ~~a part~~ in a photo taken at Toplegs. It is the three Graces. He has reproduced the lace and well represents the broach if given in distinct enough detail. If you would entrust me with it for a time I would have it photographed here and returned to you. or if you could get a photo of it in Harris I would gladly pay the cost. I think it is worth while to take advantage of the sculptors offer. It is the artist who made the "Visions" in

I have had him very deeply for him. Much he may also for his sake. With love to you as ever Dear Jennie. Affectionately yours Wilfrid Laurier

my room here. When did Harry write in my thoughts and that I feel here

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some years ago. You will like it I am sure and I hope you will arrange to have it framed. Were the photo shelf not so expensive and the danger of the glass breaking a possibility, I should have framed it before mailing. I have sent Max a copy also and have one for myself.

You will be interested in hearing that the sculptor in Italy who has been working on a head and bust of mother has completed a clay model of which he has sent me ~~[illegible]~~ for approval. I have sent them on to Forster of Toronto for his criticism. The work is truly marvellous and with a few slight alterations will be well ~~[illegible]~~ high perfect. He will make the head in marble as soon as I write to him. He has asked if I could send him

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16 Blake St
Barrie, Feb. 4th 1921

Dear Willie:

Your letter and the photo of Mother and Father came yesterday and gave a great deal of pleasure. The picture is a wonderful likeness of both Father & Mother, especially when you consider that it was

with the exception of the cattle-olivine brooch which I think you gave her and which you told me to keep for one of the children. I always intend that for Peach in memory of the joy Mother had in her in her last month with us. We had letters a couple of days ago from Mabel & Elsie. It is the first word we have had since the cable. Mrs. Lay was only ill two days with a cold which developed into bronchial pneumonia and she died very quietly at ten o'clock on Sunday morning. Douglas & Jack were there as well as the three girls & George Spence (Elsie's husband)

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probably taken from a
snap-shot. Harry and I
were arguing as to the year
it was taken. Do you know?
I think it was after Isabel's
death but Harry thinks it
was the year before. It is
lovely to have and I shall
certainly have it framed
at the earliest opportunity
It was very good of you to
send me one and I send
many loving thanks for your

kindness. I think the picture makes
Father look thinner & Mother fatter
than the originals were! but it is lovely
to have a picture of them taken together.

I am sure the bust of Mother will
be lovely done in marble. I hope it
will not be anything like that terrible
bronze one you have!! Poor little Mother
used to say that was a "libel"! I am very
sorry I have not the brooch of the three
graces. I fancy you will find it with the
rest of her jewellery, all of which you have

taken; even when she was so
far away there was always the
hope that someday we would
see her & let the children
know her.
All the children are well, with
the exception of Peach who is better
and join with Mary me in
sending many loving thanks
& much love. Both Jean & John
remember Father & Mother Jeffery
I hope you are well. You
will soon be in the House again.
and busier than ever.
Again with loving thanks
and much love from affectionate niece
Jennie

It is lovely that Gina & her
children have been home since
last July and they wrote us,
just before Mrs Lay's death,
that they had had the happiest
Christmas in years. Mrs Lay
didn't know Douglas when he
arrived at eight on Sunday
morning as she had been un-
conscious from midnight.
We have written packed
Mabel & Elsie to pay us a six
month visit but I don't know
yet what their arrangements
are.
Duncan's wife (Audrey) is very

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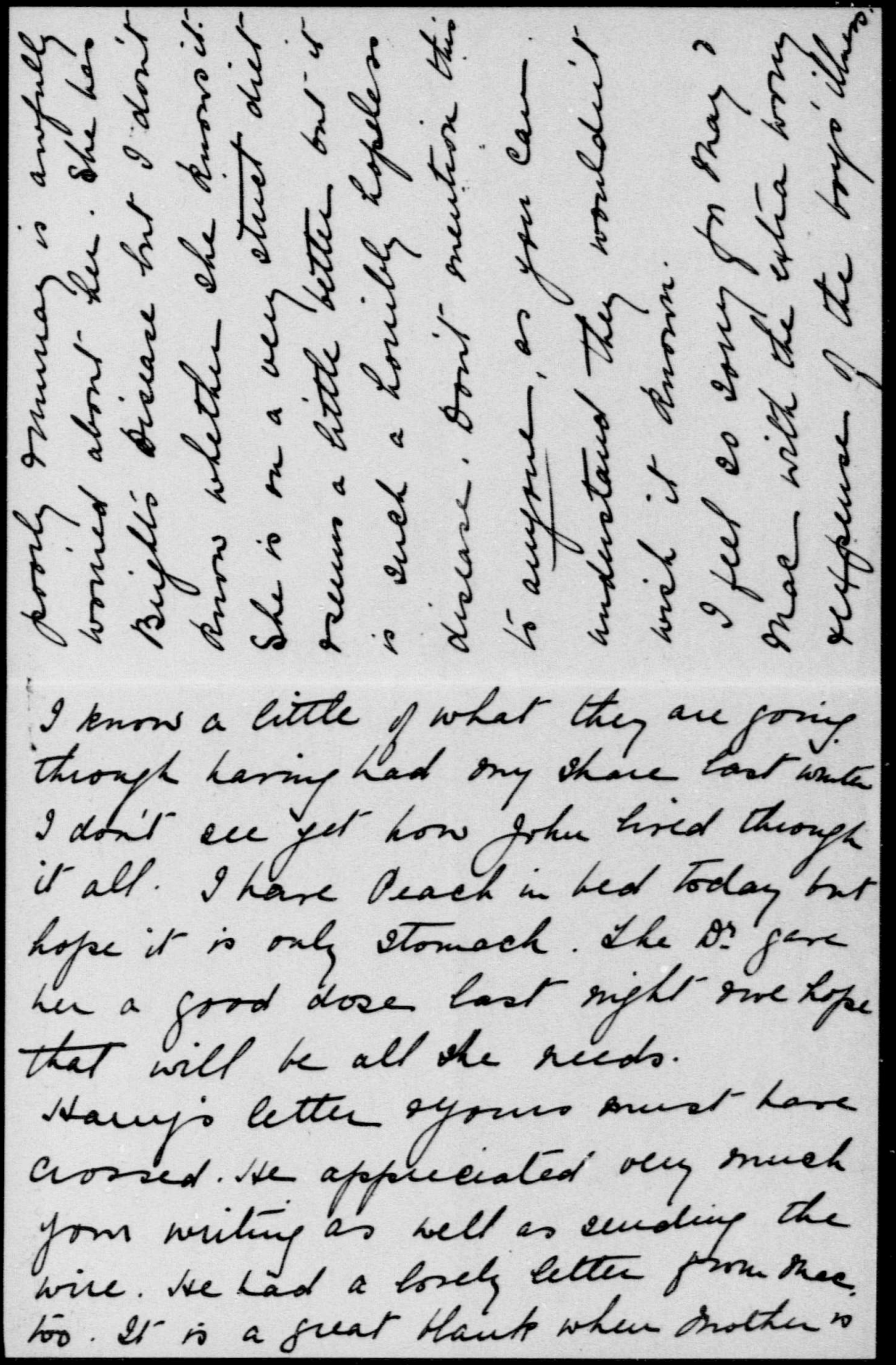

I know a little of what they are going through having had my share last winter. I don't see yet how John lived through it all. I have Peach in bed today but hope it is only stomach. The Dr. gave her a good dose last night & we hope that will be all she needs.

Harry's letter & yours must have crossed. He appreciated very much your writing as well as sending the wire. He had a lovely letter from Mac. too. It is a great thank when Mother is

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16 Blake St
Barrie, March 17th 1921

Dear Willie:

In going through some of my things the other day, I found the photo of Father's & Mother's first home, which I promised to give you. I hope you will value it, as it means much to me to part with it, as it is the only one in existence and Mother prized it very highly. I had put it away with some of my treasures and have never before had time to unpack the box. As it is the photo of your birthplace as well as Isabel's it will mean much to you.

Jean struggled with a letter to you which is not worth sending but as she thinks it is, I pass it on. John & she each had two St Patrick cards to send. Of course one always goes to Nelson and, of her own accord, she sent the other to you. Unfortunately they tried to blot their ~~letter~~ cards on writing paper — hence the splash! We are all well. We had one exciting week about a month ago when John fell through the ice & was fished out. Rosabel fell into the grate & Baby fell down stairs but as all escaped with minor injuries, we were too thankful to feel aught else.

You will be interested to hear that Douglas Lay

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has accepted an offer to manage a mine in Rossland B.C. & sails on April 1st with his family. We are delighted.

I hope you are quite well. Excuse this short letter but I can scarcely hold a pen; my hand is so full of neuritis.

All the family join me in sending much love & in the hope that you will try & come & see us some time soon.

Your affectionate sister
Jennie

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16 Blake St
Barrie, March 27th 1922

My dear Willie

Very many thanks for your loving message of Easter greeting. The children all had cards to send out I never got a minute to help them write them so they will have to wait a year! It was very good of you to

see what a good name we have! You will be glad of the Easter recess but I don't doubt you will find plenty to do. Mrs Drury was asking me when you were coming up as they would like you to address them. I hope you received the photo of Mother's cottage; I sent it off a couple of weeks ago.

The children are all well as we hope you are. They join with Harry & me in sending much love and very many thanks for your kind thought of us at this Easter season

Your affectionate sister
Jennie

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remember us. Easter always
brings back Isabel and all
the last days with her?
is to me, much more the
anniversary of her death
than April the fourth is.
I have never been at church
on Easter Sunday morning
since her death but fully
intended to go yesterday
However, Providence, or
some other power intervenes
and when we were all

ready & seated in the car, we couldn't
move an inch; we were simply
stuck in the mud!! and it took us
till 12.05 to get the car onto the
solid road again! Harry had brought
it to the side of the house and the
ground was all cut up from our
next winter's coal which was put in
last week. That, added to the rain
finished our Easter service!! It was
funny the number of people who wondered
whether we were sick or out of town! You

are all well. You certainly have had anxious moments, however, in the last few months.

The few days respite this Easter have been very welcome the House is a pretty steady grind when it is in session and I tire at the long and constant sittings. However, another two months will perhaps bring this session to a close.

Give Harry my love and each of the children, and thank the little people for their letters tell them I look forward to seeing them before very long. With best love and thanks anew to yourself. Believe me, dear Jennie as always - your loving brother Willie.

THE ROXBOROUGH
OTTAWA

Easter Sunday
1921.

Dear Jennie:

It was very good of you to part with the picture of the little cottage and I thank you not less for your loving thought in so doing than for the picture itself. I need hardly say that I am glad to have it, and that I shall always be grateful to you for having given it to me. Its associations mean very much to both of us, but as a

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birthplace it has a very special value for me, and I am indeed glad to have it.

I was pleased too to receive the little letters enclosed with yours and the invitation to visit you at Barrie. When the summer comes and it is possible to be again in the open, you may count on a little visit, unless, indeed, we find ourselves nearing a general election, which, however, I do not deem probable under another year.

You have been very much in my thoughts all day. As the sun was setting about six this afternoon I was thinking of six years ago, and the passing of little Bell at that time. I am sure that to you as to me while the time seems long in one way, she seems to be very near, and only to have left us but yesterday. Dear father and mother have also been very close today. Whilst these anniversaries are filled with sad memories they bring back what has been richest and best in our inheritance.

I was glad to hear the children

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7th April,1921

Mrs. H.M.Lay,
Barry,Ontario.

You will be sorry to learn that Charlie Bethune died yesterday.Cora took remains to Toronto today. Funerals from her house saturday afternoon.

Willy.

Paid Mo.FS 14

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16. Blake St
Barrie, April 10th 1921

My dear Willie:

Excuse this card as I am right out of note paper! Thank you so much for sending me the wire about Charlie Bethune's death. We were very shocked to see the notice in the Globe and I rang up Toronto at once but they said Cora was out of town. From your wire I judge she was with Charlie. She will be broken hearted for he has been so good to her in these last months. We have heard nothing about his illness and the

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Toronto papers have had nothing except a picture of him. Poor Charlie, he has wasted his life. Harry & I would have gone down yesterday only, unfortunately, Harry's teller had to undergo an operation which left them short-handed on Saturday. Also we are expecting Douglas Lay & his family who were to sail on April 1st. I am sorry we didn't get down but there wasn't much sense my going alone. We were wondering if you were there. Many thanks for your letter. I am glad you are coming to visit us! Hope you are well as we all are. All join in sending much love your affe. sister Jennie

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16 Blake St
Barrie, July 4th 1921

My dear Willie:

I am leaving on the 25th of this month to spend a week with Mac & May in Denver. You here gone over the road so often that I thought you would tell me the best road to take.

for a few months & we have seen him several times. Are going to a meeting so excuse such. Nelson has Aunty De Wolf of Halifax staying with him for a week or so.

Best love from all

Your affectionate sister

Jennie Lay

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A friend is going to
Los Angeles so I am
going part of the way
with her, which gave
the definite day for
my departure! Of course
I can't be away very
long on account of
baby as I have only two
young girls to leave.
Mrs. Donald Ross has

more than kindly offered & insisted on taking the other three for the two weeks I will be away. It has been a dream for so long that I can't believe yet that it is to be realized. We are hoping to see you some time this summer. Senator Ross has a house here

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Ottawa, July 12, 1921

My dear Jennie:

I am delighted to know that you have found it possible to arrange to get out to Denver, to pay Max and May a little visit. I can think of nothing which will afford them more real pleasure, nor indeed can I think of an opportunity, to have availed yourself of which you will be more profoundly grateful through all your life. It has afforded me a degree of happiness the like of which I have not experienced for a long time, to know that you are going to be able to make this journey, for in the lives of both Max and May I am quite sure it will mean more than any other event in recent years. When I was with Max last November, he was most anxious that you might get out to Denver before the disease which has been steadily impairing his strength had robbed him of his voice. In a recent letter, he tells me that already he finds his speech considerably impaired. I imagine, therefore, that your going thus early will be doubly welcome to him.

I met here in Ottawa, a few weeks ago, Dr. Hurdman of Denver, who was attending Max shortly before he came away. He told me that it was scarcely probable that he would live much longer, that only the wonderful determination and spirit he has always shown has kept him alive thus far. He and May have had a pretty anxious time of late, with the illness of the little boys; but apparently all is going well again and your visit will give them new life and hope.

After you have seen Max, I wish you would write me very frankly and fully your own impressions. I intend to get out to see him within the course of the next couple

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of months. I had planned to go in June, knowing that the end might come at any moment. If, on the other hand, I could without too great risk complete the number of my summer and fall political engagements before going to Denver, I should find it possible to spend a longer time with him than would be possible at an earlier date. Last year I went back, as you know, to spend his birthday with him. It may be that he will feel November the 11th is too far off this year, and that an earlier date would be preferable. You might perhaps sound him out a little on this when you are in Denver.

As to the trains, it really makes little difference whether you take Grand Trunk or C. P. R. from Toronto to Chicago, and the Union Pacific or the Burlington route from Chicago to Denver. It is entirely a matter of which of the respective routes, according to the time tables, would afford you the best connections. You will have to change at Chicago in any event. You get out at the one station and drive across the city by Parmelee's bus line which takes you to the other station. It will, of course, be advisable to get your ticket right through from Toronto Denver, and check your baggage straight through, so as to avoid having to look after it in Chicago. You could have it examined, so far as the Customs are concerned, at Toronto; that would save you this difficulty at the American border. My advice would be to take as little in the way of hand baggage with you as possible, and send the rest of the baggage on under check, having it examined in Toronto in the first instance. From the point of view of scenery, there is little to choose between the two routes.

The Agent at Barrie should be able to give you the exact time of train connections. If you and your friend would like to spend a day in Chicago, on the way through to Denver, you could take a train that would reach Chicago in the morning, and go out by the train that leaves Chicago in the evening. Your tickets could be arranged so as to permit this. As you have never seen Chicago, I think you would perhaps enjoy very much a day spent in this way. In the event of stopping over in Chicago, you could go either

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to the Blackstone or to the Auditorium Hotel, on South Michigan Avenue, for a clean-up and expensive breakfast; or leave your hand luggage at the station and take your meals at any of the numerous cafes throughout the city. South Michigan Avenue is by all odds the finest street in Chicago, and is not far from either station. It is, in fact, the street on which the C.P.R. terminus is situated. You would enjoy a visit to the Chicago Museum of Fine Arts, which is on South Michigan Avenue, and also a drive through Lincoln Park on the north side, or a drive through Jackson Park on the south side, where the University buildings are located. If you are interested in seeing Hull House, you would easily find a driver who would take you there. If, however, you are spending only a day in Chicago, I would advise not hesitating to make use of a taxi or other conveyance by the hour, as the distances are very great, and you would find it difficult to see much except in that way.

As to arriving at Denver, it would, I imagine, be immaterial to Max or May whether you arrived early in the morning or in the afternoon. I should suggest your deciding in accordance with your preference as to travelling by night or by day. I myself prefer the journey that is taken for the most part at night, as it shortens the long period of day travel, but your preference may be the other way.

I hope while you are in Denver you will not fail to see something of the city itself, and perhaps pay a visit to the Welborns' farm. You should also see the little cottages in which Max and May previously lived, and pay a visit also to the Sanatorium. Denver is a fine city and I know you will enjoy your visit there. The more you take it in the spirit of a real holiday, as well as a visit, the better pleased, I am sure, you will find both Max and May will be.

I should be tempted to go out with you, just for the pleasure of our both being with Max and May at the same time, did I not feel that it would be crowding them a little, and also that, coming at different times, we extend an interest to which they will look forward. Be sure to give my best love to them both and to the little boys as well.

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I was absent at St. Irenee, Murray Bay, when your letter came, and got back to Ottawa only yesterday. This will account for my not having sent a more prompt acknowledgment.

You may remember showing me an article which appeared in the Toronto "Globe" last summer, giving the account of some opera which was being performed in Boston, and which had to do with the Rebellion of 1837. I think it was called "He Also Was a Patriot". I had hoped to be able to locate a copy of the article in the papers when I returned to Ottawa, but was unfortunate in failing to do so. Would you mind lending me the cutting if you still have it. I want to write to Boston and see if I can get a copy of the play, in which event I shall try to get one for you and Max as well. The press cutting you have is the only reference I have seen to it.

I hope you and Harry and the children are all well, and that the excessive heat of the summer has not proved too much for you all.

As you are leaving on the 25th, I fear I shall not get a chance of seeing you before you start off. I have a meeting in North York on the 27th, the first of a series of six that I purpose holding in Central Ontario. Had it been possible for me to get up to Barrie for a day before the 27th, I had intended to try to arrange accordingly. Perhaps, however, after your return I shall get a chance of seeing you all in your lovely home. before the summer goes by. At all events, I shall keep this pleasant prospect in mind.

With love to Harry, the children, and yourself, and renewed thanks for your letter,

Believe me, dear Jennie, as always,

Very affectionately yours,

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116 Bake St
Barrie, July 17th 1921

My dear Willie:

Many thanks for your letter of July 12th. It scarcely seems possible that I am really going to see Mac again & no one knows how I have longed for this visit. I hope the family will be well while I am away. Baby is the only one it seems wrong to leave but it would be worse to take him. Mr Redditt & I were

It was careless of me not to mark the date when I cut it out. Did you see the account of the first "Common Council of Toasts which appeared in the Globe on Saturday June 4th 1921? If you did not, be sure secure a copy. I hope, even if I am not here you will try & get up to Barrie as the rest of the family would be delighted to see you. If you are within range I am sure Mary would love to hear you speak.

The heat has been terrible but I hope the worst is over. Nelson has got a job at Washago at $100 a month & expects to be at it the rest of the summer. Mary won a beautiful silver cup & 3 Doulton cup & saucers as prizes at the sweet pea show last Friday. This is all I have time

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afraid to wait any longer
for word from you so made
arrangements with the agent
here about our berths etc.
We go Monday 25th G. T. R. to Chicago arriving
at 8 a.m. & then take the
Chicago, North Western which
leaves at 10.30 a.m. & gets
me to Denver about 3 p.m.
on Wednesday. I hope this
will be O.K. but we can make
other arrangements if necessary.
I do not want to lose any
time with Mac so will not

stop over in Chicago, at any rate on
my way out, for I never know how
long I may be able to stay. Many
thanks for all your information. I
will keep your letter for reference.
I had lunch with Cora a couple of weeks
ago & she had been talking to Dr Sewell
who said Mac was very near the end
of his journey. Cora said he couldn't speak
too highly of Mac & his wonderful patience
& character generally.
I am enclosing the clipping you ask for.

Friday - now as I want to write to Cora Mae. It is Cora's birthday; she is 28 today since we left Berlin. Harry, John Nelson were in Kitchener last week at the Bowling tournament Dean Stanley Mc Lennan Dean Stanley Mc Lennan Dean Stanley Mc Lennan

Ottawa, July 20, 1921

My dear Jennie:

I was glad to receive to-day your letter of the 17th instant.

The arrangements you have made via G.T.R. and Chicago and North Western are quite as good as any it would be possible to make. I hope you will have a safe and pleasant journey.

I am not surprised at the word Dr. Sewell has given Cora, and which she has passed on to you. I wish after your arrival in Denver, you would write me very frankly as to what you think Max's chances are, or, better still, what he himself may tell you. If he feels that he is not likely to last until about the time of his next birthday, I would arrange my plans so as to get out to Denver sooner. You might tell him that I had thought of making another trip on his birthday anniversary, but that if an earlier date would suit him better, I would plan accordingly. If you think it desirable so to do telegraph me. My impression is that you will be perhaps alarmed at Max's appearance, not having seen him for so long. You had therefore better be guided by what May and Max tell you themselves.

I am more than glad you are going out, and hope you will make your stay just as long as you feel you conveniently can. Remember that the little ones will manage somehow for an extra day or two, just as well as if you were at home, and it will be the only chance you will likely have of seeing Max and May in their home.

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Many thanks for sending me the clipping which I will return later on, and for telling me of the article in the Globe of June 4th, which I have not seen, but shall look up at once.

I am glad to know all are well. I send best love to one and all, and fondest love to dear Max, May, and the boys.

Ever lovingly yours,

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Ottawa, July 25, 1921

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

East wishes, dear Jennie, for a safe journey and a very happy visit with Max and May. Give them my best love, and best love also to the little boys.

Willie.

D. H.
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of having her Aunt & Uncle, Dr & Mrs Chas. Mayo, as fellow guests. Nothing could have been kinder than they all were. We are going to Mrs Sewall's for tea this afternoon & to Mrs Denison's for lunch tomorrow. We were to have gone to the Welborne's to-day but Mrs Welborne is ill so we are going later in the week. I am staying over till Monday so that we can enjoy our pleasures without rushing. It was so good of you to send the message which Harry

966 Washington St
Denver Aug 2nd 1921

My dear Willie:

There seem to be very few minutes in which to write. When I am not reading to Mac or jaunting about the children are entertaining me!

I was rather relieved than otherwise with Mac's appearance & he has certainly improved since I came. We had a heavy rain yesterday which cooled the air and makes living a little easier to everyone. Then he had been working very hard to finish his book before I

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heavy burden. Their little house is lovely & must be a great source of joy & comfort to them. May & I had some good talks on Sunday when we were at the Balfours. We had a most beautiful trip up there & back & also up to Long's Peak on Sunday. It is the first time I have seen the mountains so you can imagine what a grand impression they would make on me. The Balfours were more than kind & we had the additional happiness

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last letter you were most kind in your offer of help. at present they are extremely lucky in that line & I hope May will get a little rest after I am gone. The boys are dear little chaps and are always asking me "Do your children" do so & so? It is wonderful how well they behave in the house. Mac has finished his rest so I will read to him before we go to Mrs Sewall's. All here join in very much love & hope your strenuous week will bring great results your affectionate sister

Jennie Lay

forwarded to me as it came after I left early Monday morning I am so glad I was able to get out now while May has her holidays for it makes it much easier for them to have me. I have the "Studio" as my bedroom & fear it meant a lot of extra work for May to get it ready for me. I fancy the worst of the summer is over for Mac but his disease is such that he must gradually lose ground. It seems to me much the hardest way to quit the struggle

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but no one would hasten the end!
If I get a chance to speak to
Dr. Sewall today I am going
to ask him come of the things
I can't speak of to May or Mac.
Did you hear that Nelson
has passed out of the college
2nd? Harry has good reason
to be proud of his boy for it
has meant conscientious work
Harry Dr Wolf, his chum, who
was 2nd in entering the college
is fourth. I am so glad for it
means that Nelson will take

up the navy as a career. Had he not
been one of the first two he could not have
had an officer's commission but
now he has all things before him.
Three of the children are staying with
Mrs Ross while I am away so the maid
has only baby to look after. There are
not many friends who would care to
take a family of three children & she
also has Frank & his wife at the cottage.
I am sorry you couldn't manage
to get up to Barrie but hope to see
you before the season is over.
Mac was so delighted with your

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Mr. H. M. Lay,
Barrie, Ontario.

Do you think there is any chance of my seeing Jennie in Toronto tomorrow. I am most anxious to take articles out of storage at Rawlinsons, sending Jennie's allotment on to Barrie if convenient, and mine here. Tomorrow seems only day I can possibly arrange to get away just now. Would go to Toronto tonight to meet Jennie there on her way back to Barrie from Denver, if chance of seeing her probable. Please wire reply collect earliest convenience today.

W. L. Mackenzie King

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16 Blake St.
Barrie, Aug. 13th 1921

My dear Willie:

The truck load arrived yesterday afternoon and I really don't know what to do with it. I could wish you had not been quite so generous as it cost me just $84.00 cash! I started to unpack but decided to write you before I went any farther. On looking over the memorandum, as you asked me to do, I note you tell Mac that the third share allotted him is valued at $1,000 which you do not think a cent too much & this does not include "the residue". It struck me that I could not be considered grasping if I offered to sell you everything in my share for $500.00 cash or if you thought that too much I would be quite willing to take a couple of hundred less; the things of course to be shipped at your expense. In the event of your accepting my offer, if there are any things you do not want, I can get the second hand man here to make an offer and save the freight on them. There isn't

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much sense paying freight on those old kitchen chairs, broken dining room chairs, empty screen frames, old carpet sweepers brooms & moth eaten carpets. Also the old stove is useless to either of us but a second-hand man might allow something on them. The blankets of course will have to be burned as they are so full of moths that it wouldn't be wise to bring them into the house. There are a lot of things which might do in a summer cottage which are utterly useless to me.

I would be truly grateful to you if you would accept my offer even at the reduced figure but if you would rather not I will keep a couple of the chairs & a few of the dishes & let the man take the rest. I have no place to put them & cannot afford to pay storage on them. I would be glad to buy the velvet if it is not too expensive. The moths do not seem to have got at it.

I have not unpacked the books & pictures will do nothing more till I hear from you. Let me know what you decide as soon as possible, and whatever your decision may be I shall still be very grateful. I am sure you had an awful day getting the things out & am sorry I was not there to help you. It is a dirty business at best.

We are all looking forward to seeing you in the near future and with much love in which all join

from affectionate sister Jennie

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make the amounts allowed as generous as seemed possible in the circumstances. I would not have been willing to give that amount for any one of the three shares, but was quite prepared to make it that on account of repayment in circumstances such as those in which Mary was placed, they wish to add another 500 as covering residue was to have been felt he had paid off 1500 through having realized that amount out of the goods in mother's estate. I appreciate your offer to sell me your share at the price you mention. Had we been together in Toronto there are some of the articles I would gladly have bought from you. I would not, however, care to incur the expense of reshipment by freight in addition to what I am paying on articles coming from Toronto. Of a fresh lot from Barrie, I would be glad to purchase some of the articles from you if you care to sell them, in particular the sofa, the silver, some of the ornaments and vases

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Kingsmere - August 15. 21

Dear Jennie:

Your letter of Saturday has just reached me here. I have come out to Kingsmere to prepare the speeches to be delivered next week, and expect to be here till Thursday of this week. I am sorry to learn that the cost of moving the goods to Barrie came to so high a figure. If in any particular you feel the charge is due to over-sight or other cause on my part I shall be glad to meet a third or a half or whatever proportion you think right. When you spoke of sending your lot up by motor truck

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I asked Hamilton whether the charge was by load or by weight etc. When I learned that the trip was the same irrespective of quantity I piled in a number of comparatively worthless articles such as you have enumerated in your letter, thinking there might be some possible use for them around a house with a lot of little ones, and that it was better to send nothing to auction, for this reason I have taken the old dining room set broken seated chairs & all to Kingsmere though I imagine the cost of this lot alone will be little under fifty dollars. I thought you might find some use for the kitchen and other utensils or would have brought them down here. I felt that had I taken many of the things I sent, and many of which I would have been glad to, you might have thought I have been over generous to myself

I tried to divide everything not into thirds but into half, excepting only the articles specifically agreed upon and in no case that I am conscious of did I take over a half. - this applies to harness, boxes etc. As a matter of fact excepting pictures, books, old bed sheet & dresser & washstand & the dining room set an old iron bed & four chairs, drawdown one table there is very little else I have taken. My purpose really was to have you feel that though the articles had been divided into lots of three and was a share bought by me at 1000.00 they had really been divided into two

As to the value put on the goods belonging to Mary - you will recall he wished to pay back some of the advances I have made to him, and would accept nothing of his share, but wished me to take it in part repayment of advances made to him. I thought his action and spirit in this particular very noble and for that reason sought to

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with to make any claim on that account I have no place to put it, at the present time at least. I would be glad if you would let me know what you think it best to do about the piano. As to the gas fixtures that were left with the man next door to us, near 4 Grange Rd on Incleanlth, I do not know his name, and doubt if they are worth bothering about if he still has them. They were left there by father and mother when we moved to Avenue Road. If you think they are of any value please regard them as yours and take whatever action respecting them you think best.

I have just received a letter from Mary he was greatly delighted with your visit and the cheer of it is clearly reflected in the tone and spirit of his letter. He says too that Mary and the boys are much the better of their little trips about with you.

I think you for yours received in relation to visit Prairie. If the 10 through that may en route to Barry Sound I may drop in upon you a week from Sunday next. I should be glad to see you all again and to have a talk with you of Mary & Mary

to the town & back with Harry & Mary [illegible] Jane coming [illegible]

and some of the china, & linen, half a ft & chairs but I would want you to let me know at what price you would be prepared to part with them. I think there would be little difficulty in making up a total of a few hundred dollars if you feel you would really prefer the money to the articles. — Freight in these days is excessively high, because of these weights I expect to pay very heavily on the books & furniture that is coming my way, these things I have kept mostly on grounds of association.

I would, of course, never have shipped to Prairie the articles you ~~mention~~ specify in your letter, my only reason for putting them with your load was that the alternative was to throw them away or send them to a second hand dealer

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and as there was to be no extra cost
in their shipment to Barrie it seemed
to me if the latter course was advisable
at all you might as well have the
benefit of it. As to the carpets etc. I
felt unless I sent some you might feel
I had taken all myself, whereas I
found none of them were good for
any place. I gave away the sewing
machine to one of the men who helped
with the unpacking and the mangel
to another. I had put them both with
some of the stuff for auction, until
I learned the van could be as well
filled as half filled so for a charges
sent — again let me repeat. If
you are out anything through my
having sent too much, please let
me know what the charge would
have been on just the things you
wanted and I will gladly refund
the difference. All I want in this
matter is that you should feel I
have tried to act honestly and
generously. If you think I should

meet the entire expense of ship-
ment I will gladly do that, as
the entire expense of unpacking at
the warehouse. I did not suggest
this as I thought you would not
think it right of me so to do. In
asking that I be charged 2/3rds of
the time spent in the warehouse &
getting your load ready — which does not
include the time to be spent on getting
my goods out of storage for shipment
to Ottawa & Chelsea I thought I was
erring on the right side. Perhaps
I should add too that I have paid
in storage and on insurance on the
goods all told between $500.00 and $600.00
which does not include, of course, the year
and more of Mother's life time. The
piano alone remains to be disposed
off. I pay $1 a month storage on that
at Vandheimers. I somehow have had
it in my mind that it was decided
the piano should come to me, but I have
no memo to that effect, and do not

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with reference to your letter I may tell you that I have not been anywhere, made no arrangements, since the election. There are my children here so the other two are not from there. Also there is only part of the dinner dishes from there. Also there is only part of the dinner dishes from there. Also there is only part of the dinner dishes

16 Blake St
Barrie, August 21st 1921

Dear Willie:

I was glad to get your letter on Friday last and to hear that you may call on us next Sunday. We were up for tea this afternoon with Senator Ross & his sister and daughters, and they are looking forward to seeing you if you are able to come. Mr Ross is probably leaving for the Coast on Saturday but his daughter, Mrs Strothers, says she met you with Sydney Fisher and at Mrs Fisher's house (I think she said) in Montreal. They are here only for the summer but are quite an addition to our little circle of friends.

With reference to your letter, I may tell you that, so far, I have not seen any ornamental bases, or the silver. There are only four of the silver covers here so the other two must be with your things. Also there is only part of the dinner set of China. Of mother's pink dishes I find there are only two tea cups & three coffee cups left & the tea pot has lid & spout broken and the cream jug also has a piece out of it. Of course after nearly

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Ottawa, August 23, 1921

My dear Jennie:

I find, much to my disappointment, that it is not going to be possible for me to be in Barrie on Sunday, as I had hoped. I do not leave Strathroy until Sunday morning, and I find that the train to Parry Sound, where I speak on Monday night, does not go, as I had thought, by way of Barrie, but takes a different route with which it would be difficult, if not impossible, to connect. I start out of Toronto between eight and nine on Monday morning. I have to come all the way back to Toronto from Parry Sound to get up to Seaforth on the following day. This also takes me wide of Barrie; so I fear that I shall miss, this time at least, the pleasure of seeing you, Harry, and the children, as I had hoped I might.

I received your letter of August the 21st just a few minutes ago. My shipment from Toronto arrived this afternoon; but I have not had time to do more than have the chairs and books unpacked. There are two barrels and a box, which I shall open on my return from the West. Possibly they contain the silver and ornaments.

I am very sorry to hear about the mishap to Mother's pink dishes. That, of course, was something which none of us could really avoid or be responsible for. It would be impossible to say whether the breakage occurred when the goods were put into storage, or when they were taken out.

I wish you would let me know what parts of the drawing room furniture you have received. I think you

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must have, in addition to the sofa, the arm chair and possibly one or two of the other chairs as well. Please tell me, of the articles you may not have received, which in particular you would like to have.

If you could put Father's pamphlets and lectures somewhere in the basement until I have a chance to look them over, I should be glad to have this opportunity. If, however, they are in your way, it might be as well to destroy the lectures, and the pamphlets other than His "Other Side of the Story", which I think may become scarce in time, and would be glad to have them for use or possible future distribution.

With regard to the piano, I note that you say I had better do whatever I think best. Under these circumstances, I shall be very glad to have you regard the piano as yours, if you will accept it. It is, as you know, in storage at Nordheimer's, and the rate is $1.00 per month. I will, of course, expect to be relieved of payment of further storage on the piano after learning from you of your acceptance of it. Because of association with Mother, and the circumstance that she herself bought the piano with her own money, I hope you will not think of making a disposal of it by sale, at all events not without giving me an opportunity to bid upon it.

You had better also regard the brass chandeliers as yours, and take whatever course you may think advisable with respect to them.

Max has written me very appreciately of your visit. I am glad it brought both you and him so much happiness. In reply to my inquiry as to whether he thought a visit on his birthday anniversary would be all right, he has written that, with the cooler weather, he feels so much better that he now hopes to live that long. He says that he had not had that hope a little while ago. I have not the least doubt that your visit has done much to give him the added zest of life.

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Please tell Senator Ross and his daughter how sorry I am to miss also the pleasure of seeing them. They are very charming people, and very good friends of mine. I should like to be most kindly remembered to them.

With love and best wishes to the children, Harry, and yourself,

Believe me, as ever,

Yours affectionately,

Willie

DICTATED BY MR. KING
WHO WAS OBLIGED TO LEAVE
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London, 26th August, 1921

Mrs. H.M.Lay,
Barrie, Ontario

I find I may be able to get to Barrie Sunday. If so, will wire you from Toronto tomorrow night or Sunday morning.

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W.L. Mackenzie King.

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Barrie, Sept. 3. 1921

Dear Helen,

a few snapshots as a souvenir of your little visit which was such a great pleasure to us all at Barrie. Much love from Uncle Lang and W.L.M.K.

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Montreal, September 22, 1921

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

Very sorry to learn through Mrs. Alistair Fraser you have not been well. Earnestly hope you are feeling much better and will soon be completely recovered.

Willie

W. L. Mackenzie King
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Barrie, Sept. 25th 192

My dear Willie:

Very many thanks for your kind message which came on Thursday evening. Nancy was called to the phone on Wednesday night but after a moments delay they said "W.S. King has cancelled his call" so we knew you were thinking

North Fork for it would have been an acknowledgment of weakness had you given it up. I only hope you may win the seat. Perhaps we may see you when you are there. I'm afraid your visit to Mac will have to be postponed! I want to write to him now so will not take up more of your valuable time!
Senator Ross is going to stay in the West & do some electioneering out there, his sister says.
All are well here & hope you are the same. With very many thanks for your kind ~~thought~~ & much love & good wishes your affectionate sister Jennie

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I was sick last week I dreamt of Mother almost every night. It is strange but sometimes very comforting Mrs Archibald Fraser was here the day after I got up & wasn't any too strong. It is always harder when you are half sick on your feet than all sick in bed! Thank Goodness we have a maid again. Two days without was quite enough though Nelson was a great comfort. He is still waiting to hear when he is to leave. We were glad to see you are going to run in

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London, November 4, 1921

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

Would advise your reaching Toronto early should you come down for Massey Hall meeting. Please telegraph me collect, King Edward Hotel. If you are likely to come I will try to secure special seats for you and Harry. Am leaving for Ottawa after meeting so glad to see you before if possible. Hotel room is 822. Glad to have you and Harry take tea with me there.

Willie

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Barrie, Nov. 19. 1921

My dear Willie,

Just a line to thank you very heartily for your kindness in securing a box at Massey Hall on the 5th for Jennie and myself. We should love to have heard you but unfortunately Jennie was not feeling at all well and felt that the return trip from Toronto after midnight would be too much of an undertaking. We heard some glowing accounts of

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We all join in very much love Yours affectionately,

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Barrie, Dec. 14th 1921

My dear Willie:

I see by last night's Star that you are going to Newmarket today. That will be something in the nature of a "triumphal entry" will it not? I should think the people of North York must feel pretty jubilant over that win and I must confess I felt more interest in that seat than in the result of the country in general

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Will you be able to come
to us for your birthday, Sunday? We would all love
to have you and hope you
will be able to come. When
I saw you were going to
Newmarket this week it
rather diminished the hope
of having you for Christmas.
I would rather you would
go to Mac than anything
else for from May's last
letter I think he must

have failed a lot lately. I am so
glad he has lived to share with you
the joy of your success. We are leaving
a lot of things about the family these
days! Did you see the article by
Byron Stauffer? There were a few
slight inaccuracies, such as red
sleigh, walking up the aisle etc
but it is all well meant. Byron
didn't know as much as he would
like the world to think he does! It's
a pity they didn't get the picture of

your real birthplace which is much prettier than that ugly little house on Margaret St. Baby was two years old yesterday and was delighted with his cake with two candles! He is beginning to talk and is more like Father every day.

Thank you so much for the poster. The children were delighted with it & Jean wanted to know when the show was to be! Mrs. Ross was here the afternoon it came & took it home to show to Donald. Jean asked whether you would have to preach all the time

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now that you were prime minister! They are very funny; John especially feels the full importance of the Liberal win. He was discussing free trade with Harry the other day & wanted to know all about it as some child at school had told him the country was on the verge of ruin!

If you have time will you send me a line from Newmarket telling ~~us~~ when we can expect you. It is five years since

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Mother & you were with us for Christmas and we would love to have you if at all possible. We never know what may happen in the future. I often wish Harry could have some of his relatives with him. Nelson may get leave at Christmas & will spend it with Guia if he does. His letters sound very cheerful these days.

Now I must stop and get the children out to play. These are busy days with a family of children & Christmas so near!

All join in sending much love. Wish we could be in Newmarket to see the excitement!

Your affectionate sister
Jennie.

Do letters addressed to you to Ottawa go free? Harry & I have had a great discussion about it. J. K. L.

16 Blake St
Barrie, Dec 16th 1921

Dear Willie:

We have just done up a box of "sweets" and hope it will reach you in the morning. It takes with it the united best wishes of the family for a very happy birthday and a prosperous new year as well as all happiness and success. It doesn't seem four years since I was in Ottawa for these days are so clear in my

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memory. We shall all be thinking of you tomorrow and hope the day will be a very happy one.

We were very sorry not to see you this week but evidently your visit was a very brief one. Will you be able to come to us for Christmas? You probably got my letter addressed to Newmarket. I am in a hurry today as this is S.S. entertainment day & I have dresses to press & then go up to the S.S. to help with the tea. Jean is to sing a solo & Peach is in a chorus! John's show is next week. Harry & the children join with me in best love to you on your birthday your affect.

Jennie

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Ottawa, December 17, 1921

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

Many thanks,dear Jennie,for your letter of Birthday Greetings and gift of sweets under way. I am deeply grateful for these welcome remembrances of a long to be remembered anniversary. Am very sorry did not receive your Newmarket letter until yesterday, otherwise would have phoned or wired you. From present indications I shall have to be in Ottawa Christmas day. Send love and best wishes to you all.

FS
No. 14.

Willie

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Barrie, Dec 21st 21

My dear Willie:

I haven't much more time to write than you have to read letters so this will be short & to the point. Thank you so much for singing up on Sunday evening. I had just finished writing Mac. In a card from Mary yesterday morning she says Mac is a little better. I feel so sorry for them all.

How about the presents for the children. John & Jean are saving all they can get towards a bicycle

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and the money you gave them
in the train promptly was banked
yesterday I went down & purchased
some toys which I know will
be most acceptable. For Harry I
got a good strong wheelbarrow 3.00
which will entertain him all year.
For Peach a doll's ~~carriage~~ cart which
is also strong. 3.25. A doll's cutter
for Jean 2.50 & a hockey stick &
puck for John .40. The doll's
carriage & sleigh Jean & Peach
will both use and they will
satisfy a great longing. I am going
to get John a book for .75 and if this

is satisfactory will put the other $10.00
to John's & Jean's credit $5.00 each.
but will give them the money on Xmas.
If you would rather I would do any-
thing else, just say so but if I don't
hear from you this arrangement
will stand. Harry & I both feel that
$20.00 is a big present for the children
and would rather you wouldn't send
more. Santa Claus is giving them
each a pair of party slipper shoes and we are
giving each a book & pair of mitts.
It is all we feel able to give this year

and they have so much more than many children. Last year the Bank gave Harry a bonus of $5.70 $\frac{00}{100}$ & this year we are getting nothing, with the promise also that all war allowances will be stopped in June! The failure of the Merchants Bank I fancy has scared the other banks but, under the circumstances we dare not be very generous.

Hope you are keeping well. If you find you can come for Xmas a very warm welcome is waiting for you. Mrs Fitzgibbon & her daughter of Vancouver are in town at present & were speaking of you the other day. We are going to ask them for Sunday dinner. Our big dinner is Monday. Your affectionate sister Jennie

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THE ROXBOROUGH
OTTAWA.

Dec 22, 1921.

Dear Jennie:

I enclose cheque for $30.00 with which to buy Xmas gifts for the little proper. Please divide it up in whatever way you think best and add to each gift a little card with words "to dear —"

With Uncle Willie's
love and best wishes
Xmas 1921

If you can get some little thing, the children would really enjoy. I should be glad.

Love and best wishes to you & Harry and the little fellow

Affectionately yours,
Willie

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THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Barrie, Dec 24. 1921

My dear Willie,

Just a line to wish
you from us all a very Happy
and Merry Xmas and a
Prosperous and Happy New
Year. Your burden of care
will be a heavy one and
yet it will I am sure bring
great satisfaction to you who
place opportunity for service
in the front rank of desirable
boons. May you have the
health and strength so that
the load will not be too exacting.

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We have been watching the press references to your work with much interest.

About ten days ago we ordered a little book for you through a local book seller but though he has promised it every day we have been much disappointed that it cannot now reach you till after Christmas. As soon as it arrives it will go forward. It is merely a trifling remembrance.

Jennie received your letter this morning. We think it altogether too good of you to remember us so generously. Please accept our very sincere thanks. If you had not taken the time from your already too full days work to remember us we should not have been the least bit surprised and therefore your kindness is of possible the more appreciated.

We had a nice call from our friend 902 the morning before he saw you. He and his wife called on their way to the station. He certainly has the greatest desire to help you.

We will write again in a day or two in the meantime very much love and affectionate wishes for the Season

Yours
Harry McLay

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OTTAWA ONT DEC 29TH/21

MRS H M LAY
BARRIE ONT.

DEAR JENNIE I HAVE JUST BEEN SWORN IN AS PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA AND ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUES COMPRISING THE NEW MINISTRY HAVE JUST TAKEN OFICE THIS MESSAGE TO YOU AND A SIMILAR ONE TO MAX JUST SENT IS THE FIRST WORD TO ANY ONE ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF THE MACKENZIE KING ADMINISTRATIO WE MAY WELL FEEL ASSURED THAT DEAR MOTHER AND FATHER AND ISABEL SHARE IN THIS HAPPYINESS WHICH THEIR NOBLE LIVES AND CONSTANT SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE HAVE HELPED IN SO GREAT MEASURE TO MAKE POSSIBLE LOVE TO ALL WILLIE

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

CANADA

Dec 24. 1921

Dear Jennie:

Love and best wishes to Jean and Harry, John Jean, Rosabel and Little Harry from the Prime Minister's Office from your loving brother

Willie

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Barrie
Dec. 29th 1921

Dear Willie:

The telegraph office is closed so I will send you this line to tell you how delighted we are to hear that you have been sworn in as Premier of Canada. It is Jean's eighth birthday & she & we will always remember the day. Very many thanks for your wire

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which has just come
10 p.m. I am so glad
dear old Mac has lived
to share the joy of your
success. We are trying
to get you by long distance
but in the mean time
send this line. Will
write about Christmas
later on. This should
make a very happy
new year for you.
Love & congratulations
from Harry the Children & myself.
Your affectionate sister Jennie

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Barrie, Dec 30. 1921

My dear Willie,

Just a line to repeat my heartiest congratulations upon your achieving a success which has been your ambition for so many years. I do not know any honour more deserving of this earnest ambition of any young and brilliant Canadian. I was brought up in a household where politics at the family

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As I said above your present position is one which few most able might well feel it an honour to fill but it is also my own conviction that there has not appeared in public life in Canada in the past 33 years to my judgment, any politician who approaches in general gifts, natural and cultivated talent, the qualifications possessed by its present occupant. I foresee for you a long vista of beneficent administration which will make the bounds of freedom wider yet. I can only hope that your health and inclination to serve will be no less potent than will be the desire of Canada to keep you at the helm!

Please again accept my best thanks for your handsome Christmas present. The Life of Laurier

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With much love from us all

Yours affectionately,

Harry M. Lay.

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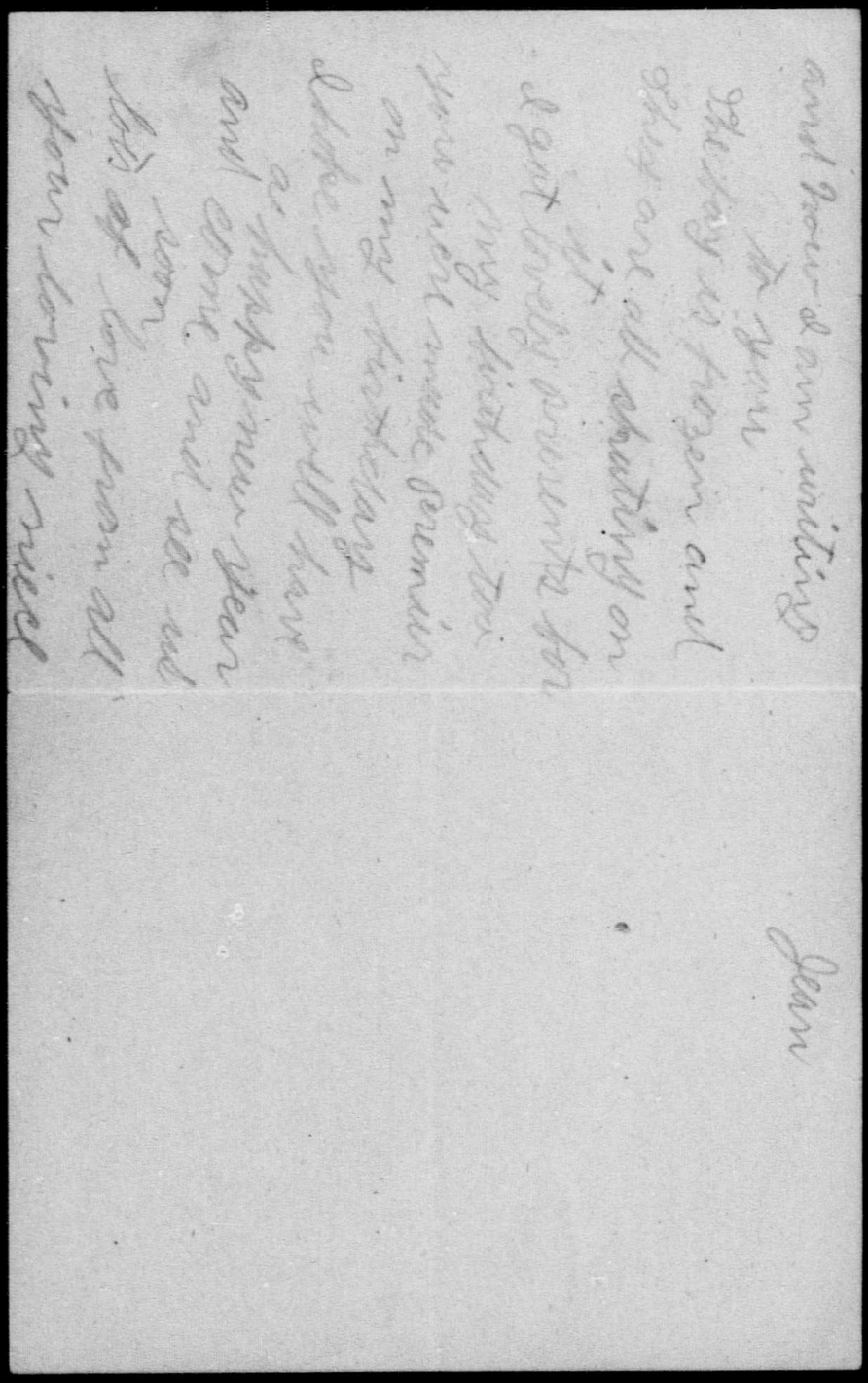

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Your loving nephew,
John



Barrie, Ont.,
Jan. 1st,
1922.

Dear Uncle Willie,
Thank you very
much for the lovely
hockey stick, puck
and book; also the
~~for~~ five dollars which

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how much we appreciate your kindness. I went down on Tuesday & got your most generous gift to me. Thank you very much dear Willie. The man (a junior) wouldn't give the money to Harry though I phoned him to. I don't know what kind of a name Harry must have! We are looking forward to enjoying Harry's books. I am hoping he will read them aloud. We had Mr & Mrs D. Ross & Will Harper & Mr Grassett & Mary here for tea last week & Mr Ross is going to borrow the books as soon as we have read them. The children were all delighted

Lay

16 Blake St
Barrie, Jan 1st 1922

My dear Willie:

A very happy new year to you. May 1922 fulfill all the promise of 1921 and may the year be filled with blessings for you. Certainly 1921 has been a most memorable year and is really only the beginning. Very many thanks for your little letter from the "Prairie

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Minister's office" It must be a tremendous satisfaction to you to have arrived!" It was very good of you also to send the wire; and then the one which arrived when we were at dinner today with all the good wishes for our very many thanks for both New year & Harry sent a message off to you yesterday which I hope reached you this morning - it was too stormy for me to go down so Harry sent it before he came

home. All here unite in the hope that your new year will be a very happy one and that your health may stand the strain & improve in the congenial atmosphere! The strain can scarcely be greater in parliament than it is getting in! The joy that Mac has been spared to share in all your success has added greatly to the sum of happiness. I should have written last week to thank you for all your kindness at Christmas, but have been too busy & knew you would understand from our phoning

really in the proper spirit.
Now I must write to Nelson
and ever so many others so
must close for the present.
Again very many thanks and
all good wishes. All the
family join in sending
much love and hoping to
see you soon

Yours affectionate Sister
Jennie

with their gifts from you, as
well they may be, and John &
Jean have written their little
notes to you. Peach & Harry
have had no end of joy out of
their cart & wheelbarrows and
they will be a joy all summer
which means much to me! I
am returning the $10.00 change
from the cheque. Very many
thanks for all your kindness.
Tomorrow we have our Christmas
turkey when the Bank Staff
dine with us. There will be
fourteen at the table so it
ought to be a happy dinner

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On Christmas Day Mrs Fitzgibbon
& her daughter were here with
us. Mrs Fitzgibbon's maiden aunt
died about three weeks ago, leaving
her $80,000! Not so bad! She
has been here settling up things
but it seemed to me rather
a dreary way to spend Xmas
alone in a house where they
had seen so much sadness
so recently. Miss Fitzgibbon
is a very fine girl but Mrs F
struck me pretty much as a
"has been". They enjoyed the
dinner I am sure & the day

was happier than it would have
been. My maid left in the afternoon
& didn't get back till Monday night.
We had the "Ross" tea party Wednesday
night & some children for Jean on
Thursday. She was delighted when
she heard you had been sworn in
on her birthday! She doesn't understand
what it means but knows it is some-
thing important! On Christmas morning
Jean started singing "May God bless, our
Jesus dear, send him a happy birthday" etc
It sounded very out of place! but was

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Send the following Message, subject to the terms printed on the back hereof which are hereby agreed to:

Ottawa Jany 1-1922

Mrs H Mc Lay
Barrie. Ont

Kept grateful for loving New Years greetings received this morning. May the New Year be a very happy and good one for Henry and yourself and all the children. Best love to one and all

Willie

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THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Barrie, Jan. 10. 1922

My dear Willie,

Your telegram asking for Helen's address was duly received and asked-for particulars would yesterday. Let me add to Jennie's thanks my own for your kind telegrams of Christmas and New Years greetings and for your kind telephone message on Christmas night. We should have been delighted if it had been possible to have had you at our Christmas two days in bed with a temperature of 102°. I am glad to say that today she is feeling a little better though quite shaky.

Hoping you are well and that we may see you soon and again thanking you for your kind Christmas present which has been most useful & wishing you a Happy New Year

Yours affectionately,

Harry

Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, C.M.G.
Prime Minister,
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I must also thank you for your kind invitation to be present at the opening of the Houses of Parliament and to stop at your house. I should much like to take advantage of this opportunity of accepting your hospitality and the unique occasion upon which it is offered but it very enticing. If domestic and business arrangements will permit it at this end it will give us a great deal of pleasure to take the trip Jennie will write you again when we can do so more definitely.

I am sorry to say that Jennie is having a nasty time with tonsilitis. She got up the morning after

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TELEGRAM

Canadian National Telegraphs

Ottawa, January 12, 1922.
9.30pm.

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

You will be glad to know I have succeeded in securing Miss Petrie to look after Max. She leaves for Denver tomorrow night. Latest telegrams received from Denver report Max has been making steady progress. Suggest you write Max and May congratulating them on Miss Petrie and telling of her exceptional qualifications.

Willie.

Pass Number - F.S.32.

Sent by:
Hon.W.L.Mackenzie King,
The Roxborough,
Ottawa.

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Barrie, Jan. 22. 1922

My dear Willie,

Graeme Cameron has written me two letters regarding an application I understand he has made to have his claims to a vacancy in the Supreme Court considered in the proper quarter. I enclose his second letter.

We were all delighted to hear about your visit to poor Mac. May writes

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that your visit was the greatest comfort to Mac and even more so to herself. Poor Mary has certainly been through a terrible strain all these years. Mac has wonderful rallying powers and seems the throwing off the temporary set back which appeared to be the beginning of the end. To those who love him so dearly even a few months saved is a precious boon.

Local politicians are all reported at the finale in North York. It was almost a pity that Armstrong did not stick it out and find out how deeply he could bury himself. We all send heartiest congratulations upon your election by acclamation and with best love from us all

Yours affectionately,
Harry Lay

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Barrie Jan 22nd 22

My dear Willie:

We are all delighted that Mr Armstrong has at last come to see the error of his ways. and retired. Had he done so a little earlier in the game it would have been a more graceful act. We all join in heartiest con-

a little but I find it's quite all we can manage to do what we are doing. Mary says Miss Petrie has arrived, entirely at your expense, and is a great comfort. Day by day they will appreciate her help.

The children are all well with the exception of colds & at present are sound asleep. 2.30 p.m. There is an awful blizzard so they are sleeping instead of going to S.S. as they were at church. Best love from all & heartiest congratulations from affectionate aunt Jennie

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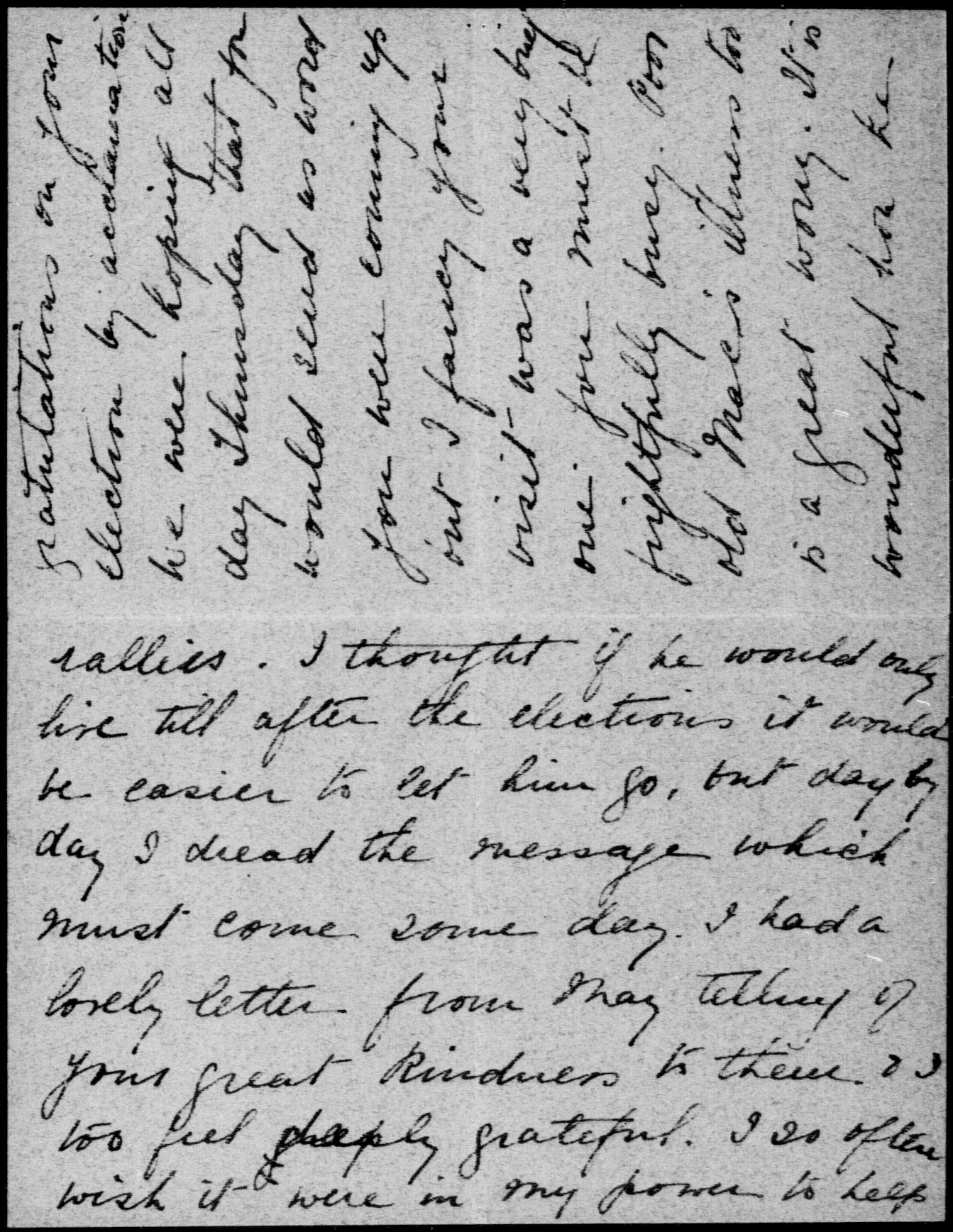

rallies. I thought if he would only live till after the elections it would be easier to let him go, but day by day I dread the message which must come some day. I had a lovely letter from May telling of your great kindness to them & I too feel deeply grateful. I do often wish it were in my power to help

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us all. John, Jean
Peach & Harry

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Dear Valentine

I wish, on this auspicious day
That I were not so far away
O please have pity on my lot,
And please, O please,
Forget-me-not!

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DEAR VALENTINE

I WISH, ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY
THAT I WERE NOT SO FAR AWAY
O PLEASE HAVE PITY ON MY LOT,
AND PLEASE, O PLEASE,
FORGET-ME-NOT!

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Thankyouverymuch
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ed to me from cousin
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one ~~book~~ story book

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a scribbler and a ~~tran~~ transfer book one of the transfers is on the front page. She is saying hello to Pat. Last Sunday was the day for the ones who had attended church for 52 sundays to get their prize. I wasn't at church of course but John brought home my pin and certificate for me. The other day the L.A. sent me half a dozen daffodils

and I am going to give 3 of them to Marion McLean. I hope you are better.

Yours lovingly,
Rosabel.

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NIGHT LETTER.

Omaha, Neb. March 20,1922.

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

Denver funeral services arranged for at eleven tomorrow Tuesday morning. I return with remains two forty Tuesday afternoon reaching Toronto via Grand Trunk four ten Thursday afternoon. Myles has charge of funeral ~~at~~ arrangements at Toronto. Remains will be taken direct from station to cemetery. Rev.John Inkster will conduct the committal service at grave. I shall count on seeing you ~~at~~ and Harry at the station and shall be glad if you will both come back with me to King Edward Hotel for dinner quietly in private room. I must return Ottawa Thursday night. Please let Cora know of funeral arrangements. Am seeking to avoid publicity. I am not making public announcement. With love.

Willie.

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a bicycle and I am
going to let Mother
ride it if it is
big enough for
he to ride.
John had his rubber
boots on and he
went in the mud
and his rubber boots are

March 26th 1922.
Dear Uncle Willie
Thank
you very much for
the lovely box of
Candy you sent us
they are not done yet
and of course they are
nice I saw a robin

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this morning and
we heard a robin
coming home from
Church the sap is running
and we have got lots
of it. I was so sorry
to hear the death of
Uncle Mac. Any

time you have I wish
you would come and
see us if you have
time to spare but
I suppose that you
will not get time
for a while.
John a I might get

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time! They get one each night but we have a large family! I will enclose Graeme Cameron's letter for you to read. I think it is meant to show he bears us no ill will! I have over thirty letters to acknowledge and I suppose you have ten times as many! I have run out of envelopes but will get more tomorrow. I am going to enclose Jeans letter without making any corrections! She has no difficulty in filling her sheet & John can hardly get a page filled! Peach is writing you too but you will have to supply the meaning. You may recognize the kisses! You will have enough letters to read so I will not write more but will get my family off to bed. All join in sending much love your affectionate sister Jennie

16 Blake St
Barrie, Mach 26th 22

My dear Willie:

This is just a little line to thank you for all your kindness in arranging everything so beautifully for Mac's funeral. I am so glad he is buried in Toronto. Even though it really makes no difference, yet it seems as if he is nearer us there! I shall never forget the beautiful flowers and the sun shining on them as the benediction was pronounced! You will please be sure and let us know when you hear from Mr Welborn. Did I understand

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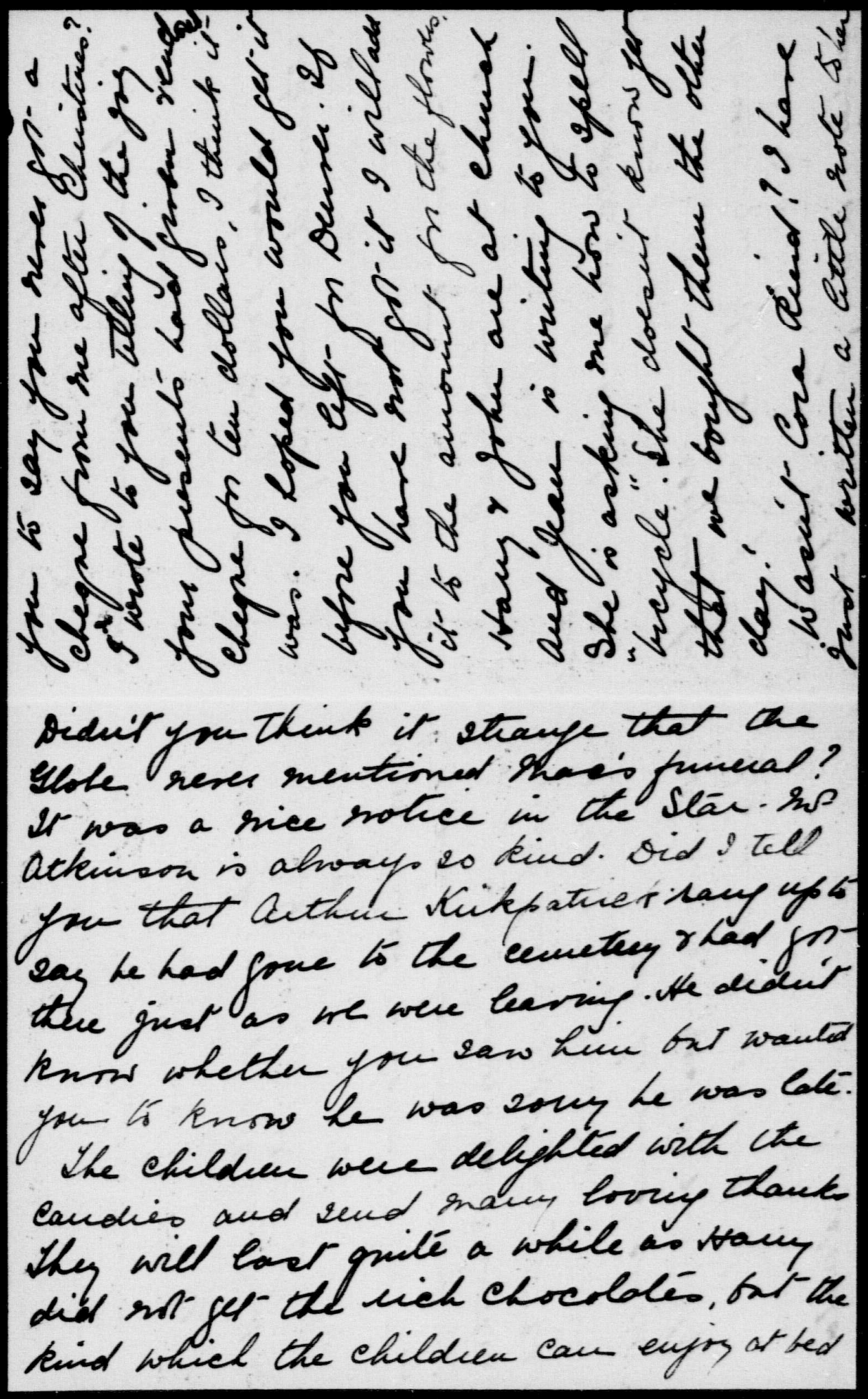

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you to say you never got a
cheque from me after Christmas?
I wrote to you telling of the joy
your presents had given rendered
cheque for ten dollars, I think it
was. I hoped you would get it
before you left for Denver. If
you have not got it I will add
it to the amount for the flowers.
Harry & John are at church
and Jean is writing to you.
She is asking me how to spell
"bicycle". She doesn't know yet
that we bought them the other
day!
Wasn't Cora Reid? I have
just written a little note to her

Didn't you think it strange that the
Globe never mentioned Mac's funeral?
It was a nice notice in the Star. Mrs
Atkinson is always so kind. Did I tell
you that Arthur Kirkpatrick rang up to
say he had gone to the cemetery & had got
there just as we were leaving. He didn't
know whether you saw him but wanted
you to know he was sorry he was late.
The children were delighted with the
candies and send many loving thanks
They will last quite a while as Harry
did not get the rich chocolates, but the
kind which the children can enjoy at bed

16 Blake St
Barrie, March 29th '22

Dear Willie:

The enclosed letter came to me on Monday I wrote & told her she could get "The Battle with Tubeculosis" from Lippincott or through any book seller. I also said I didn't think the other book was out of the publishers' hands but if this information was not right I would ask you to correct it. Will you do so? I had a lovely letter from May yesterday, written just after she had received your wire telling

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her about the service. She is a plucky girl. Very nice letters too came from Mrs Fennell, Mrs Alex Frazer (Ramsey) & a host of others. Douglas Lay said he had written to you but didn't know whether you would receive it, protected as you are by secretaries! John Tukster also sent me a very nice letter & Mrs J. Gardiner Thompson a characteristic one! Also one from Mrs Atkinson. Some day you may read them. I feel a great sense of relief to feel that Mac is not lying there suffering & it must be a tremendous relief to you. The sub conscious thought of Mac's suffering was always present. I am glad May has the boys to take up her attention. All join in sending much love. Your affect sister Jennie.

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16 Blake St
Barrie, April 10th 1922

My dear Willie:

I am not going to bother you with a long letter but we were wondering whether it would be possible for you to spend the Easter vacation with us. We would love to have you and want to show you the new place before it is too much fixed up for you

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to appreciate the improvements!
Also we would like to settle for the
flowers if you have heard from Mrs
Welborn. Don't bother writing, just
send a wire when to expect you and
we will be at Allandale with the car.
Am still answering letters & wrote sixty & more
last week. We are all well & hope you are
the same. All join in sending much love
& hoping to see you the end of the week
your affect sister
Jennie

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Dear uncle Willie,-

We all send loving Easter greetings and hope you will have a happy holiday. mother is much better with love from us all. Jean.

Uncle Willie

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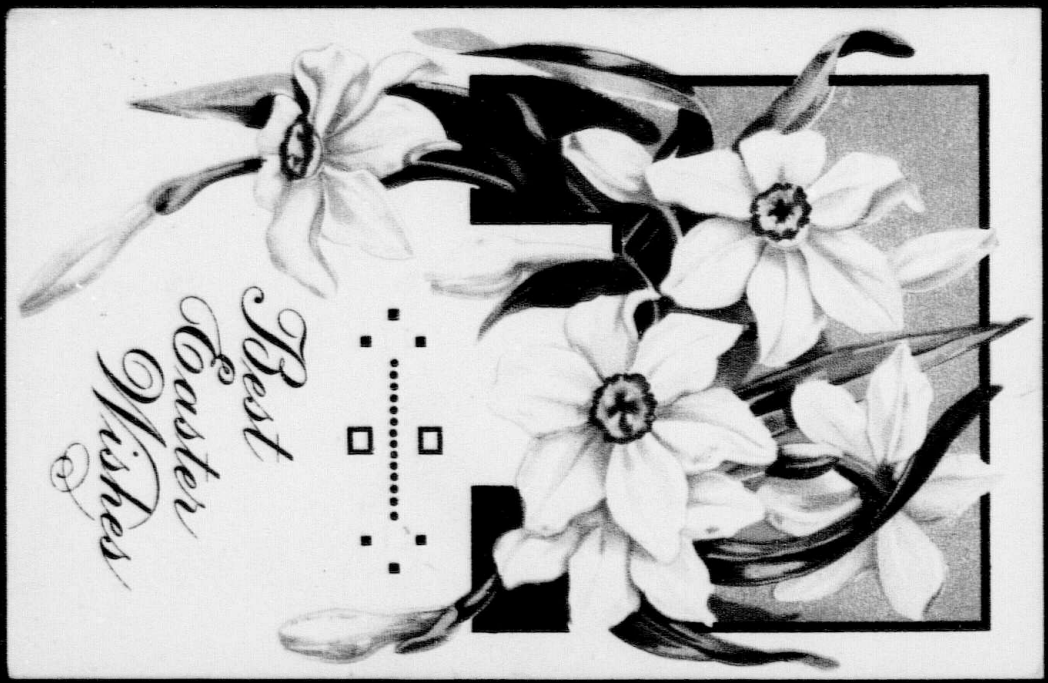

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NIGHTLETTER. Ottawa, April 12th, 1922.

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

Dear Jennie,

I thank you very sincerely for your kind invitation to spend Easter at Barrie. Unfortunately, I have arranged to go to New York tomorrow to see Parsifal on Good Friday and arrange for publication of Mac's book on Saturday. Expect to return Sunday. Send best love and Easter Greetings to Harry, yourself and the children.

Willie

Frank: F. S. 32.
Hon. W.L. Mackenzie King

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time being - His age is 19 and I suppose he would still be young enough in another year to look for something else. But of course we have spent a good deal on his training at college be and it is rather disconcerting to find we have been building on an uncertain foundation.

I got the enclosed snap shot when the Governor General visited our Hospital on April 21. Little Jean got a kiss from Lady Byng and the Governor General said you were looking well. I sent a copy of the photo to Her Excellency.

Jennie and the children join me in very much love

Yours affectionately
[illegible]

from W. L. M. King CMG
Ottawa

P.S. I noticed in the Acro that the Naval College ~~was~~ might be abolished hence this note of anxiety as to Nelson's connection with the Canadian Naval Service. [illegible]

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Barrie, May 2. 1922

My dear Willie,

Recent trend of naval disarmament has made me a little doubtful of Nelson's future. He will soon have had four years of special training with a view to a permanent career in the Navy. He is now on H.M.S. Resolution having been awarded a commission last year by the Department of the Naval Service of Canada. He passed 2nd for the 3 year course & 1st in the final exams. If you can do so, without asking you to disclose any secrets of the Government's naval policy I should like very much to know what you think of letting Nelson go on for the

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Barrie, May 9th '22

My dear Willie:

Harry had a letter from Douglas this morning telling him that the mine ~~in~~ which he has been managing for the last year is ~~again~~ going to close down. He came out from England last year on condition of a year's engagement

Harry wants you to please let us have the bill for Mac's flowers J.K.K.

from "mucker" to manager" Added to that you know the kind of man Douglas is, conscientious and hard working & almost too honest. We do want Douglas to stay in Canada and if there is any way you could help him I would be truly grateful & so would Harry I am sure. You meet so many men of influence from all parts of the country & Douglas is so well equipped that it ought to be of mutual benefit for them to get in touch.

I had a letter from Audrey

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which would be renewed
if the mine proved worth
while. Evidently it has not
will be
so Douglas is again out of a
job in about a month. Mining
is not very brisk in British
Columbia & Harry wants
Douglas to try and get into
touch with the men in the
Porcupine
Cobalt districts. May is keen
to go back to England but there
is no opening for Douglas in
his own line of work there.
Harry has written to the

bank managers in Cobalt & Timmins
asking them to let him know of any
men it would be well for Douglas
to meet. It occurred to me you
might know of some people who
would be influential in getting Douglas
in touch with the right people. Douglas
was gold medallist of the School of
Mines in ~~Engl~~ London and has had
twenty-five years experience in
practical work filling all positions

furniture covered & it looks so nice especially the pieces you sent me. We have rather a sober tapestry as anything too dainty is out of place with our present family!

Nelson's last letter was from Gina's in London where he has been spending his Easter leave. Harry is rather anxious about his future and hopes it doesn't mean three more years in College.

I hope you are well. You need strength for the struggles you are having these days! All the children Harry & myself are well and join in sending much love. Hoping to see you soon your affectionate sister

Jennie

the other day in which she said they had sent you a wire of congratulation when you were elected and hoped you had received it. I don't envy you your correspondence! It must be an awful task. I find my own bad enough.

May wrote me that you had sent her word that Mac's book was in the press and she was so delighted. I suppose you had a lovely visit in New York and Parsifal is a most wonderful play. We were sorry you could not be here but

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there are plenty more holidays.
We expect to move into our
new house about the end of
the month and have been
busy getting things ready.
The house was in very bad
repair and practically everything
is new except the walls!
You will be delighted with
the place when you see it.
We are so glad Senator
Ross and his family are
coming here again for the
summer. They are all so
confinial and this year

we will know them better. I have
been trying to secure a maid for them
but so far have had no success.
Thank goodness I still have my own
maid.
We read the account of the reception
you gave in Sir Wilfrids old house.
It was a very nice idea & I am sure
a great many would appreciate the
opportunity of seeing the place as it was
in his day! You will have a lovely home
when it is all fixed up. We have had our

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"Boulderfeldt"
June 6th, 1922

My dear Willie:

We were delighted to see by Saturday's paper that you have been honored by the King. Though you may have expected it, still it is gratifying to be remembered. It will mean a few more letters to answer and Thursday will probably give you a few more! If at all possible Harry & I are going down to see you get your degree. We are still in a very upset condition as the

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Barrie Ont
June 13th

Dear Uncle Willie
Thank you very much
for the lovely box of
chocolates you sent us
We have a Mc Laughlin
car
And we have had some
nice rides in it
your loving nephew John

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all covered with mud
to-day is Sunday and
I went to ted with
one of my play
maids and had a
grand time mother
bought a rain
hat for me and

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John liked it so much
that he wanted to
wear it to church.
I must close now
because I am getting
tired and can hardly
keep my eyes open
so love from us all
Love Jean Lay

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mind asking you & they will do everything possible to make it an enjoyable evening. Mr Rowell's mother-in-law is visiting in town & they spoke to her about Mr Rowell but she said she wouldn't think of asking him; that her daughter & herself shielded him in every possible way from that kind of thing! I feel you are quite able to look after yourself! & it would be a great pleasure to hear you. Hope you are well as the family is here (with the exception of the whoopers) & we are enjoying our new place which we are very keen for you to see Love from all your affect sister Jennie

"Boulderfel"
Barrie, June 30th. 22

My dear Willie

We saw in yesterday's Globe that you are to be in Newmarket some time tomorrow and of course we are hoping that you will have time to come up here for a little visit. You must be pretty tired after such a strenuous session but evidently your

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party has appreciated your
efforts. I couldn't help
laughing when I saw they
had presented you with
another clock!
We have just been over
to Allandale to see if may
& the twins were on the
Muskoka express, as she
expected to go through to Bela
today. She said she would
write again but I haven't
heard since Tuesday. I hope
they will come to me later on

but at present Peach & Harry have
whooping cough & I don't think she
would bring the boys till that is over.
I am so glad she is coming though
I fancy her visit with her Mother will
not be much of a rest.

Mrs Wismer, who is president of
the Canadian Club here, & Mr Alex
McLaren (Secy) asked me if I thought
you would give the Club an ~~short~~
address if you came to Barrie to
see us. They asked me if I would

made that his head is one of those to fall. Under the above regulations his indemnity, after five years' training for the naval service of his country, would apparently amount to $120!

I am sure you must be terribly busy but I hope you will at your convenience give me an idea as to our boy's chance. Of course anything you may say will be treated as entirely confidential.

Jennie and the children are well: we are looking forward to seeing May & the boys next month. I hope you

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Barrie, July 28. 1922

My dear Willie,

Nelson seems anxious to remain in the Navy and I should be very grateful if you can let me know if under the proposed economies in the Naval Service he is likely to be disturbed.

He tells us that circulars have been issued explaining the indemnities granted to officers who may be compulsorily retired, but no intimation has been

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will be able to look us
up some day soon.

With best love from
us all

Yours affectionately
Harry Lay

Harry M. Lay.
Manager.

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Barrie, Aug. 21. 1922

My dear Willie,

Your very kind telegram last week was duly received, please accept my best thanks. I can easily understand that you have been overwhelmed with correspondence and other engagements. Jennie gave me your telephone message of Saturday. I am immensely relieved to learn that Nelson's position is not as insecure as we were afraid it might be and that

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his resignation is not contemplated at the present time! We deeply appreciate your interest on his behalf and our own anxiety must be our excuse for adding another straw to the load you have to carry. Jennie tells me of your kind suggestion that we should make use of your rooms at the King Edward next Tuesday. I hope the day will be fine and that we may have an opportunity of shaking hands with you. Looking forward to seeing you and again thanking you, with very much love from Jennie the children and myself.

Yours affectionately,
Harry McLay

The Rt Hon W. L. Mackenzie King M.P.
The Roxborough.
Ottawa.

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his resignation is not contemplated at the present time! We deeply appreciate your interest on his behalf and our own anxiety must be our excuse for adding another straw to the load you have to carry. Jennie tells me of your kind suggestion that we should make use of your rooms at the King Edward next Tuesday. I hope the day will be fine and that we may have an opportunity of shaking hands with you. Looking forward to seeing you and again thanking you, with very much love from Jennie the children and myself.

Yours affectionately,
Harry McLay

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Ottawa, August 26, 1922

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

My dear Jennie: I send best love and best wishes for the happiness of your birthday anniversary, and for the new year which opens with it. I trust it will be in every way the happiest and best you have known. I am looking forward with keen delight to seeing you and the children in Toronto on Tuesday. I would have written at length but for this prospect, and great pressure under which I have been working. Fondest love to all.

Willie.

NIGHT LETTER
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BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

August 28th '22

My dear Willie:

Very many thanks for your kind message of good wishes for my birthday which arrived in good time yesterday morning. We are all looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you ~~tomorrow~~ when I can thank you in person. Unfortunately Harry cannot get off as his accountant is

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away and he has rather
a young staff to leave in
charge. I am going to leave
Harry Jr. with him & take the
other three by train. We
arrive at Parkdale at 11.22
(or 12.22 Toronto time) so I
will take the children direct
to the Exhibition grounds as
we rather expect you will
be lunching there. At any
rate I can phone the King
Edward and find out what
you are doing. We shall be

sure to find you when you speak
if not before. Peach said just now
"It is going to be a pretty hard day for
Uncle Willie with all that preaching
to do"!! They are all wild with
excitement and the day promises
to be a strenuous one. May & the
boys go through Midhurst today
but I cannot go over so will have
to see them in Toronto.
All join in best love & hoping
to see you tomorrow Your affectionate sister
Jennie

BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

August 31st 1922

My dear Willie:

We were very disappointed not to see you yesterday to thank you for all your kindness to us on Tuesday. We had such a happy day & one which the children will always remember. Cora was so kind to us too. She invited Mary to stay over night so that he could go to your banquet. I rang Mary up first thing in the morning but was met with the information that Baby was sick and I would have to go

private car" is a source of continual wonder! The children join with me in the very warmest thanks for all your kindness. I do hope you will get up to see us before the flowers are too much faded. The place is pretty now but looks so dreary when the frost comes. We are all looking forward to your visit.

Mary and the children join with me in sending much love and many thanks for our happy day

Your affectionate sister

Friday a. m. Jennie

The little figures have just come. Thank you so much for them. I am delighted to have them but am very sorry you had to ship them. Very many thanks

Jennie

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home. Harry was desperately disappointed for I think he hoped after the last. He would make the trip. However it was well I came home for Peach was ill with pneumonia & Harry I were the only ones left in the house. Barbara is home in bed but she will probably be better tomorrow. Barbara is home in bed with a temp of 103° the last his doctor is a dear. Right! Peach is a day later! Harry had a temperature of 103° after 9 last year. Tried half a dozen times to get through but couldn't effort at the station. I stayed on the platform. I stayed on the platform. I stayed on the platform

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Ottawa, September 6, 1922

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

I will leave here for Kitchener Tuesday night arriving early Wednesday morning. Will stay till Thursday night. I should be delighted if you could be there at the same time. Am writing.

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Willie.

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Ottawa, September 7, 1922

My dear Jennie:-

I was not less disappointed than you in having missed seeing Harry, the children and yourself again, on the day following our happy visit along with May and her children to the Toronto Exhibition. I was afraid that we had missed each other through the pressure of my own engagements which kept me absent from the hotel most of the day. I was delighted, therefore, as well as pleased to get your note telling me of what had transpired.

The day was certainly a most happy and long to be remembered one. The pictures in the Toronto papers were remarkably good and will I am sure afford not a little pleasure to the children. I was particularly glad that May and her little boys should have shared in them with us. It was most fortunate our all being in Toronto at the same time.

I had not time to write telling you that I was sending on the little figures

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afternoon so that I could spend part of Saturday and part of Sunday with you provided I can get away for that additional time. I am most anxious to see your lovely home at Barrie and this is about the only possible chance I see. It may be that I can arrange to run up Saturday morning by the train if you could bring me down to Sharon for the afternoon.* I suggest this just in case matters may transpire which will make it necessary for me to get back to Ottawa before Monday. We can work out the details when I see you.

With love and best wishes to yourself, Harry and the children,

Very affectionately yours,

Willie

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

* It begins to look as though this would be necessary because of pressure of work pending [illegible]. W.

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which I brought out to Toronto and was glad to know that they were received allright.

I enclose a letter from Mr. Graham which Harry will doubtless wish to have and which helps to explain my surprise at having been told when I phoned you that no word had come to Harry from the Naval Department.

I am delighted that you are planning to be at Kitchener while I am there. I leave Ottawa on Tuesday night next week and hope to connect with the early morning train which leaves Toronto about a little before seven and reaches Kitchener shortly after nine on Wednesday morning. I shall stay over the night at Kitchener and until seven o'clock on Thursday evening, when I return to Toronto to be in North York on Friday and Saturday. I shall be attending a meeting of the York Pioneers at Sharon on Saturday afternoon. I am wondering if you could possibly arrange to take me on from there to Barrie in your car during the

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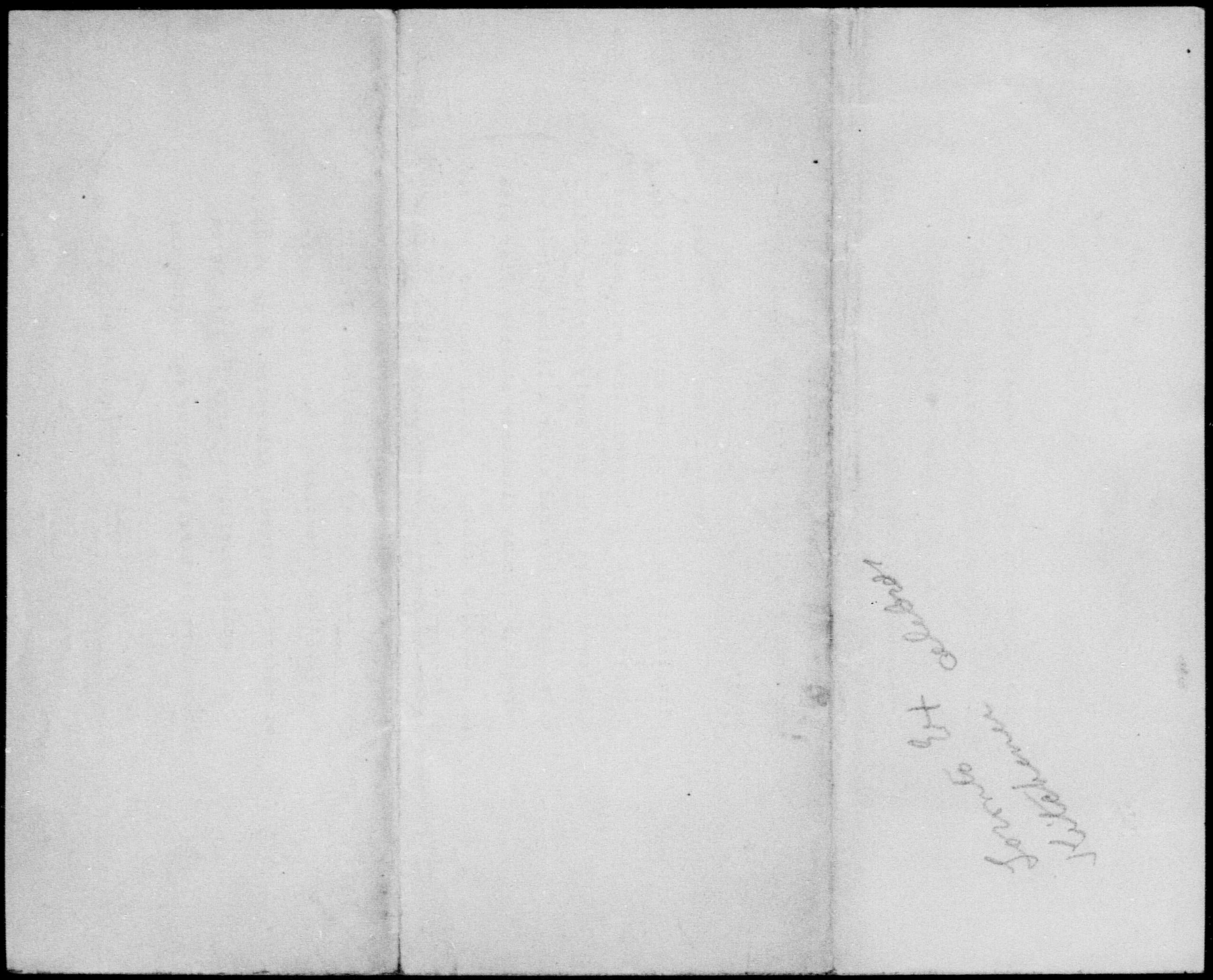

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BARRIE

Sept. 8th 1922

My dear Willie:

Very many thanks for your kind telegram. I would simply love to go to Kitchener but am even more keen for Harry to go as he was so disappointed about the Toronto banquet. He had set his heart on being there and though he never complained, was deeply disappointed. I don't see how we can get away as my ma

This morning I baked bread and canned two baskets of tomatoes and now am going to put the children to bed. So it has been a fairly strenuous day! It has been the hottest day this summer & the thermometer went up to 100° in the shade on our verandah.

I was awfully shocked and sorry to see about Gordon Hemidges death. Emily & Mrs. Hemidge will feel very badly. If you see them give them my love.

Harry & the children join me in sending best love & very many thanks for all your kindness.

Your affectionate sister
Jennie.

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maid departs on Sunday, but
I am going to try Oslan & see what
we can do. We might be able
to get some one to come in for
the two days. Harry says he
isn't invited but I tell him
that doesn't matter if we
like to go to Berlin on that
day! It would be such fun
to meet all the old friends
& see them "Row tow"!(?) to you.
Harry met some man at
the Bowling tournament here
on Labour Day who said you
made "a simply magnificent

speech" at the banquet at the King Edward
If we don't get to Kitchener we will
get to one of the shines in North York
and we are hoping you will be able
to be here for the Sunday following.
This coming Sunday we hope to motor
down to Sir William's, as I promised
in Toronto. Thank you so much for
the copies of the papers with the pictures
in. We are glad to keep them.
I was just writing this when Norman
McLaurin & his wife and little girl, arrived
They were motoring down from Muskoka
and called in to see us. Then we went out
to Sir John Aird's and then to a Tea in town.

BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

September 12th 22

My dear Willie:

Many thanks for your letter of Sept. 7th which came yesterday. Harry & I have decided that we cannot very well both leave & it would be especially hard for me. A new maid is coming tomorrow and I might lose her if I were not here. Then too, the fun would have been, being with you when you arrived & of

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could have a good rest on Saturday morning & we could leave in time to have lunch at one p.m. with Sir Wm & and then bring you back with us for Sunday if possible

Mr. Aird is sitting beside me and I am hurrying this to catch the mail. Give my love to Nancy & Florence the Gibson's (Min rang up & asked me to stay with her) and all the rest. Hoping to see you on Friday with best love from all your affectionate & fond

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Toronto, September 14, 1922

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

Am arranging to have train pick me up at Aurora ten O'clock tomorrow Friday night, arriving Barrie eleven-ten. Will count on you motoring me down to Sharon next day. Stop. If you cannot arrange this, please telegraph me to Stouffville tomorrow, so that I can plan for someone to come for me from Newmarket. Very sorry ca nnot arrange to wait over Sunday.

Willie

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HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO, ONT. GEO. D. PERRY, GENERAL MANAGER

2 Ra 420p Barrie Ont Sept 15/22.

Right Hon W L Mckenzie King.

Stouffville Ont

Will meet you allandale tonight and take you to Sharon Saturday as arranged.

H M Lay

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Octobre 12. 1922.

Dear Jennie:

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of dear Mac's book "Nerves and Personal Power." which I had hoped would be ready to present to you on your birthday. I could think of nothing which I was sure would give you the same happiness as this gift and all that it symbolizes and expresses of what is most sacred and precious to each of us.

great blessing to many. I read and revised the whole of the original MSS. and have just finished reading the book in its abridged and published form. I think it is one of the most harmed and helpful books I have ever read. Day by day I am trying to put its teachings to good effect in the matter of volition and control. It is a great aid dear old Mac has left to us, and we owe it to his memory and his heroic spirit to be true to his counsel and advice. I am sure he has, as he says, discovered "the secret of Happiness" which is what we all need.

With best love to Harry, the children and yourself. Ever your affectionate brother,

Vaillie

P.S. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed my [illegible] visit to Barrie. Thank Harry for returning the glasses. Love to all w.

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I have paid the publisher $750.00 for the setting of the type, the making of the plates etc. and the work of revision of the MSS. It was understood that this amount would be refunded in whole or in part out of the sale of the book itself in the royalties which become due from the first copy on, I have thought, however, that I would greatly prefer to carry out what was my intention all along should poor old Mac pass away before its publication, viz. that I should incur whatever of outlay there might be in having the book placed upon the market as the smallest of tributes to dear old Mac's memory, and that the entire proceeds from the book's sale should go to Mac whose love and devotion has alone made possible its writing. I mention this to you because the gift in itself may seem a small one, it really carries much in all of the pride and happiness which its publication may bring to both of us. When you have read it over from cover to cover, you will marvel I think at its completeness, at its scientific insight and great wisdom. It cannot but be a great help and a

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BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

October 16th 1922

Dear Willie:

Yours letter and the copy of Mac's book have just come. I can't tell you the feelings it stirs when I think of the condition under which it was written: I read it aloud to Mac when I was in Denver and shall never forget his wonderful patience and gentleness. We discussed each chapter and agreed on several passages and all the time your heart ached to see a great strong man laid so low. The book is a wonderful testimony

talking about it and plays they are having tea etc. Harry & I both thought you gave a splendid address at Sharon and were so glad we were able to hear you speak. My maid had decamped when I got home; was afraid to stay alone in the house! I have had no one since till last week when I got an awfully nice Italian girl. Her father is chef at Camp Borden & so far, she is a treasure. It means a lot to me for there is so much to do with all these children. Nelson's boat "The Revolution" is at the Dardanelles and of course we pray for peace! He was hoping they would be sent but we have not heard from him since he left Devonport.

All the family are well and send much love. Very deep thanks for this gift which means so much to both of us. I hope you will try & get up to see us soon. It is a duty you owe so many. Best love from affectionate Jennie

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& his enclosures and pleased me and when you picture him there. Eddy the shelf and cd the paper if from an illness I meaning to what he has we It is a great blessing for have been in a position to the work for otherwise it is have been that is the world is a pity dear old Rae could have seen it in print for he have been so proud of it: I is delightful with it: I had a letter from her today in which the speaks of an Explanation which is to be published says her pupils are working

and the book has tided her over a rather trying time. It must be pretty hard for her just now. I have just re-read the introduction and preface and think both are fine and ought to make the book much more appreciated by the general public. Hollie Siff could give the pleasure this book gives for it means more than I can express.

Your little visit up here was a very great pleasure and the children as well as ourselves enjoyed so much having you. You would laugh if you could see Baby with a little china doll and a toy car playing "Uncle Willie's private car". She has never ceased

few days while Jim is away. I have been reading Macs book and enjoying it very much. We are hoping to see you some time soon. All here are well and send much love

Your affectionate sister
Jennie

BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

October 21st 1922

My dear Willie:

You probably remember Alice McLean who was Daughter McLean's adopted daughter. She wrote to me after Macs death for "Macie" was one of her special favorite! She sent the enclosed, asking

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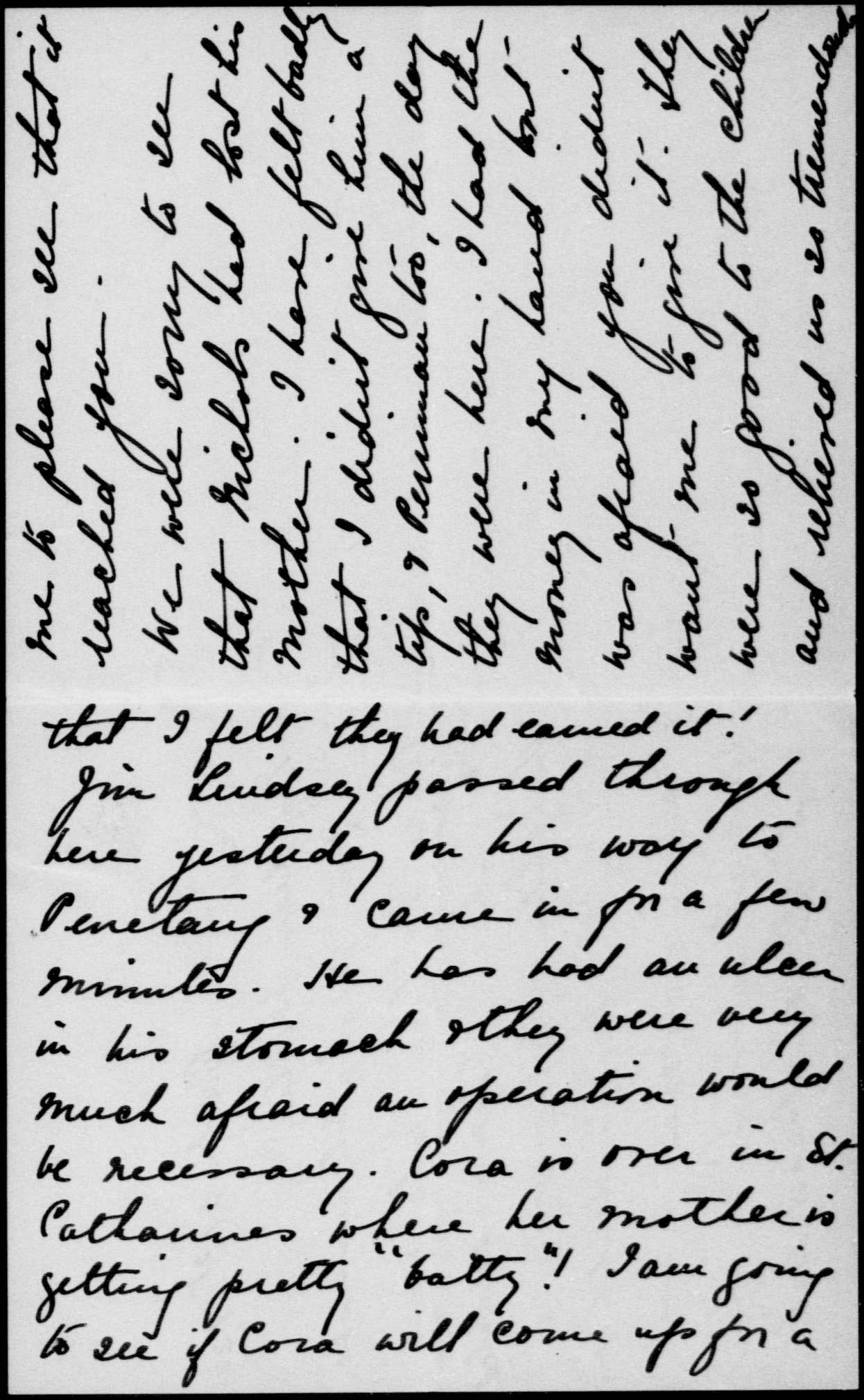
me to please see that it
reached you.
We were sorry to see
that Nichols had lost his
mother. I have felt badly
that I didn't give him a
tip, & Perriman too, the day
they were here. I had the
money in my hand but
was afraid you didn't
want me to give it. They
were so good to the children
and relieved us so tremendous



that I felt they had earned it!
Jim Lindsey passed through
here yesterday on his way to
Penetang & came in for a few
minutes. He has had an ulcer
in his stomach & they were very
much afraid an operation would
be necessary. Cora is over in St.
Catharines where her mother is
getting pretty "batty"! I am going
to see if Cora will come up for a

Ottawa, October 24, 1922

My dear Jennie:

I received yesterday your letter enclosing Alice McLean's. I have written the Honourable Mr. Robb, who sailed for Australia a week ago, to speak a word to the Mayor of Sydney on behalf of Mr. Taylor, and hope it may be of service.

With regard to Mac's book, I have been wondering if a line from you to Hazel might not secure a review from Sir John Willison's pen. I shall ask the publisher, Thomas Allen, to send him a copy. It is indeed a splendid publication. The Montreal "Gazette" had a column review of it on Saturday last, which will give it a fine start in that city.

With the best of love to all,

Affectionately yours,

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BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

Nov. 13th - 22

My dear Willie:

I had a line from Alice McLean, thanking me for sending her letter on to you and saying how grateful she was to you for your kindness in helping her. I hope she will get what she wants for Carin Taylor was a nice boy.

I note what you say about writing Hazel about Macs

be able to share our Christmas turkey. Is there any chance? Coming on Monday gives a better chance to get away. You will be sorry Mr. Ewart has resigned. He seems an honest man & a gentleman which makes a tremendous difference.

All the family are well and join in sending much love and in the hope that you will come & see us at the end of the week.

Your affectionate sister
Jennie

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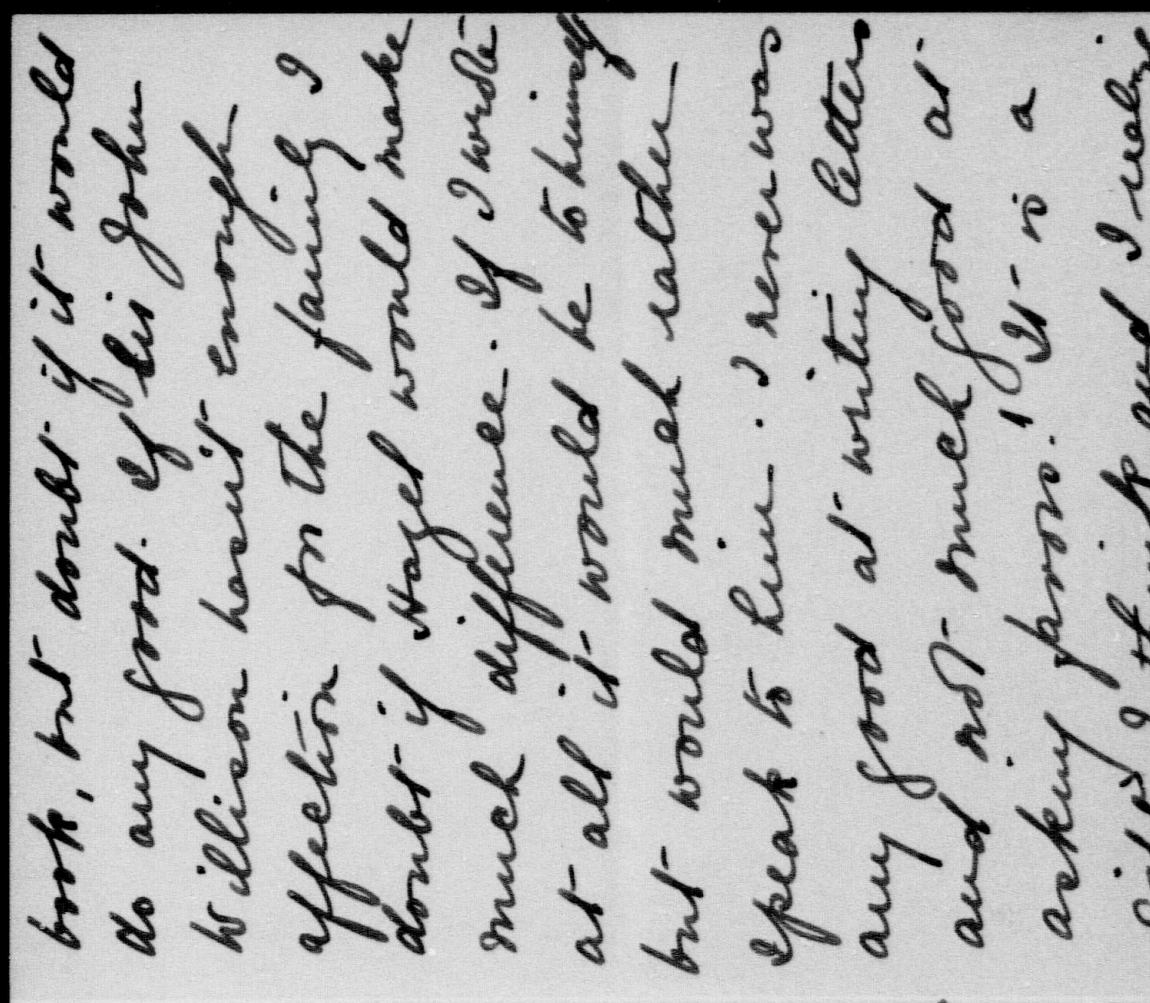

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book, but doubt if it would do any good. If his John Willison hasn't enough affection for the family I doubt if Hazel would make much difference. If I wrote at all it would be to himself but would much rather speak to him. I never was any good at writing letters and not much good at asking favors! It is a gift, I think, and I realize it is not mine.

We saw by the paper that you are to be in Toronto next Monday, were wondering if there was any chance of your coming up here for Sunday. We have a fine big rooster we are saving for just such an occasion, and we would all love to see you. I know you are very busy but we only live once and the days are going very quickly. Also we are hoping you may

BOULDERFEL.
BARRIE

Dec. 15th 1922

My dear Willie:

Your youngest nephew celebrated his third birthday on Wednesday and yours comes next on Sunday, then Christmas and then Jean! December is a month full of anniversaries but your birthday is the one of longest standing and all in this house unite in sending every loving wish for a very happy day and every joy and

Tonight the children are having their S.S. entertainment & John is to recite and Jean & Peach to sing with his other little girls. It doesn't seem so long since we were doing the same thing! John was first in his class at school last month & second (one mark behind the first) the month before. They are having a glorious time with their sleighs on these lovely hills. Baby plays outside all morning long and is such a strong little chap. He is very like Father in so many ways & Rosalel is just so like mother. I so often wish they could all be with us now to enjoy all the pleasure we could give them.

I am sending you a little centre piece which may come in useful at the cottage. It is sent with every loving wish for the very happiest of birthdays. Harry & the children are all well and join with me in sending best love, and in the hope that we may see you next week.

Your affectionate sister
Jennie.

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prosperity in the new year.
Coming on a Sunday for
have a little more
enjoy the day but I
Sunday is a busy
I wish the days
quite so quickly
a good sign when
self-secure they.
hoping for
is beautifully
is distaken
have any
a great pleasure
is our own and
as he please
wondering whether
married into
It will be a big change from the Roxborough and sometimes you will miss the rooms which are now so full of memories. They will miss you at the Roxborough too, for you must almost seem to belong there.

Did you see the review of Mac's book in the London Times? I am sending it to May as she may not have seen it. They have asked Sir John Wilson to address the Canadian Club here next month. If he does so he is to stay with us & I will then have a chance to speak to him about Mac's book. They wanted to know if there was any chance of you addressing them. Mrs McLaren said she would not write you as it would mean an extra letter for you, but asked me to put in a word! Harry & I were at the "Mackenzie King" Liberal Club lunch a week ago and there were over a hundred there.

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NIGHTLETTER

The Roxborough, Ottawa.
December 24, 1922

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

A merry Christmas, dear Jennie, to you and Harry and to John, Jean, Rosabel and Harry Junior. May the day be one of memorable gladness in your new and beautiful Home. All the dear loved ones will be very near us. We will share their joy in the fullness of our Christian belief. The fondest of love to all.

Willie

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BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

Dec. 26th 1922

My dear Willie:

Just about this time (3.30p.m.) sixteen years ago, Harry & I were being married! I wonder what changes the next sixteen years will bring.

It was so good of you to phone us last night and was the next best thing to having you here. We were all very disappointed that you couldn't come, for I feel we never know how long we may be even as near as Barrie. The day was a very happy one; one of the happiest

books. I was going to get a radio set between Jean & him but thought they were a little young and might not take care of it. There were only two things Harry wanted & they were a mason's apron, which I had for him, & chains for his car. I gave him the latter last Christmas and they disappeared when we moved evidently someone else wanted them! We decided not to use the car & have been walking since the roads got slippery. It didn't take Harry five minutes to get them on the car & we had three trips in it yesterday! Then we both wanted the "Making of a Prime" and so I sent for that. I couldn't get the things here but telephoned

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I hope you will get safely through with your moving & have many happy days in your new home. Peach & I are going to walk down and mail this in time for the evening train. All the children join with Harry & me in sending much love and many thanks. All loving wishes for a very happy new year

Your affectionate sister
Jessie

the Stopper at Eaton's & she got them for me. It is awfully good of you to give us such a handsome present & me appreciate your generosity very much and send many loving thanks. The children will write you as they get time but I keep them out in the fresh air most of their waking moments. Enclosed find statement of expenditure and change due you. Harry gave me a book & evening dresses which looks as if he thinks I may go to Ottawa for I never use one here! The dress was for our wedding anniversary & my present to him was his Masonic apron. For Xmas I gave him a pair of overshoes and a coal shovel! To each

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9 the three older children
gave boots 9 shoes 9 Santa
them each a hockey stick 9
9 box of note paper, John
Kipling's 2 purple books, Jean
Canadian fairy tales 9 Peace
Corinna Adolt "Little Women"
They are all good editions
will be a joy to them for
time. They are just
enough to enjoy good books
have a puzzle in them. The
very lucky. 9 got a lot of
cards 9 gifts from their
relatives 9 friends and had
happy day. We had Dr Mac
boys children (!) the youngest

sixteen 9 his brother about 20 9 his sisters one a teacher in the Collegiate 9 the other just returned from China. The latter is very charming 9 we had a happy day. They had lost their mother a few months ago 9 their father was away preaching so the day would have been lonely in their own home. I am glad Christmas is over for it is a strenuous time even if it is a happy time. You probably find that time with your thousand cards 9 telegrams besides all the other remembrances. Still we couldn't very well afford to do without Christmas 9 those who miss the true joys of it are so much the poorer.

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Uncle Willie
Thanksgiving
Peach

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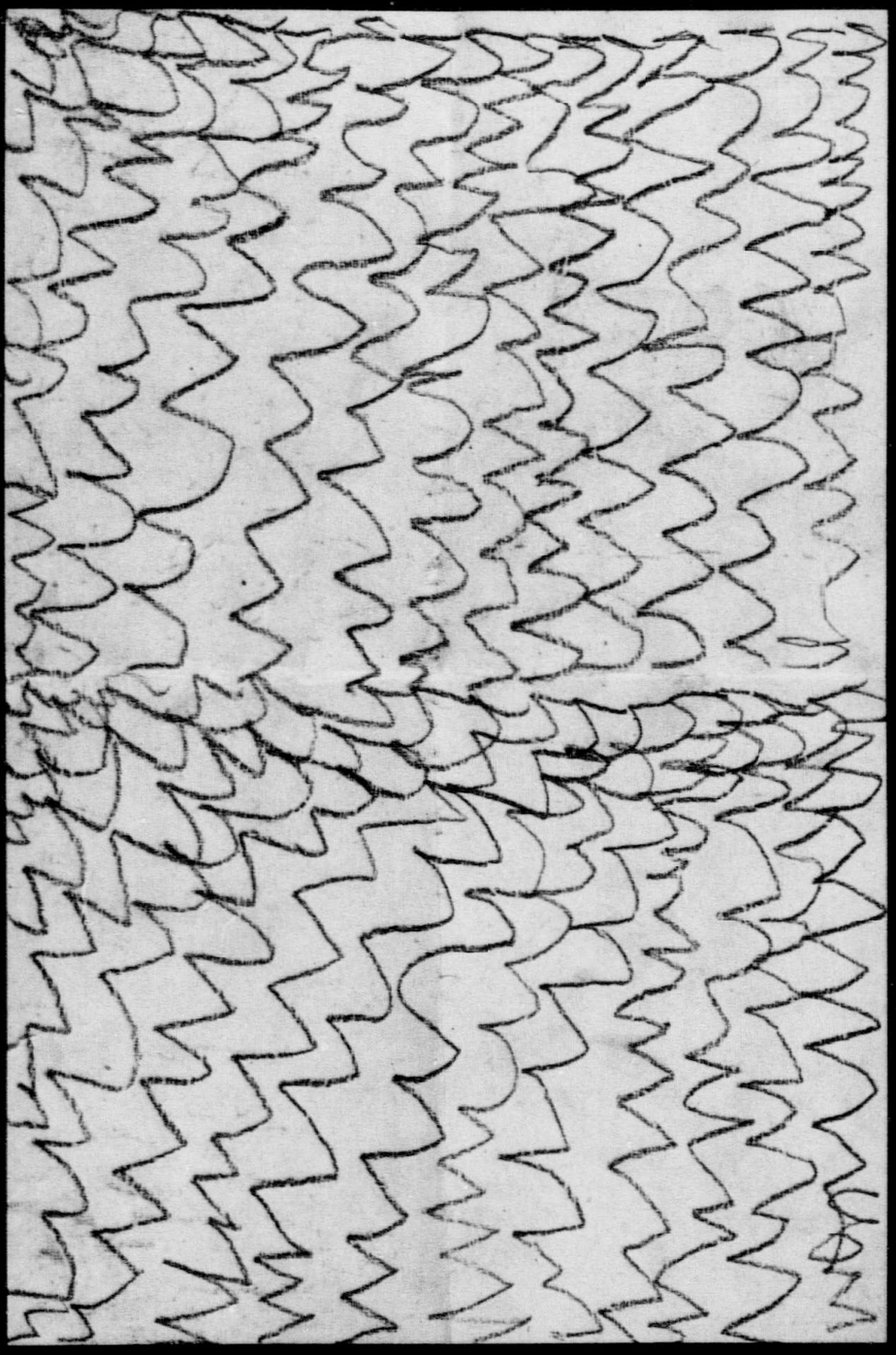

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Harry Jr.	Cart	7 50
John	book	6 00
	Skis	1 75
Jean	Sewing machine	6 00
	Skis	1 75
Rosabel	Sleigh	3 60
	Moccasins	2 00
	Skis	1 75
Harry & Jennie	Chains for car	7 75
	book	1 25
		39 35
Cash received		50 00
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Barrie Ont



Dear Uncle Willie. -
Thank you very
much for the lovely
sewing machine
and the skis. I have
have been ~~been~~
playing with them
all the time.
Peaches gave me a
lovely string of beeds
for a present.
The paper I am writing
on is one of the gifts

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Santa Claus gave me
a little singer sewing machine.
a sewing set.
3. book of nursery rhymes.
a doll

We had our regular Christmas dinner.
a. Cousins Reggie & Kenneth were here.
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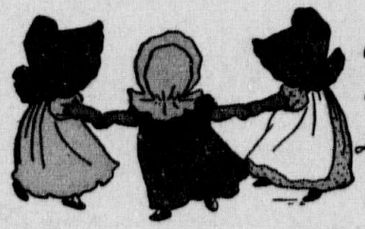
From your loving nephew
John



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Ont.
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Dear Uncle Willie -

Thank you very much for the lovely Moth Book and pair of Skis I was wanting the moth book very much and am expecting to have a very good time with it next year. Today Jean, Peach and myself were having a fine time on our skis sliding down

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the terrace.

Yesterday Jean started building a snow-fort and this morning we would have had it finished had we not gone off on our skis. Yesterday I did a bit of Skiing but it wasn't much.

We had four people in for Christmas dinner, and we had a jolly time! For dinner we had soup, turkey, peas, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy mince pie, lemon sponge, plum pudding nuts, raisins, candies, oranges and grapes.

Beside the things you sent me I got the first two volumes of "The Jungle Book" from Mother and Daddy, a book called "Frank's First Team.", one book of knowledge, a burnt leather pencils case, a box of note ~~pencil~~ paper, a bottle of red ink, Two hockey sticks and a puck.

I hope you had a very merry Christmas and will have a very Happy New year With lots of love.

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BEST LOVE AND NEW YEARS GREETINGS FROM ALL AT BOULDERFEL

JENNIE AND HARRY.

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I am sure your house must be very beautiful and I hope you may have many years of great happiness in it. The moving will not be such a task when they have every appliance & know exactly how to go about it. It takes a good many months to get really settled and you have to live in a house before it really becomes a home. We are beautifully comfortable here, and today with zero weather outside, is a pretty good test.

The children are having untold joy with their skiis and today are on the bay which is frozen over. We have lots of snow but I don't believe Barrie is as cold as Ottawa. Harry took a snap of the children with their skiis & Harry's waggon! He also took a flash of Baby & me on Christmas night to show the dress he gave me for Christmas! I can assure you I never looked as diabetic as the snap makes me look! Harry & I are going out to tea this afternoon to meet Col & Mrs Barker of Camp Borden. I wonder if they know you.

Many thanks for your kind offer of assistance for the trip to Ottawa but I think we can manage OK. if we decide to go. Thanks too for all your telegrams and phone messages as well as the new years note & this last letter. All the children join with Harry & myself in every loving wish for 1923 and for much happiness in your new home with love your affectionate sister

BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

Jan. 6th '23

Dear Willie:

It was very good of you to spare the time to write such a long letter when I know how few spare minutes you have. Very many thanks for all your kind words and good wishes to us all. We appreciate very deeply your kind thought for us all when you must have so much and so many to think of. I hoped to get a letter off before this but Peach has been quite sick since New Years and my maid got word to go at once to Detroit where her family have gone! The combination is upsetting especially at this season when there is extra social activity. The Dr says it is simply nervous reaction after the excitement of Christmas which has upset Peach but her temp was 104° for a couple of

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days rule was pretty sick. She has
up. I down between normal 102
since but seems better today. I
settle to do much when the child
are sick for ever only do they
ist of attention but the other
kept quiet! I hope you have
able to thus ff from theatres
there is nothing makes you more
many I I both thought we were
but a good dose of aspirin, taken
seems to have worked it off. I
will be generally fortunate.

Mary is very keen to go down to
opening of the house, keep up
anxious to hear the debate, and
it would be a great joy to me to be
If would only be possible to arrange
home for a couple of days but we
we might manage to have her
afternoon as my is Ottawa Wednesday
morning I leaving there Thursday night.

The question is what would we require for the "functions" we would attend! You see we don't know what they wear for any of the affairs. For the Opening in the afternoon what do Gentlemen & ladies wear, also for the reception at Government House? For the debate on Thursday one ordinary street suits are all that are required are they not? Of course we may not be able to go but we would love to, and don't want to disgrace the Premier! I remember Mother had to get veil & feathers for one of the shines, but that was before the war and it may not be the same now. Mr. Boyce is closing up his house for three months & present arrangements are that I am to take their maid while they are away & hand her back when they return! I am not keen on the arrangement but have left myself free to give her two weeks notice at any time I secure a permanent maid. She is only sixteen and a good deal depends on whether I can leave her in charge of the house while we are away. Maids are pretty scarce up here so we are glad to take what comes along.

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Ottawa, January 8, 1923.

My dear Nelson:

I was very pleased to receive the Card you sent me at Christmas, and am glad to have the picture it contains of your ship. It was very good of you to have had me in your thoughts at the Christmas Season, and I thank you very sincerely for the expression you have sent of your kind remembrance. I had not forgotten, but was not sure where to address you, and being very busy just prior to the Christmas Season, was obliged to await a chance to get your address from Barrie. Now that I have it I am sending you this little note, and its enclosure, and, under separate cover, a book which I think will be of some interest to you.

Two £1. notes of paper currency of Great Britain

I am glad to know that you enjoy so greatly your life at sea, and that you have had such splendid opportunities to see so much of the world. Some of these days I hope that good fortune will bring you back to our shores and that we may have a chance of meeting at Barrie, or elsewhere in Canada. Possibly I may run across you some day in the Old World as I did at Victoria a year or two ago.

I suppose you hear quite regularly from your father as well as from all the others who are able to write at Barrie, so there is little need of my trying to give you any news. This letter, however, carries with it my very best of wishes for a good year, and a long and useful career.

With much love,

Believe me, dear Nelson, as ever,

Affectionately yours,

Midshipman H. N. Lay,
H.M.S. Resolution,
c/o General Post Office,
London, England.

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Ottawa, January 8, 1923. 5.30 pm

Harry Lay, Esq.,
Barrie, Ontario.

Please telegraph me collect Nelson's address and style of designation.

Willie

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HARRY.

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Laurier House
Ottawa
January 14, 1923.

Dear Jennie:

I am delighted to know that Jan and Harry are able to be down for the opening. I thank Jan much for the letters I have received from each of you this week - or rather during the past week. This is my first Sunday in my own home. I moved in on Thursday and slept in the house for the first time on Friday. I am only partially settled as you may well imagine. The painters are still at work on some of the rooms, and the carpenters are also busy in both.

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and can come with you to the House after. On Thursday the debate on the address takes place and I have to speak at some length. The drawing room is on Saturday night – that is evening dress with bells & feathers, you could get those here. I hope you and Harry will be able to stay for that function & once Sunday. I can make you comfortable here, and you will find plenty to interest you meanwhile. This letter is just to extend to you both the heartiest of welcomes and to let you know that I am looking forward expectantly to your coming.

With best love to the children
Harry & yourself
Ever your loving brother
Willie.

the Stair case was only completed on Thursday. I expect to be comfortably settled in another ten days, and by the time ~~the House~~ parliament open to have everything running in good working order.

I hope you will plan to stay a day or two when you come. Wednesday will be the formal opening. It is in the afternoon. You will be expected to wear evening dress, which means the dress you have on in the photo and gloves, & hat. In the evening there is the State dinner, which I have to go to in uniform. You will be invited "after" the dinner, some wife of a cabinet minister will take you down. Unfortunately I cannot get Harry into that show as it is strictly official. He will not be with you on the floor of the Senate at the opening but will have a seat reserved.

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HON MACKENZIE KING
CAR 100 C N R SPECIAL WINDSOR ONTARIO

FEAR HARRY WILL BE UNABLE TO GO STOP HAVE ANSWERED OFFICIAL INVITATION
HOPE TO BE ABLE GO MYSELF

JENNIE

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Ottawa, January 23, 1923

Mrs. H. M. Ley,
Barrie, Ontario.

Hope you and Harry are going to be able to come down for the Opening. Stop. Please wire me collect if I may count on this as I have to make arrangements accordingly also be sure send at once answer to official invitation for Floor of House which I forwarded to you. Stop. Please bring invitations with you.

Willie.

D.H.Pass,
No. F.S.-32.

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BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

Jan. 25th 1923

My dear Willie!

Many thanks for your letter and telegram. I hope you got the answer (collect!) before you left for Windsor. The man phoned the message just as they were closing so I asked him to send the reply before he left the office. I meant to have written before, but, as Harry told you, I was in bed with tonsilitis & felt pretty miserable when I got up. The boys' maid was absolutely useless so I let her go after a

was in Toronto yesterday playing the Scottish curlers & got home at midnight last night quite delighted at having beaten "the best skip in Scotland" He saw Harvey Sims & Ed Seagram there. Now I am going down town to be fitted & then to a tea. We miss the car now that the snow is so deep we can't use it.

You will be tired after your trip to Windsor and it takes up so much time. Hope your cold is quite better. We have enjoyed reading "The Making of a Premier". I don't think I thanked you for it but I was so sick that day I couldn't think. Many thanks for all the trouble you have taken & best love from all here

Yours affectionately
Jennie

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few days I have been alone
till my news mail arrived
right: If she is at all
I hope to have her
arriving in Ottawa
morning. Harry felt
he had for him
the end of the month
new month, and also
If the railway
this year when
so much to
decided that
at Rome thought
since the
wanted more

I answered the invitations at once & hope they were properly done! I put "Laurier House" as the Ottawa address in mine. I am trying to have a couple of dresses made & hope they will meet with your approval. For one, I am using what is left of Mother's velvet and it should make a lovely dress if the dressmaker is any good. It will be a great treat to go to Ottawa and I am looking forward to it though a little afraid I may not know how to behave! It is so long since I have been at anything and you soon get out of the way of things. We were invited to the Opening of the Ontario Legislature but declined. Harry

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

Your telegram and letter both received. Stop. I am looking forward with delight to seeing you on Wednesday. Stop. Still hope Harry also may find it possible [redacted] to come. Stop. Have mailed brief letter today.

Willie.

D.H.
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JENNIE.

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Ottawa, January 30, 1923

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

Cannot say how sorry I am that you will not be here tomorrow, and particularly because of the reason. I do hope you will soon get completely over any ill effects of sprain. Please write me fully. Will count on you and Harry coming down very first opportunity.

Willie.

D. H.
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BOULDERFEL
BARRIE
Jan. 30th 1923

My dear Willie:

Have just sent a wire telling you of my disappointment at not being able to go to Ottawa. Everything is ready & all arrangements made for me to go but I can't put my right foot to the ground without suffering. In some unknown way I strained the ligaments of my leg last week & had to go to bed on Saturday. Since then I have suffered agonies night & day but am much better today. The Dr. says, however, if I attempt to use my leg for a few days or a week I may be permanently lame. I hoped

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till this morning that all he was doing for me would fix me up. I'm Ottawa but he says I would be so to bed in Ottawa if I attempted stand on my feet. I can't tell how disappointed I am for all my things are ready, my hats & ten days ago, and all my plans made to stay till Sunday. Thursday, Sat, shoes, gloves etc all laid out in readiness & here I am with my eyes up! I've torn letter cause pleasure could have cried, for I haven't had a real holiday for a great many years & this seemed such a lovely opportunity. Still there was anticipation and Isabel used always to say that was the best part! Very many thanks for your kind letter, telegram & enclosure. I return the letter with many thanks. I am sorry you have had so much trouble but I couldn't very well foresee this catastrophe. I do hope sometime before very long we may be able to see your lovely home. I was so looking forward to the joy of seeing there.

All here send best love. They are all well except for colds which everyone seems to have. Hope you have quite got over yours and are ready for all that lies before you.

With many loving thanks for all your kindness

Yours affectionate sister
Jennie

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Jany 31. 27.

Dear Jennie:

I am very sorry to hear you have been laid up in bed and that all your disappointments at not being here for the Opening of Parliament. I have been looking forward to having you as the first guest under my roof and to sharing with you the interests of my new home and letting you see something of my life here and the duties and responsibilities

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You sending on one of
the invitations which I
have administered for you
but which you may wish
to have.

Let me hear how you
are getting on and how
all the family are, and
with best love to one
and all. Believe me, as always
Yours loving brother
Willie

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also to giving you a good
time for a few days -
This, however, must be only
a postponement and as I
wired you yesterday I shall
look for you and Harry to
come down just whenever
you can. There may be
compensations in that I
may be more settled, tho'
even as things are, I think
you would greatly enjoy
them.

I cannot write more
as this is my busy day, but
I just wanted to let you
know how sorry I am
we are not sharing its
hours together.

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Gibraltar to Malta,
February 3rd 1923.

Dear Uncle Willie,-

We are arriving at Malta to-morrow morning and as I may not have much spare time when we get in, you will have to excuse this rather jerky writing.

Your letter arrived on the 31st while we were at Gibraltar and the book a few days before when the fleet was at Lagos Bay. Thank you very much for both. It was very good of you indeed to send me the £2 and it is certainly a most useful present.

I have very nearly finished the "Making of a Premier" and have found it very interesting indeed, especially the first two chapters. As the author says yours has certainly been a remarkable career and one involving a tremendous amount of "hard work".

We had got as far as Lagos on

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our spring cruise when the Resolution and Royal Sovereign received orders to proceed to Malta. Accordingly we proceeded to Gibraltar where we filled up with oil fuel and took in mails etc. We then proceeded for Malta the same day and to-day we are just opposite Tunis. So far we have'nt received any further orders but we expect to go on to Constantinople after we have taken in provisions at Malta. Our origional program for the Spring Cruise included the Canary Islands. I am rather sorry to miss going there but as I have been to Malta before it will be interesting going there.

The servants are waiting to lay the table for dinner so I must stop. Many thanks for your kind wishes and again for your presents.

With much love,

Your affectionate nephew,

Nelson Lay.

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BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

February 8th 1923

My dear Willie:

Very many thanks for your telegram, letter, and the "invites" which arrived today. I specially appreciated your writing me on Wednesday when you must have had a very full & anxious day. Evidently everything was most successful & beautiful as well. We had a good laugh at the "Stars" picture & you in your cocked hat. It was really awfully funny and just enough like you to make it ridiculous. The form: The exams were put on to give children who failed at midsummer a chance to go on and in no case did that happen. I only hope the work will not be too hard for John. He, by the way, was quite disgusted when he heard the "Opening of the House" was parliament and not "Laurier House". I am very glad to have these invitations as they are the first we have seen. Thank you very much for sending them on.

The children are just waking up from their afternoon nap & I have to start the rounds of cough mixture ear drops (for Peach) and all the other mum's jobs. I hope you will miss Her in any form for there seems to be a regular epidemic just now. All join in best love dear Willie. Very many thanks for all your kindness.

Your affectionate sister Jennie

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more like the thing. I am
very sorry to have missed
but it was a nice Christmas
Regret me some. All the
except John have been
with Edward Tuesday
was very quiet and was
all day Wednesday. Sir
day he has passed at the
Thought evidences some
to Jamie. He is back at
still very uncertain. Peach & Baby
as well as Jean have been in
had and some of us are able to
he not yet: like Sir said
he wouldn't like to say what
have happened to the family

been here! For myself my pain has developed into lumbago & I'm very sorry for myself. As you may be glad you haven't me in Ottawa. We are all on the mend & I hope today will be the Drs last visit. It has been so desperately cold for the last week but that too seems to be passing. This house is beautifully warm We are thankful for the increased comfort.

Did you see that Senator Ross has lost a sister? She was up here last summer & was very ill while here, but they hoped she had quite recovered.

John has just been promoted to a lighter form at school. Only three boys in his form took the required stand & John headed the three. We are quite proud of him. No one passed out of Jean's

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Ottawa, February 6, 1923

Mrs. H M. Lay,
Barrie, Ontario.

Just a thought on Mother's birthday, dear Jennie. to let you know that I am sharing the anniversary with you. and to say that I hope you have quite recovered from the effects of your unfortunate sprain. Love to all.

Willie

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Barrie, Feb. 23rd 23

My dear Willie!

This is just a little note to thank you for the telegram received on Mother's birthday, & also for the box of ornaments which arrived a few days later. It was very good of you to send them & I hope you didn't mind parting with them for I am afraid the packing & freight would cost you quite a bit. Very many thanks.

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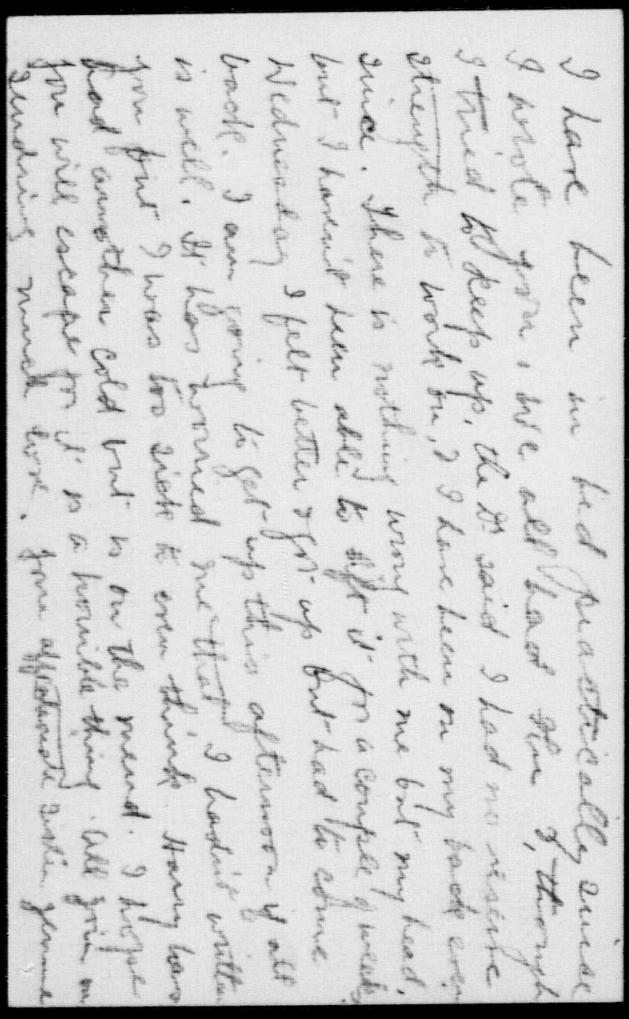

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remember putting it in the oak case which was broken, & tying it with cord, but do not know what was done with it then though I thought it went into one of the big packing cases. It certainly never came up here for I went through everything at once.

I can't write any more just now. We were sorry to see you had grippe but decidedly relieved to see you were able to dance a few days later! Did you see the account in the Star? All join in sending much love & with many thanks from affectionate sister

Jennie

BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

March, 7th 1923

My dear Willie:

Many thanks for your letter of March 1st which came on Saturday & also for your very kind invitation to visit you. It would be a great pleasure but at present is out of the question. I am still in the Dis care & his last instructions were

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not to even see visitors for a couple of weeks yet. Yesterday is the first day I have been up all day for nearly a month & I spent a good part of the day on the sofa. It is the first day I have had any freedom from the awful pain in my head. I have been sick since the 24th January & though I hope I am really

on the mend, I am still pretty weak. When once I get out I will be better.

Thank you for letting us see Nelson's letter. I fancy he is now at the Dardanelles for they were instructed, when they reached Malta, to proceed at once. He would fully appreciate your kind presents! He has never once asked for money or sent a word of complaint of grumbling since he joined his ship.

I am very sorry about the silver. I distinctly

life seems to grow hastie rather than diminish with the years. How I wish they would all come back, more it only for a day!

Do let me hear how you are, and if there is any chance of your coming down at any time, know that you will always be more than welcome.

Best love to Harry, the children and yourself.

Ever affectionately yours

Willie

Wondering where silver has gone!

Ottawa.
March 18. 1923.

Dear Jennie:

I do hope you are feeling your old self again. I was very sorry to have that you had been so ill, and for so long a time. Evidently the flu got a real hold of you. You must be very careful of its after effects. Take no chances of getting a relapse.

I was sorry you could not be here last Wednesday night. and that there is

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but or no chance of your coming down for this Wednesday. If you can see you may tell I hope you will for I should greatly enjoy having you meet the members and their wives. Everything went off well last Wednesday and I am hoping for a good reception this week.

Where the silver has gone to is a complete mystery to me. I am wondering if by any chance Hamilton has that particular box in a safe deposit vault. I am going to write and see if we can discover it. You must let me know the value you place upon it, and I will send you a cheque for the amount, or let you have if you prefer some other pieces that I have of the home belongings. I do hope, however, that someday we will be able to trace the chest that contains the silver itself.

I am sure dear old Mag has been much in your thoughts this week. I have just written Mag a little letter. She will be sure to feel this anniversary very much. It seems strange indeed to think of father and mother and Bell and Mac all gone. The void their absence makes in our

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BARRIE

March 21st 1923

My dear Willie:

Many thanks for your letter which arrived yesterday. I am sure the reception last week was a great success and if you have weather like we have today, your second one ought to be even more so. We read the account in the papers but of course it doesn't tell very much. Your house must be lovely and I hope you will

the trees as our syrup is all done! Our hens are beginning to lay now we get eight or nine eggs each day from ten hens! Surely that is a sign of spring!

My brain is not much good and a little letter is all I can manage. Nelson's letter yesterday said his ship was to go to Constantinople & was to be the Admirals' ship. He said to thank you for your gift & hoped I had a good time in Ottawa. All are well and send much love. Your affectionate sister

Jennie

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have many happy years in it. I am sorry it is not possible for me to go down but it will be some time before I am strong again. It was & is my head principally which gave out & I suffered so intensely I thought I was going to have a stroke! That awful pain is gone but my head never stops aching. I walked to the gate on Sunday & could hardly get back, & spent the rest of the day on the sofa & in bed! It is eight weeks today

since I took sick & it has been a long eight weeks!

Don't worry about the silver. If it has gone it can't be helped but it may happen to be at Rawlinson's still. If not some one is enjoying it, but I don't believe anyone else could appreciate it as I would.

Thank goodness the spring is coming Harry has a pot of daffodils here in the library with twenty-four blooms & it does one good just to look at them. The children are dying to tap

"Boulderfel"
Barrie, March 30th
1923

My dear Willie:

I will enclose this card with Jean's to send our love and Easter greetings to you. I suppose you will be off to New York or some other place for the holidays? Hope you will have a happy time.

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I may go to Toronto next week if I am well enough. Hazel has asked me to go & stay with her & the Dr here wants me to have my teeth X rayed & my tonsils out but wants me to consult Dr Thistle first. My temperature has never been normal since I was sick & they can't understand the cause unless it is my teeth or tonsils. It keeps me weak & miserable though I am ever so much better. Do you think this winter will ever end? Love from us all your affectionate sister Jennie.

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Ottawa, April 3, 1923

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

So glad to receive your kind letter on return to Ottawa today. Hope you all had a happy Easter. Please tell Jean I was very glad to receive her beautiful card and good wishes. I trust you are feeling better. By all means consult Dr. Thistle and if need be other Toronto doctors without delay. Stop If ever you would like to take a little change at Ottawa, please be sure you will be most welcome at any time. Best love to all.

Willie

D. H.
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Lady Willison had a lovely little dinner for me & we went to the theatre after. Mrs Adam Ballantyne gave a tea & had all the girls I used to know. Lily & Rietta Dennie, Amy Wright, Ethel Kirkpatrick, Mary Thom, Florence Lampert Florence McArthur, Helen Laidlaw, Effie Michie & a lot more who all were asking for you and wished to be remembered to you. Cora was there too & we were out at her place for tea. Percy has a job & is going to move and his wife is going to keep chickens at which she is an expert, Cora says. Charlie & his wife & children are living with Cora since Mrs Gwozdzik's death. She has had her house fixed up. Sold George's library & had that room made into a bedroom for Charlie & the next room is the nursery & she has had a sun room

BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

May 1st 1923

My dear Willie:

We were very sorry to see by Saturday's Star that you have been ill and hope that by this time you have gone to recover. This has been a hard winter and spring and there seems to be no end to the sickness. Rosabel is in bed with a bad cold, & with her, a cold always means earache.

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I have never thanked you for your wire which came just as I was leaving for Toronto. Many thanks for your message & also for the kind invitation to go to Ottawa. I had a very happy week in Toronto though every morning was spent at Dr. Aikins' where I was having radium treatment for a spot on my nose which has not healed for a couple of years. I have to go back on May 25th

but hope it will not require further treatment. Then I had my teeth X rayed & except that a couple of crowns will have to be removed, they seem to be quite healthy. The Drs can't understand why my temperature will not keep normal for even yet there is a slight rise each afternoon. They examined my lungs & chest very thoroughly but found me perfectly sound, and I fancy it is just the after effects of Flu which has affected a great many the same way this year. I sincerely hope you will escape anything of the kind for I never was as sick in my life & am still a long way from feeling well though I never look sick!

her I didn't know! There have been meetings on both sides here this last week but I feel they do more harm than good. This is too long a letter to write to a busy man but I have been thinking of you so much lately & when in Toronto so much happened to make the old days very near. I sincerely hope you are quite better. All the children & Harry join me in sending best love Your affectionate sister

Jennie

built off it. We were at Helen Laidlaw's (Mrs Harry Martin's) for dinner & Harry & a cousin of his a K. A. were asking for you. Then Effie Michie had a little tea & everyone there was asking for you. It was a very great relief to get away from the children & house for a week. Except when I went to Denver & when I was at Kingsmere when Mother was so ill, I have never been away from the children for a week since I was married! Evidently you appreciate the relief of getting away from everything too, for we saw in the mail that you had been

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will be prettier this year. We have a beautiful bed of Cosmos ranon drops in front of the House. We also have all our coal for next winter in the cellar!!

I am trying to do a little cleaning but have no strength to waste on extras. I hope if you ever have a spare day or two you will come up & see us. It is really lovely here just now and we would all love to see you again. Mr. Ballantyne was asking me how you stood on Church Union but I told

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said her husband knew you well. We also had a word with Sir Henry Thornton the day he was here. The children have just finished their exams and all three passed with 1st class honors. The Inspector rang me up and told me that John had passed a brilliant exam. He only came 7th but had been in the form only five months instead of a year. At present he is out camping with the Boy Scouts but comes home tonight to help celebrate Harry's birthday on Monday.

If at all possible try & come up for a few days, at least during July. We would all love to see you & you can be as quiet as you like. All the children & Harry join with me in sending best love from affectionate Aunt Jennie

BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

July 7th 1923

My dear Willie:

Now that the House has prorogued do you think it will be possible for you to get up to pay us a little visit. The summer is going so quickly that you will be off to England before we realize the holidays are here.

It was very good of you to phone me from Toronto. I had it been possible to get

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there in time, we would have gone at once, but- daylight saving makes it- hardest. Good marriage. The Globe reports a word about the whole affair and I never saw it mentioned. We are not getting the "Star" so the boy refuses to come up so far from the street & delivers it. We were out at Bruce's at a fancy-dress party (public) on Thursday evening and he was complimented on his "Globe" britches about- the "Globe" said it- had never from a fair deal and had

equally mean to you. I spoke of never seeing a word about- your getting a degree and he said that was just an instance of the kind of thing they were always doing. Mrs Drury looks well and doesn't seem at all depressed about the elections. Wasn't it a desperate turn over! It gives warning to the rest of you to keep busy! It is a great pity the Liberals & Progressives are not together. At the garden party I met a Mrs McLean (?) of Halifax. I think, who said she had met you at Government House there and

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Barrie, July 9. 1923

My dear Willie,

Your very kind telegram reached me half an hour since. Please accept my best thanks for your kind thought and birthday message. We shall look forward to the possibility of a visit from you sometime in August and if we can manage to get away we should like very much indeed to see your new

gave me the usual birthday celebrations this morning with all the honours due to such an important family event. One of my presents was a new Canadian Flag for our flagpole.

Looking forward very much to seeing you soon and with many thanks for your kind birthday greetings with love from us all

Yours affectionately
W.L.M.K.

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home in Ottawa and your peace at Kingsmere. It is very kind of you to suggest it. I expect Ottawa now that the Session is drawing or closed a close is getting empty people will be anxious to get away to a cooler atmosphere.

I had a birthday letter today from Nelson written at Chanak. It was turned very well to reach me today. He may be in England this fall though his movements are uncertain at present. He expected to return to Constantinople on June 25th. We are hoping he may have a chance of seeing you when you are attending the Imperial Conference.

We saw W. Drury at his home last week when attending a funeral here. He said he was not at all cast down at the result of the Elections and hoped to be "back" in four years! I hope they will find a seat for him so that the country will not lose altogether the benefit of his voice in the Provincial Legislature.

The children & Jennie

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Ottawa, July 9, 1923

Mr. H. M. Lay,

Barrie, Ontario.

Have just learned this is your birthday. Please accept my best wishes for many happy returns. Tell Jennie I will hope to get up to Barrie when I visit North York probably during August. I would be glad if you and she could spend a day or two with me at Laurier House and Kingsmere before I leave for England. Perhaps I could bring you down in my car when I visit Barrie. Love to all.

Willie.

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Barrie, July 11. 1923

My dear Willie,

The Mayor of Barrie and residents have been considerably perturbed over a rumour that a large proportion of the Railway men are to be transferred from Allandale to Gravenhurst. This of course would mean the removal also of their families and as this municipality has few industries, if any such movement on a large scale is contemplated Barrie's loss

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will be a serious one. I should be much obliged if at your convenience you could ascertain if there is any ground for these fears.

There have been similar Lamies before which have turned out to be groundless and possibly in this instance our friend Mayor Little is needlessly alarmed. I hope so. We are aware that any changes will only be made if the interests of the System as a whole require it but you will appreciate the local anxiety.

Hoping you are well and with best love from us all.

Yours affectionately.
I Harvey Mackay

Rt Hon. W.L. MacKenzie King O.M.
Prime Minister.
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, July 16, 1923

In response to an enquiry telephoned to Montreal, Mr. Hungerford stated that a change is being made in the routing of freight trains which will probably result in a number of men moving from Allandale to Gravenhurst; the train crews will, of course, follow the change in freight train movement, but how many families will be affected is not at present known.

The change in the routing of these trains is being effected in the interests of economy, and is one of the results of co-ordination of the Canadian National and Grand Trunk. The reason for the change is that the Canadian Northern grades are better than the Grand Trunk. It is expected that a fifty per cent. increase in efficiency will result from the change of routing of the freight trains.

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Dictated at Kingsmere,
July 16, 1923

My dear Harry:

I received your letter of July the 11th at Kingsmere. I immediately asked my Secretary to make enquiries at the Department of Railways & Canals, from the Deputy Minister, Major Bell, as to the rumour, to which your letter refers, of the transfer of railway men from Allandale to Gravenhurst. I enclose the memorandum which I have received in reply, which speaks for itself.

As you know, there is a complete divorce of control as between the Government and the present Board of Directors of the Canadian National Railway in all matters respecting the Railway. This is absolutely necessary if the Railway is to be kept out of politics.

In this particular matter, I doubt if it is possible for me to do other than to give you the information which the memorandum contains. Representations, if any, as to consequences or possible alternative, should be made

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to Sir Henry Thornton the president of the Canadian National Railway.

With love to you all.

Affectionately yours,

H. M. Lay, Esq.
Manager,
The Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Barrie, Ontario.

WLMK/WHM

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The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Barrie, July 19th 1923

My dear Willie.

Very many thanks for your letter of the 16th inst re Allandale and the Canadian National Railway. We are very much indebted to you for your trouble and for the information you obtained from the Department of Railways and Canals which I am passing on to the Mayor.

I met some of your Newmarket constituents yesterday at a bowling tournament at Orillia yesterday. I hope we may have the pleasure of seeing you some time next month.

Jennie and the children join me inbest love,

Yours affectionately
Harry

Right Hon. W.L.Mackenzie King C.M.G.

Prime Minister,

Ottawa.

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BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

August 5th 1923

My dear Willie:

Now that August is here we are beginning to wonder when we may hope to see you. Hazel wants me to go up to her island but I don't want to be away from home when you are in North York. Have you any idea when you will be up? I do wish you would try & pay us a little visit, not just call on us.

saying tonight, when looking over the list, that they can afford to be generous when they have such large sums to draw on. Today is Mr. Saito's birthday. I wrote & asked them to come up for the day but I fancy they had other plans. They are living on the outskirts of Toronto now, in a house of their own.

Kingsmere must be lovely now and you will enjoy the change. We have had scarcely any rain all summer & everything is drying up. It seems too bad. Harry works desperately hard and the place is beginning to look like a home. All join in sending much love & hope to see you soon. Yours loving Uncle Jennie

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It seems a pity that as we grow older we should never meet & I want the children to know you & you to know them. There are so very few relations they ever see! Some one told me, she saw in the paper that you were going to Kitchener to open a new S.S. When is that to be? We had a visit from Rev. Robt. Atkinson last Tuesday. He is preaching in his old church in Toronto for a month &

came up to Barrie to Mrs Longman's for part of a day. They all came down here for afternoon tea & "Bobbie" was so happy. He wished to be remembered to you and said he had tried to get in touch with you when you were in Washington. He is much the same only a great deal quieter.

Very many thanks for the copy of the Harvard Alumni Bulletin. I thought your speech specially good and was very glad to read it. What tremendous grants Harvard gets! Harry & I were

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Ottawa, August 8, 1923

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

Greatly pleased to receive your kind letter this morning. Am hoping to visit North York for a couple of days during last week of August at which time I am counting on spending a night, or if possible two, at Barrie, should that be convenient. Greatly fear, however, my time will not permit my spending at most more than part of a day. Have no thought of going to Kitchener. Best love to one and all.

Willie

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Ottawa, August 16, 1923

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

I plan to be in North York Friday and Saturday of next week. Will be glad to spend Sunday August twenty-sixth with you and Harry at Barrie if that is convenient. Will arrive probably late Saturday night and will have to leave early Monday morning, but will arrange to spend both Saturday and Sunday nights with you. Please thank Harry for letter received today, and particularly for photos enclosed. Love to all.

Willie

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Everyone seems to be trying to work in visits before the end of the summer. I can't tell you how glad we are you are coming up. There has been so little rain that everything is burnt up but we should have corn & tomatoes! Will you come by train or by car? Be sure & let us know when & where to meet you all send best love

Your affectionate sister
Jennie

BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

August 17th 23

My dear Willie

We are all delighted to know you are planning to come to us for a couple of days. It will certainly be convenient and we will all give you a most hearty welcome. I only wish you could stay a little longer. Jean and I were up at Dr Thistle's island in Georgian

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there this week. This morning a letter came from Miss Gibson saying they have bought Mr. Williams house in Kitchener. They are going to motor up some day next week too, so I am going to have a gay time! Now I am just leaving for a sail on the bay with Mr. N. W. Rowell who is here for the summer. They are boarding at a house a couple of blocks away

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Ottawa
Aug 20. 1923.

My dear Jennie:

In looking over letters which came to me abroad this time of dear Mary's death I find to my great regret that a very kind note from you has never been answered. The truth is my public duties have been such that I have had little or no opportunity for correspondence by hand, and all letters which

my time and energy greater than one can imagine.

It is sad to think of Mary's father, mother, Will and many old friends. How I wish they might have been spared to share some of my present life with me.

With all good wishes and love.

Believe me, as always,

Yours very sincerely

Willie

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to write during the period of his two illnesses two splendid books. One "The Battle with Tuberculosis and how to win it." The other - "Nerves and Personal Power" published by Fleming H. Revell of New York. & Unwins in England.

I was very sorry to have of your serious accident at the time you wrote. I hope you have quite recovered and that you are now quite well and comfortably situated. I am leaving for England in a month's time. My life is a very busy one and the demands upon

I have attempted to deal with in that may have sooner or later been put to one side. - for I have never seemed to have the opportunity of writing - I want you to know, however, that I duly received your letter and to thank you very sincerely for it. Poor Max, had a hard and heroic struggle. He recovered from tuberculosis, after a three years' fight, only to come down, a year or two later, with progressive muscular atrophy which confined him to bed for two years and finally carried him off. He succeeded notwithstanding

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BOULDERFEL
BARRIE
Sept. 2nd 1923

My dear Willie:

This is the first minute I have had to write to thank you for our very happy visit. It was really quite a wonderful three days we enjoyed every minute of the time. You were more than good to us and both Harry and I appreciate more than I can tell you, all the thoughtful things you did for our happiness. You gave us so much of your time and I only hope we were not selfish in letting you do it-

coming up though we talked a long time before we tried to go to sleep. Vera brought the children down to Parkdale and we took them to the Exhibition. It was a good deal more strenuous than last year when we went with you! By four o'clock we decided to catch the five train instead of the eight. We were all glad to get to bed. Vera will not be back till tomorrow night which explains why I did not write yesterday. We would have enjoyed a dip in the lake today for it has been up to 89° and most oppressive. I hope you will get a chance to rest a little before you leave for England and that you will have a good trip across. This is all for tonight but I want to say again how much we enjoyed our visit and how sincere is our thanks. All the children join with Harry and me in send best love from affectionate Jennie

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I think it was really remarkable all we got in, in the two days at Ottawa & Kingsmere. That lovely little cottage is a joy to think of and there too you were most kind in having Mr & Mrs Pattison. I am so glad Harry has seen Kingsmere for we have talked so much about the place & Father Mother & Isabel all were associated with it in our thoughts, and now he can picture it as we saw it. You were more than generous to us too & I was telling Helen Martin when she came in today, that I didn't even have to feel that the rest of the family would have to suffer for our pleasure! It was certainly a very great treat. We had a good night

when you were so very kind as to say you certainly adopted Grantley's suggestion of the Parliament Buildings. Thank you for showing them by the Premier & for the same about the Commons & all the rest. I think I am more & more fond of Laurier the things in your book confirm it. I see more wholeheartedly his attitude on children have worked so well. Grantley's question & I am glad he was there for Isabel & Father was caught while I was getting Mother & Isabel let them see a little of Ottawa & Kingsmere. It is like going back to Laurier's time to see the interested in learning about Commons stone. Mr Pattison said the same he said about the marble was a very great pleasure to them and it was very kind of you to give us the opportunity. Lady Shuldham is very so pleased

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It was particularly decent of you to let us meet Commodore Hose. I am sure you can appreciate what it means for a parent to talk of a son's prospects with one of those at the head of his Service.

Hoping you will enjoy your ocean trip and that it will be calm and happy and wishing you a very satisfactory time in the old motherland and that the interchange of views will improve the prospects of world peace

Yours with much love,

Harry McLaren

Rt Hon Wm. MacKenzie King C.M.G.
Ottawa

BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

Sept. 2. 1923.

My dear Willie,

I must just add a line to those Jennie has written to emphasise my deep appreciation of your generous kindness to me and Jennie last week. It is a little difficult to get back to ordinary life after enjoying the hospitality of the Prime Minister's Private car, of Laurier House and of Kingsmere. The many

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delightful phases of enjoyment provided for your fortunate guests will always remain charming pictures in the hall of memory. Please again accept many sincere thanks.

The enclosed letter from poor Graeme Cameron need not be returned. After all there have been men on the bench less brilliant and respectable. I thought you might like to read what he says.

I have sent Nelson some of the pictures we got of Laurier House to give him an idea of the splendours we had a peek at. I hope he will be fortunate enough to get a glimpse of you amid your multifarious engagements in England. My Sister Mabel says she expects you "will be much too busy "with affairs and people of high "estate" to see her but hopes they may be so ~~fortunate~~ lucky.

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Ottawa,
September 6,
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My dear Jennie:

I thank you and Harry for your most kind letters, which I was delighted to receive.

I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed your visit, nor how many are the happy memories it has left. I was greatly relieved to know that you found the children well on your return, and that they had been none the worse for your absence.

Let me thank you again for the happiness of my visit to Barrie. I am so glad that this summer has given us a chance of seeing a little of each other, and that I have also had a chance to see something of the children. Some day I hope you will all pay me a visit both at Laurier House and at Kingsmere.

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With best love to one and all,

Ever your affectionate brother,

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

P.S. - Tell Harry I shall do my utmost to see his sisters when in England. I wish he would send me the address of Mabel and Frank.

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Ottawa, September 20, 1923

My dear Jennie:

This is just a line, on the eve of my departure for England, to send best love to Harry, the children and yourself. I was so glad to receive this morning your kind and beautiful letter, and thank you very cordially for it. Sir William's note which you enclosed is a very touching one. He wrote me a similar letter at the time I telegraphed him of his appointment.

I shall have you all much in mind during my visit to England, and shall do my best to arrange to see as many of Harry's family as possible. Above all, I shall be on the lookout for Nelson. Commodore and Mrs. Hose are crossing on the same ship with me; no doubt there will be a chance to introduce Nelson to Commodore Hose.

The remembrance of your little visit continues to give me great happiness, and I am glad that its memories are equally pleasing to Harry and yourself.

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I shall be glad to hear from either of you while I am in London if you have time to drop me a line. My address there will be either the Ritz Hotel, or care of the High Commissioner for Canada, Kinnaird House, Pall Mall East, London.

I have been disappointed in not getting the china packed to send off to you, but shall arrange this when I come back, which, if all goes well, should be within another two months.

With love and best wishes to all of the children, Harry and yourself,

Believe me, as ever, dear Jennie,

Your affectionate brother,

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(Phone Bromley 1202) Waldron, Bromley,
Sept 30th 1923.

THE DAUNTLESS SPIRIT OF RESOLUTION

Dear Uncle Willie,

I am dropping you this short note just to let you know that I really intended to meet your train at Euston yesterday. My uncle George Spence and a cousin Sir Edward Crowe were also going to meet the same train in order to see a Major Brackley who came over in the same ship and who is the first Englishman to reach England after the earthquake in Japan.

We were told that the train wouldn't be in till after 2 P.M. but just before lunch my uncle rang up again to make sure and was told 1.30. They rushed off at once but I happened to be in a bath after a strenuous round of golf, so couldn't possibly get up in time.

My leave is up next Tuesday when I have to rejoin my ship at

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Devonport. The "Resolution" sails for Rosyth about the 5th and I suppose will be down again in time to take part in the review at Spithead. In that case I shall probably have an opportunity of seeing you there.

I had letter from home to-day telling when you were sailing. They are all well at Boulderfel. Mother has spoken a lot of meeting Commodore Hose. Has he come over with you?

I suppose you will be smothered with engagements while you are over here. I hope you had a good passage and are not feeling any bad effects. With kind regards.

Your affectionate nephew,

Nelson Lay

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THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Barrie, Oct. 2. 1923

My dear Willie,

Your cable of today dispatched at 2.30 p.m. was handed to me shortly before 3 p.m. It is impossible for me to express my appreciation of your kindness in arranging to have Nelson meet you and for the cable telling as that he had breakfast with you and Commodore Hose this morning and that you "found him very happy and very well." We realize how crowded is every

Please give our kind remembrances to Commodore & Mrs Hose also to Mr. MacGregor.

With very much love from Jennie the children and myself and again thanking you for the welcome Cable, which has given us great happiness

Yours affectionately,

Harry Lay

Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King
C.M.G.
London.

P.S.
Hope you are standing the banquets well.

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moment of your days and
feel the more your goodness
& heart in getting in touch
with Nelson. Please accept
my very grateful thanks.

To-days "Globe" has a brief
account of your speech at the
opening of the Conference. We all
think the few words which
are re-printed were exceedingly
well chosen and truly
represent Canadian opinion.
How proud we all are to
know that the head of your
family was called upon
to say the first word on
so momentous an occasion

You will have many
opportunities of throwing the
weight of Canada's voice into
the scales which are adjusting
the world's balance of joy and
woe. We pray that God's blessing
and strength will support you.

As soon as I had
your cable I called up
Jennie to read it to her but
found she was at a meeting
She will be as delighted as
I when she reads it.

Among one or two
people who had supper with
us on Sunday last were
Judge & Mrs Mowat who
were speaking of you.

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London. October 2. 1923

H. M. LAY, BARRIE, Ontario.

NELSON BREAKFASTED WITH ME AND COMMODORE HOSE TODAY.

FOUND HIM VERY HAPPY AND VERY WELL. LOVE TO ALL.

WILLIE.

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last Tuesday. About two weeks ago they discovered that her trouble was cancer. The word came up on Saturday "Operate at once" so they decided to have the operation on Tuesday She walked into the operating room & Dr Ross said, never looked better. She was laughing & joking and so pleased to think she would be home in a couple of weeks. She came through the operation and recognized them but the shock had been too much for her. We sent a lovely spray of pansies from

BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

October 7th 1920

My dear Willie:

It was so good of you to have Nelson to breakfast with Commodore Hose and Jimsy and then to send us the cable we were all so delighted & are now looking forward to Nelson's account of the event. I was very much afraid that Nelson would have left for the north before you arrived. We had a letter from him last

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as to weather when you crossed. It was an almost perfect week and pos Lloyd George has had all you were deading! The Sales just missed you! I am sure the trip would do you good even if you did feel like making you will the first day! Harry? I have read with the greatest interest all the accounts of the Conference so far. It is certainly a wonderful occasion.

You will be very sorry to hear that Wm Donald Ross died very suddenly

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before you left. Needless to
say we were thinking a great
deal of you it was a delight
to get your parting message.
I hope your whole stay will
give you pleasure and
satisfaction & that you will
keep well. All here are in
great spirits and send
much love to you. Again
many thanks for all your
kindness & with much love

Your affectionate sister
Jennie

you and fortunately I had
a card of yours to put in it.
I thought it would please
the Ross and you would
have done something if you
had been here. It is beyond
for Mr. Ross has meant as
much to that home.

Adam Brown is made of
different clay!! His condition
was reported in the papers
every day for some time but
now he is getting better. He is
certainly a wonderful old
man. Mr. Hendrie announced

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the engagement of her daughter
last week.
We had quite a fall of snow
last Friday & now are having
our Indian summer. It has
been a glorious day but most
of the flowers are frozen
and winter doesn't seem
far away. The trees are
simply beautiful and Kingsmere
must be a picture just
now.
John was eleven last
Thursday, & on Friday, we

had a party of four boys for him. They
had a glorious time. You would laugh
if you could see Harry Jr. standing on
any elevation and say "Prime Minister
of Canadaaa!" I looked out of the
window the other day & he was standing
on the roof of the garage singing that
out at the top of his voice! It reminded
me of the story Mother used to tell of
you standing on the gatepost preaching
like Dr. Dickie!
I meant to thank you in the beginning
of my letter for your letter & cable

TELEPHONE
SUTTON 1652.

HURST COURT,
SUTTON COMMON,
SUTTON,
SURREY.

18 oct. 1923.

Dear Willie,

This is the first time I have ventured to address a Prime minister so familiarly! I wish to say that we hope to have an opportunity of meeting you while you are in London. I imagine that your time is fully occupied but we should be very pleased if you could come down here sometime

With best regards.
Yours sincerely
Frank Lascelles

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BOULDERFEL
BARRIÉ

October 29th, 1923

My dear Willie:

We were most interested in reading in the Times, which you so kindly sent, the account of your receiving the freedom of London. You made a splendid speech; by far the best, Harry & I thought. It must have been a wonderful ceremony and one you may well be proud of taking so important a part in. I spent yesterday afternoon reading all the speeches and comments on them. We were also very much interested to see in today's Globe that you are to review the

it into my blotter as I hadn't a stamp to put on it. I am sorry I forgot to mail it sooner but he will never know the difference! The Ross' are not wearing mourning and seem most wonderfully calm. They must all miss Mrs. Ross for she was a good wife and mother.

I suppose the Conference will be over before you receive this but we see you are to be in London for Armistice Day. I hope you will have as good a passage home as you had going over. Harry is at a banquet - the children are asleep but all would join were they here in sending best love and good wishes for the rest of your trip. We are all well and hope you are too.

With much love your affectionate sister

Jennie

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Moore. He only has a week as he had the one week when he went to Ottawa. He is pretty tired as he got no holiday away from home last year but worked at the mooring for a change! We are having remarkable weather for this part of the world, and are still gathering flowers in our garden. Every bogner we pick we expect to be the last! It is not often we have it so mild almost to November. It will make the winter seem shorter & is a great comfort to be able to have the children out of doors all the time they are not at school.

The enclosed letter from Mrs Ross came last week when I was having a tea & I slipped

Ritz Hotel.
London, November 8, 1923

My dear Frank:

I have delayed acknowledging your kind letter of October 18th in the hope that I might find it possible to accept your invitation to visit Mrs. Lay and yourself at Sutton.

Unhappily, every minute of my time has been filled since the moment I reached London, and I see no opportunity of getting away even for a night between now and the time I return to Canada.

The most I can hope for is that some opportunity might present itself to have a glimpse of you in London should you be in the City during the brief period that I may still be here. I am going to Scotland at the end of this week for a couple of days and to France the week after, but I shall be in London towards the end of next week.

This week I am pretty well filled up with engagements incidental to the Conferences,

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but if you should be in town, and were in the near vicinity of the Ritz Hotel, it would give me great happiness to see you again and to have the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Lay, were she with you.

Jennie and Harry wished me to give you both their most affectionate greetings; in this I hope you will permit me to join.

With kindest remembrances,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

Frank Lay, Esq.,
Hurst Court,
Sutton Common,
Sutton, Surrey.

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'Phone
1898 Victoria

115, EBURY STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.
15 Nov 1923.

Dear Willie,

Many thanks for your letter. I called on chance of seeing you. My wife thinks you should not leave this Country without seeing the finest Baby in Sutton "et extra"! accordingly, if you should have an hour or so to spare in the afternoon I could drive you down & back. How about next Sunday?

With kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely.
Frank Lay.

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DEEPLY SORRY TO HAVE HAD NO CHANCE OF VISITING SUTTON TODAY

AM LEAVING FOR PARIS TOMORROW MORNING AND SAILING FROM LIVERPOOL FRIDAY

VERY MUCH REGRET TO HAVE MISSED YOUR CALL KINDEST REGARDS MRS. LAY

AND YOURSELF

FROM { MACKENZIE KING

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PRIME MINISTER ONT STEAMER MONTCLARE HALIFAX NS

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JENNIE AND HARRY

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Prepaid

Halifax, Nov.30,1923

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

Greatly delighted to receive kind telegram from Harry and yourself. Have had very pleasant voyage and feel greatly benefitted by trip. Hope to see you all before very long. Best of love and good wishes to one and all.

Willie

Mr.Mackenzie King,
Halifax Hotel.

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having remiss ever since!!
So much seems to have been happening in the last few months. You would be sorry I know to hear of Mrs Donald Ross' death also of Aggie Pearson's. They were both so sad; Aggie's such a tragedy.
I have been changing maids there had some terrible specimens but now have a nice little girl who will be a treasure if she continues as she has begun. It has all made a certain amount of confusion & letters have been out of the question. I hope you are well and that the trip has done you good in every way. Certainly it has advertized you! Everyone here joins in best love many thanks & hoping to see you soon Your affectionate sister Jean

BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

Dec. 4th 1923

Dear Billie:
I have tried every day to get a letter off to you but it has seemed impossible. Any message would tell you we were thinking of you. Thank you very much for your wire from Halifax. I am glad you had a pleasant trip home for it was pretty stormy here and we were afraid you would have a rough passage. We have enjoyed so thoroughly all the magazines & papers You

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have so kindly sent us & they have been pursued by a good many people! You certainly had a wonderful trip and we are longing to hear you tell of it. Is it going to be possible for you to spend Christmas with us? Everyone would give you a royal welcome and we would try & keep the children reasonably quiet! Some man from Newmarket was in the Bank yesterday & he told Mary they were going to have you at a banquet there some day

next week, I think. If you get that far you will surely come the rest of the way. We were delighted to see Murray Lay for a few hours on Saturday. He was going to try & see you if you were back in Ottawa.

Nelson's letters were most enthusiastic about the Review of the Fleet & he was so delighted with your messages. I was going to write to you then but it would not have reached you before you left. Harry was off for a week's hunt & got a fine deer & some partridge & we have been

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Ottawa, December 5, 1923

H. M. Lay, Esq.,
Barrie, Ontario.

Have received today letter from Jennie and gift of partridge from yourself. Stop. Cannot thank you both too cordially. Stop. I am hoping I may see you day after my visit to North York December Nineteenth. Stop. Fear however cannot be absent from Ottawa at Christmas. Stop. Had very happy talk with Murray who had tea with me at Laurier House. Stop. Love to all.

Willie.

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D.H.Pass
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Ottawa, December 13, 1923

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

Will be Newmarket Wednesday evening nineteenth for Banquet. Could sleep night on train reaching Barrie ten-fifty five, and spend hour or twp provided I could be motored back to Newmarket to reach there for afternoon engagements Thursday beginning at two. Please wire collect if you think this can be arranged. It is the only chance I will have of seeing you all between now and end of year. Best of love.

Willie.

D. H.
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THURSDAY WRITING

JENNIE.

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Ottawa, December 18, 1923

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

Dear Jennie: I am sharing with you the sacred memories of to-day's anniversary. All that dear Mother would have us know is in the fourteenth chapter of John's Gospel, which I have just been reading, and which has brought the greatest comfort and assurance to my heart. Fondest love.

Willie.

D. H.
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LAURIER HOUSE,

OTTAWA.

December 23. 1923.

Dear Jennie:

This little gift is a souvenir of the Imperial Conference which I secured in Paris for you. It will go beautifully with the shawl, or wrap or scarf. or whatever you call it, and that I am sure can be made into a dress of you so much. I thought you might like to have something you would keep as a remembrance

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P.S. I enjoyed very much my little visit to Barrie and seeing you all again, and all so well. My best love to the little folks as well as to Harry and yourself.

W.

of this great event; one of the most important in the history of our Empire, and certainly one of the most significant in my own life. I hope it will bring to you some of the pleasure it gives me to send it to you. It was the kind of thing which dear little mother would have loved.

I hope you will all have a very happy Christmas and the best of New Years.

With fondest love
Your affectionate brother
Willie.

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Ottawa, December 24, 1923.

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

Love and best wishes dear Jennie to Harry John, Jean Rosabel, and little Harry for a very merry Christmas. You will all be much in my thoughts throughout the day.

Willie.

Charge: Prime Minister's Office.

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Ottawa.
December 31, 1923

My dear Harry:

The letter you kindly sent me is, as you have probably surmised, from an insane person whom it has been necessary to have put under the surveillance of the Dominion Police.

If you get any further communications of the kind you might as well throw them into the fire at the time of their receipt.

With the best of wishes,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

H. M. Lay, Esq.,
Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Barrie, Ontario.

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Oct. 1, 1923	Mirror	Mr.King's arrival at Euston
Oct. 2, 1923	Sketch	Mr.King at Downing Street
Oct. 2, 1923	Graphic	Mr.King & Sir.P.Lloyd-Greame
Oct. 20, 1923	Sphere	Freedom of City of London
Oct. 20, 1923	Graphic	Dinner at Buckingham Palace
Oct. 20, 1923	Illustrated London News	Large photos of Premiers
Oct. 22, 1923	Sketch	Group at Chequers
Oct. 25, 1923	Times	Group at Downing Street
Oct. 25, 1923	Mirror	After group Downing Street
Oct. 25, 1923	Sketch	After group Downing Street
Oct. 25, 1923	The Queen	Settlement of Women Overseas and photo of Mr.King
Oct. 27, 1923	Canada	Canada Club speech
Nov. 1, 1923	Times	Editorial reference to Mr.King in "Co-operation & cattle".
Nov. 5, 1923	Daily Mirror	Pictures of visit to Navy. Mr.King with telescope; etc.
Nov. 5, 1923	Daily Sketch	Pictures of visit to Navy, Mr.King with telescope, etc.
Nov. 6, 1923	Times	Bonar Law's funeral
Nov. 5, 1923	Daily Sketch	Bonar Law's funeral
Nov.11,1923	Sunday Herald	Mr. King at Croydon air fleet.

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

Love and best wishes dear Jennie to Harry
the children and yourself for a very Happy New Year.

Willie

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LAURIER HOUSE,
OTTAWA.

January 1. 1924.

Dear Jennie

A very happy New Year to Harry and yourself, and to Nelson, John Jean Rosabel and Harry Jr. This is my first letter in the New Year and it brings to you all my fondest love with the wishes I send.

Your loving telegram was on my breakfast tray this morning, along

Then fondest love to you all, and renewed thanks for the gifts and good wishes at Christmas time. Sale your loving brother.
Willie

love and Christmas greetings. It was what was most needed to give a finishing touch to Laurier House, and will a source of enjoyment to me and to my friends throughout the Near Year and I hope for many years to come. You could have thought of nothing which could have given me more pleasure.

Once again my very best of wishes to one and all for the New Year.

I am sending the little people each a picture of dear mother as a New Year's gift, to be pick away, and an extra one to you and Harry. They carry with

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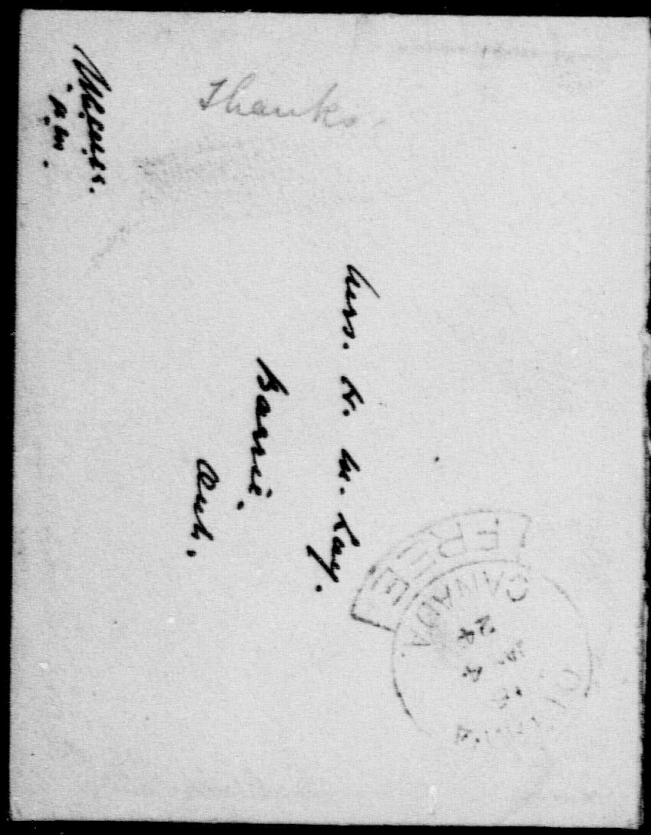
much one from May, and
their loving thoughts and
good wishes from all who
are nearest and dearest
to me brought much happiness
to my heart.

Jean told Ellis and Mary
came yesterday and I have
had the pleasure of reading
them in both the old year
and the new. I thank you
for all their thanks. I
am glad you liked the
gifts from the old country
and that you feel this
association with the
Imperial conferences gives them
an association for value.
That was a very big week in
my life, and I think I might
add in the life of our family.
I never crave to believe that
dear Father and Mother, and
Will and Rose, are very near
and help to guide and direct
many of my thoughts and
steps. The memory of their
presence has been the most
sacred experience of this
Christmas season.

I cannot thank you all
enough for the beautiful
cloth which came with your



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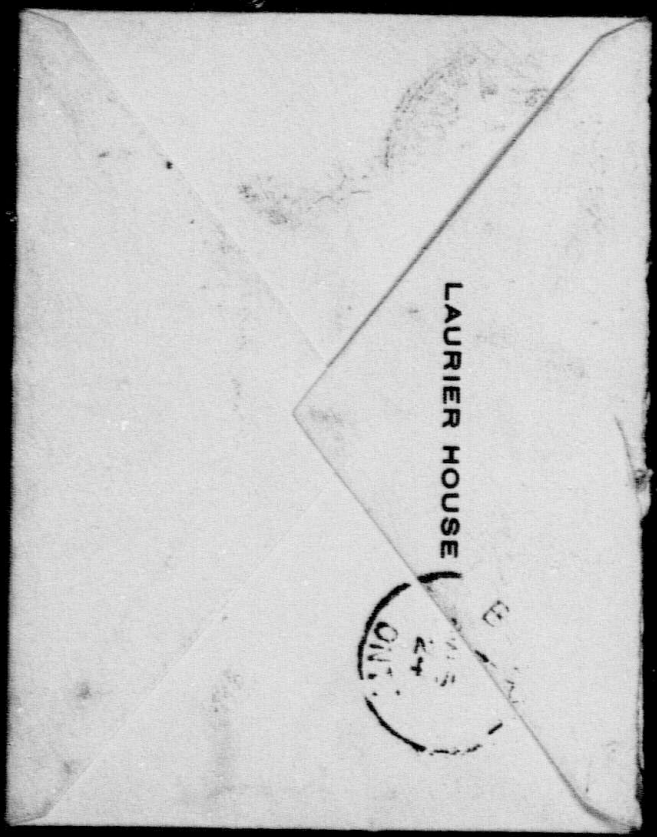

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BARRIE

January 14th 24

Dear Willie

Very many thanks for your kind letter & the lovely pictures of mother. It is very good of you to spare so many and I will put them away so that they may be available when the children are able to appreciate them fully. They were all delighted to get them though Baby maintains it is pretty busy with only this little girl and eight to cook for! I am going to try & get a big girl this month if possible but Mamma is better than nothing.

You seem to be pretty busy yourself so can understand why I don't do all I would like to do! I was at a luncheon at Mrs Calderwood's last week & took my bag, which was very much admired. It certainly is lovely & I am longing to get a chance to wear the wrap! I hope you are well & that you will keep free from colds. All here join in sending best love and very many thanks

your loving sister
Jennie.

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a picture of me! I wish it were! Nelson has his, and is glad to have it for the double association of Lamier House & Guannie. Nelson is to be here till the end of March we hope, though he will be away in London & Goderich & Toronto part of the time. We want him to see his mother's people but he is not going till February. His 21st birthday is on the 23rd. of this month we want him home for that. He is having a good holiday, though, just now

there is little outside of skiing, tobogganing & skating. He is very happy at home & we love having him. I was thankful he was not on the Resolution when that awful accident occurred! It would be a terrible shock to all on board, even if they were not responsible, and doubtless many of the drowned men would be known to them. I am sending this afternoon a box of Turkish Delight which the children wanted sent at Christmas but which I never seemed to get time to do up! It goes with their best love & all good wishes for the New Year. I am kept

Ottawa,
January 18, 1924

My dear Jennie:

I received on my return from Toronto the box of Turkish delight and your not less delightful letter which arrived during my absence.

I thank you and all the little people for this very appetizing gift which I shall be happy to share with guests at Laurier House. You really should not have gone to the trouble, in the midst of all your domestic obligations, to attempt anything in the way of candy making; this only makes me the more grateful for your loving thought.

I was sorry not to have had the chance even to 'phone you while in Toronto. I spent most of the day at the dentist and had hardly five minutes to myself. The meeting at the Canadian Club was a real success.

I have been wondering if you and Harry, or you alone if it is not possible for Harry to get away, might care to come down for the Opening

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of Parliament on February 26. I should like to extend a very hearty welcome to you both to do so, and would like you to feel that it would give me great pleasure if this could be arranged. I think you would enjoy the ceremony and its attendant functions. Think the matter over and if you can arrange it please know that it will give me very great pleasure.

With best love to one and all,

Your loving brother,

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
Barrie,
WLMK/WHM Ontario.

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Ottawa,
January 25, 1924

Mrs. H. M. Lay,
Barrie,
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My dear Jennie:

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Willie

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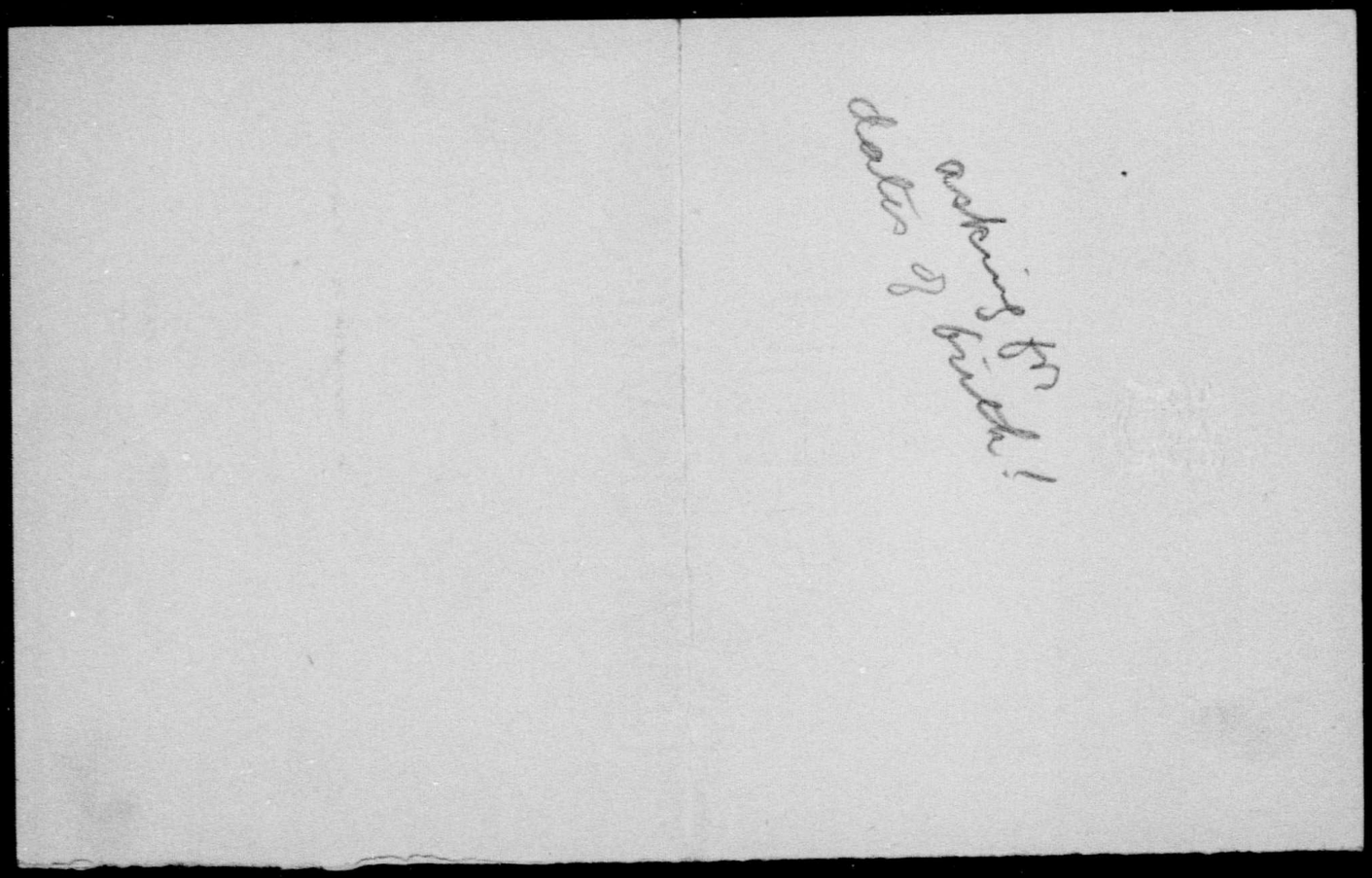

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BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

January 28th 1924

My dear Willie

There are two letters of yours to answer; the one with the very kind invitation to go down to the opening of the House, & the other which arrived today. I tried all last week to get a line off to you but it seemed impossible. Rideau's twenty-first birthday was on Wednesday & we had a little dinner for him, & on Saturday night he had a Bridge

safely and that you enjoyed it. Mary would have enjoyed the meeting in Toronto though we spoke of it, he couldn't get away. Had the roads been passable he would have motored down but they don't put on "specials" for us! It will be lovely for Madge & Mary & Florence to be with you at Laurier House & I know they as well as you will enjoy every minute of it.

I am sorry I cannot give you all the information you ask for! I don't believe Father & Mother knew themselves the day they were born! Father especially was lucky to know the date! Isabel was born Saturday Nov 15th at 2 a.m. You were born on Thursday, Dec 17th but I don't know the hour. You were an eight month baby! I was born at midnight between Friday & Saturday & Max was born at 6 am on Monday. You say Father was electioneering when you arrived so it must have been afternoon & evening one would think. But

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at the Bank meanwhile!
Much as I would like to go to Ottawa, I fear this year it will be impossible. In the first place be barred the cash in the second it will keep me busy to get Nelson ready to go off on the 26th. It is very good of you to ask us & Stacey & I both appreciate very much your kind invitation but I think our happy little visit last summer will have to do for this year. It would be a great treat but we will hope that there will be many future opportunities! I didn't know you were going to Toronto when I sent off the box of Turkish delight, but saw in the paper that day that you were. I am glad it arrived

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painful performance I rather spoils my writing!!
All the family are well and join with me in sending best love

Yours loving sister
Jennie

I really do not know the hour. I am sorry I cannot remember for it would be interesting to see what kind of a horoscope the man would give you. The only person who might know would be Annie Chalmers but I don't think Mother knew her at all well till she went to live on Margaret Street. Dr Dickie was their greatest friend but I don't fancy any man would know anything about such things! My children's births are all recorded in their "Baby Books" for we have never had a "family Bible" to write them in. Are you sure yours isn't in one old Bible? I am pretty sure of the other hours but here in my mind that either you or Mac was born at 10 a.m. I think however 6 a.m. was the hour of Mac's arrival. I am positively certain about my own

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that the clock was stolen
letter of [illegible]
gave me the benefit of
day.

I'm getting late so I must
bed. I had the lovely
me, at the party on Saturday
dir was very much admired
was a good chance of our
to walk the nursery at 24
it was pretty hard to keep
home uniformly hot. I
you have had the same
weather to it has been
have been skating with Rob
this year after seventeen
red; I find I can still
going through all the

of time I used to! We had a day on the Bay last week & the party came back here to tea. Nelson has cleared a good rink on the bay, but we have had so much snow that it is hard to keep it clean. Nelson is going to London & Goderich for a few days next week. I hope you are well and that you will enjoy all the functions connected with the opening. Many thanks for your kind invitation. I have my bad neuritis in my right hand which makes writing a

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The Hut, Binchlands,
Stonehill, Borden, Hants.

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My dear Mr. King:

Thank you for your prompt and kind reply to my request. Unfortunately, a horoscope cannot be made without the hour of birth. In your brother's case the sun and majority of the planets occupy the negative signs of Mir., VG. and X, fixed water, cardinal earth, and mutable water, so that very much depends on the rising sign and place of the moon. These latter can only be calculated through the birth time. If this is not known, it can be rectified by means of calculations based on dates of critical events - such as marriage, birth or death of any near relative or critical illness, etc. I cannot do this but should you wish to have it done, it would be necessary to send a list of such dates and the cost of rectification would be 10/6.

I was not surprised to find Sun and Mercury in Scorpio, for no other sign gives such power of endurance. Mercury there goes down to rock bottom. Capricorn gives ambition, perseverance execution. Mars and Saturn in Posces are very difficult, but they enabled one to stand alone, and play, if need be, a losing game to the bitter end. The circumstances under which the book was written fell in every line. The aspect of the tarcibis trouble seen by your brother with such enchanted vision, given at such tremendous cost, and with indomitable courage, stands out in letters of living fire. The curious thing is, that as in my experience, those people whose nerves are most on edge, and are therefore most in need of this book, are the only ones who do not understand it, or will not heed it. They are afraid!

There is one person who must, I think, have suffered even more than the doctor, and that is his wife. What those years must have been to her, she alone knows. Please thank her for the kind message to me, and tell her that I think her husband's horoscope would be the greatest help to many of us, since most truly did he "follow his star".

Yours sincerely,

M. E. YOUNG

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BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

Feb. 26th 1924

My dear Willie:

You will be busy getting ready for the Opening of the House and I am sorry I cannot be busy on the same business! However there may be a good time coming some day.

I had a letter from May a few days ago asking if I knew the hour of Mac's birth. I think she is all wrong in her idea of the time but I wondered

Nelson left yesterday. We have had a happy visit - I think and it has been a great joy to us to have him, but the time seemed very short. We is to be a month in Halifax before sailing. The children were delighted with your little note last week. They are all well except for colds. The weather has been terrible but is improved & I hope will be fine on the 28th Best wishes for a successful Opening All join in sending much love your loving sister Jennie

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if you wrote to the Registry Office in Kitchener if they would tell you. I know all my children's births were registered even to the minute so I suppose ours were too. I simply make the suggestion. We enjoyed hearing Hon Mr Marshall speak the night he was here. He was splendid and paid the very highest tribute to you. Neil Sinclair

was a joke. It is strange no better man could be found to "accept" the office, as he says.

We have just been celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of our church & Dr Neil of "Westminster" Toronto was here preaching. We had him down for supper on Sunday night and he was speaking most affectionately of you. He asked us to remember him to you when next we saw you.

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BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

March 25th 1924

My dear Willie:

I don't know whether you have heard from May lately but I am sending on her letter for you to read. Tear it up when you have read it for I have answered it. Poor May. I feel so sorry for her. One cannot help admiring a girl with the pluck she has. There is never a whine and yet she has every excuse for complaining.

hard luck.

Rev. W. Brown, our minister, has been called to Kingston and he & his family leave this afternoon. We are going down to see them off. Thanks to Harry they gave him a purse of $260.00 last night. He was delighted. The family are all well, with the exception of colds, and are thankful to see the snow going at last. Nelson is still in Halifax but sails the end of this week for Greenwich where he will be for a couple of years.

I hope you are well & that you will run up for a day or two if you get a chance. All join in sending much love your affectionate sister

Jennie

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We were terribly shocked to see
the notice of Mrs Mackenzie's death.
Has she been ill or what?
I wrote a little note to
yesterday. She has had a hard
time. Such a lot of sorrow?
So little joy to Officer's wife
days by the notice that
Brunaan is going back
what will Emilie do? Poor
if is despicably hard for
Another tragedy is the death in
Costa Rica of Gibson Peat
I wrote to Bradley yesterday but
the paper said they had
particulars.

It seems a long time since I heard from
you. I hope your little holiday did you
good for you must be pretty tired.
Evidently the Opening was a very grand
affair, and you also had part of the
burden of the much talked of wedding!
We saw you had a luncheon for the
gentlemen of the party. Did Madge
& Florence & Harvey go down for the week-end?
I am sure it would be a mutual pleasure.
I intended to go to Toronto to the Carnival
last week. Hazel invited me but my knee
gave out & I had to stay at home. It is

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Ottawa, April 17, 1924.

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My dear Jennie:

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Though her letter to you does not make clear the nature of the trouble it is well, I think, that you should know it was a cancer of the left breast. Anyone thus afflicted would have found the shock considerable, to say nothing of what it must have meant coming on top of all that May has had to endure. Evidently, however, she has learned how to accept the big problems and trials of life and to surmount them. I think her letters written both the time she went into the hospital and particularly the first letter written after her convalescence, are an example to us all.

From what Dr. Sewall has told Dr. Harold Wookey, I gather that the operation has been wholly successful and sufficiently thorough to remove cause for further concern. We cannot be too greateful for this.

I have sent May $300, $200 of which, I regret to say, has gone astray, but may turn up later. This, with the help her brothers have given and other assistance sent a little earlier in the year will, I think, tide over the present situation.

I thank you for letting me see her letter to you; I am returning it along with this letter. I enclose an envelope in which you might put May's letters to me after you have finished with them.

I hope you are all well and that you will have a happy Easter. I am, unfortunately, too busy to be able to get away. or I should have gone off to the seaside for a day or two's rest. However, all appears to be going pretty well in parliament. and the satisfaction to be derived therefrom is more than all else.

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Mrs. Herridge's death followed a serious illness which she had for some little time. It was in the nature of a complete nervous collapse, affecting alike her mind and her body. She suffered a great deal during the last winter and death came as a release from great suffering at the close.

I am arranging to acquire the Herridge property at Kingsmere as a sort of investment. I have secured the Pattesons as tenants and have been able to arrange terms with Dr. Herridge which will, I think, make the purchase a good one. It will protect me from undesirable neighbours and will also give me possession of the right-of-way which the Herridges had to the lake through my Kingsmere property.

Madge, Florence and Harvey spent Saturday and Sunday with me, now many weeks ago. I think they enjoyed the visit very much.

I do not know whether I told you that while in Scotland I saw Mrs. Martin---mother's great friend. She came to the University of Ediburgh at the time I received the degree. At Christmas she sent me a half dozen silver spoons, each over a century old, and has since sent me photographs of herself. She seemed greatly pleased to talk of mother and father again and showed me the pictures she had of mother, one in her sitting room and one beside her bed. If you ever have time to drop her a line I think it would give her great pleasure. I enclose her address.

Again, dear Jennie, I send love and best wishes to you all for a very happy Easter.

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Mrs. Mitchell Martin
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Edinburgh 4 - Scotland

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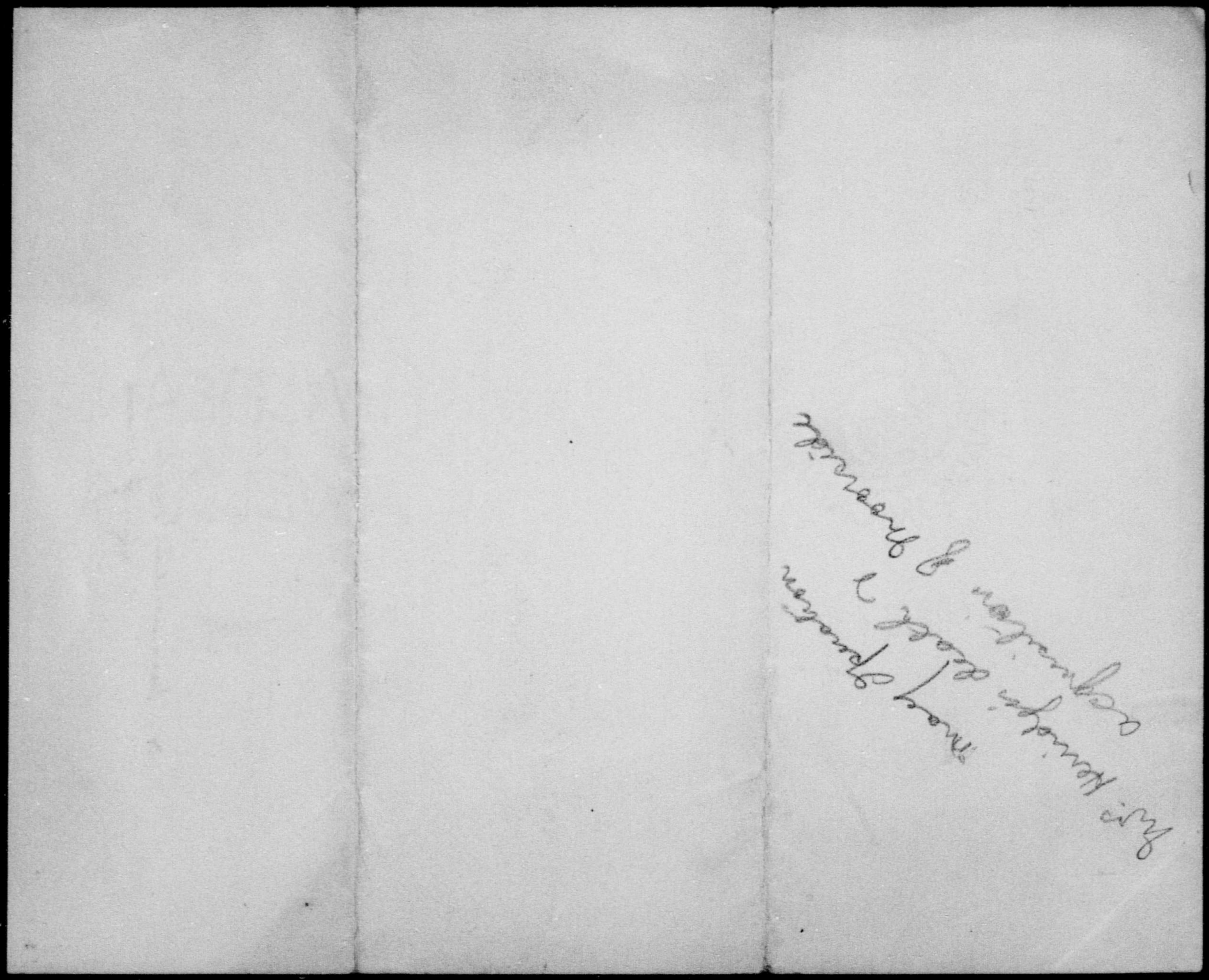

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Barrie, April 26. 1924

My dear Willie,

Knowing how harassed you are with correspondence, I have hesitated to bother you with congratulations, but I must send a line to say how heartily pleased I am to see the Liberal Government making good. A few days before the budget was brought down an active Liberal worker here expressed to me his anxiety lest the tariff reductions foreshadowed by you in your speech on the address should not be implemented owing to the howls of the protectionists. "It will be all up with the Liberal party if there is a back down" said he.

The hope of some relief from the thraldom of special privileges will bring together men of progressive and liberal thought and, as you remark in your letter to Jennie, with this we have something worth fighting for.

With much love from us all, & all power to your elbow,

Yours affectionately,

W.M. Lay

Rt. Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King
Prime Minister,
Ottawa.

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another tragic life of poor Emilie doesn't seem to have too much happiness either. I think you are wise to acquire the Hemidge property at Kingsmere too, especially with the right-of-way through your property. It is desirable to have congenial neighbours. It will be a pleasure for you to have the Pattersons there but it is a big house for them. It is a lovely property & the view from the house is beautiful. I am so glad Mary was with me there last summer. Our little visit was a very great pleasure to us both.

I am glad to have Mrs Martin's address for I would like Nelson to go see her if he is in Edinburgh. How kind she is! She was always very fond of Mother and used to love to come to our House on Beverley St.

The children are all well & started back to school this morning. Yesterday they brought in quantities of violets which are perfuming the whole house. I hope you will get out to Kingsmere occasionally for the peace of the place will rest you. It is a blessing the winter is over. Harry says he wrote you the other day. He is well and hard at work in his garden. The place will soon look very pretty. There was a Mrs Biggs of Ottawa visiting her sister here last month. She said she & her husband were staying opposite Jones. I had her down for afternoon tea & she was delighted at being entertained by the Prime Minister's sister! At least I suppose that was what pleased her most! Must not start another page. All join in best love & hoping you will come see us if you are in this direction

your loving sister Jennie

BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

April 28th 1924

My dear Willie:

Thank you so much for letting me see Mary's letters. She certainly has had more than her share of trial but no one can fail to admire her pluck. The shock of knowing what was the trouble seems to me to be almost as bad as the shock to the system of the operation. It was a great blessing she took it in time. It is the same thing as Mrs Ross had and she suffered intensely without having any idea of the cause. Mary certainly deserves praise for the

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look of grumbling I complain. but as she says she had an examples before her for years. Their lives have been a tragedy but they have both triumphed over their surroundings. Of certainly been more than I do hope the missing money for that is rather to large a sum yet for astay, from Grandpa's letter to me I didn't think she had even stand about her. I couldn't if anyone had been as good to you have been, and it would be a joy to tell. I am very glad I had letters. I didn't write I have been very busy, and I find I haven't the used to have a tiresome

there is nothing for it but to rest all we can, for I fancy the years tell as we grow older. I don't see how you stand the strain for it is mental as well as physical and constant. He would have liked so much to have you with us for Easter, but I feel it is no rest for you to come up here, especially when the children are at home, for I know that their noise worries me & would be much harder on you. Helen wanted me to go down there for the holidays but I am better at home when the children are out at school.

I had a letter from Madge lately, she said they had enjoyed their visit with you so much. Did you know that Gib Pearson died very suddenly in Costa Rica, just after the earthquakes there? Madge said they had had no particulars but thought it must have been his heart.

I had a very nice letter from Emily Duncan in answer to my note and she told me about Mrs. Strange. That was

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KNOX CHURCH

OWEN SOUND, ONT., June 7 1924

My dear Willie,

I have not had an opportunity since the Budget was carried by such a magnificent majority of dropping you a line of congratulation. You have set the pace in this wonderful accomplishment for a great step forward and have gone a long way to reinstate the Liberal Party in the position, which many feared was threatened, of still being the custodian of the Key to Progress and the friend of the Common people. There is heard but one note of approval on every hand. So far from fettering capital, the taxes removed from so many articles required in the basic interests of our Country will set free many millions of capital which will seek investment and so bring new life into the stagnant pools of industrial activity. Coming up to this assembly with several hundred Commissioners from all parts of Canada, it

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was pleasant to hear little criticism of the fiscal policy of the Government.

I must say however that there is some little gossip and a feeling of apprehension going round about the Government's intentions regarding the Church Union Bill even to the extent that influence is being brought to bear upon some members of the Government and those the most influential, to ensure the defeat of the bill. Of course it is all nonsense, but I have heard it stated that you have directed the Quebec Liberals in this matter!!

We are having a very enjoyable time here. During the assembly I and a Bank Manager from Lethbridge Alta, Mr Reekie are the guests of our local Manager Mr. R. P. Findlay; at the same house is your Ottawa Minister Mr. Kilpatrick. He seems a very fine fellow and is a charming man to meet. He took a leading part in the debate on Union and his address this morning, in clarity of expression and eloquent epigrammatic presentation of the ~~assembly's~~ Church's claim to have the exclusive right to modify its own creed ~~will~~ has not yet been excelled by any other speaker. We have heard some wonderful addresses, Rev Maurice MacKinnon has taken the hearts of the assembly by storm even those of his opponents on the burning question.

Jennie was looking well when I left as were the Kiddies. They expected Mr Sieveright to spend a few days with them. I suppose you are enjoying the delights of Kingsmere at such moments which must be rare just now when you can break away from Ottawa. Your cottage and lovely grounds must be full of charm in the Spring we shall always remember their beauty last fall. The Lake is grand but its water a trifle wet! This note requires no acknowledgment. I sincerely hope you will come and see us before the summer is over. With affectionate regard

Yours H. M. Lay.

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BOULDERFEL

BARRIE

August 4th 24

My dear Willie

This is just a note as it is late, but the days go so quickly that I daren't put off longer & the 16th will be here. Will you be able to come up & spend Sunday with us when you are in North York? Of course it doesn't matter what day you come, for we are only too glad to have you any time, but I thought you might be able to work in that Sunday if you were in Markham on Saturday. I am afraid Harry cannot get away that day as he expects his accountant to be

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on his holidays & Saturday is a busy day

You must be pretty tired for you have had a strenuous session and from all accounts there is not much of a holiday before you. Mrs Ard came over with your letter this afternoon. I promised her I would write you when she did but never had a minute. We had Mr & Mrs Tait with us a couple of weeks ago. Mr Tait was preaching for us & they were both so interested in the pictures of Laurier House and in everything about you. Did you know a brother of Adam Shorts has accepted the call to our church here & is to be

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inducted on Sept. 9th. They all speak very BOULDERFEL highly of him & BARRIE we hope he will be a success. Mr Brown, who used to be our minister, went to Kingston last March. Harry was at the General assembly in Cape Breton in June & stayed in the same house as Rev. George Kilpatrick. While we were hearing candidates we had two who knew you, Dr Dickie of Edmonton & Mr McKay of Cranbrook. I think it was, Dr Dickie was not at our house but Mr McKay was & was speaking of the times you used to have at Varsity. He must have been at least about

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the same time as you + Miller
Lash + those boys were at Varsity
Stan didn't know I was your sister
till just before he left so we did
not have long to talk.
Mary + the children are well +
join with me in the hope that
you will be able to come here
as in the near future. All send
much love and hope to see
you soon Yours affectionate sister
Jennie.

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Ottawa, August 11, 1924

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

My dear Mennie:

I was greatly pleased to receive your kind letter a day or two ago. I had meant to phone you when I went up to Sutton to open the Horse Fair on Friday of last week, but my stay there was so short and I was kept so busy throughout the entire time that I missed this opportunity.

I promised Sir William Mulock that I would spend Sunday night with him at his farm. He wrote me some time ago saying that he would like to arrange to have some of the people of the riding in to meet me when I come up for the Markham picnic. I have asked Mr. McGregor to find out whether I could not leave Newmarket on Monday morning the 18th and run up to Barrie for the day and possibly for the night of Monday. I have to speak in Kent County on Tuesday and it may be that to make connections to arrive there in time, I shall have to leave Toronto very early on Tuesday morning, in which event I would probably spend the night on my car at the Union Station, getting

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in as much of Monday as possible on a visit to you. Please, however, do not let anyone know that I am coming as I shall be pretty tired after the Markham pic-nic and will have to prepare a little for the Kent County meeting on Tuesday and another meeting at Woodstock on Wednesday. I have to be back for meetings of the Cabinet on Thursday and Friday and help to entertain officers of the British Admiralty. On Saturday and Sunday Mr. Larkin will be staying with me and on Monday I speak in Montreal. The same week I speak at Peterboro, Wiarton and Guelph so that with the exception of Monday the 18th, I see very little chance of being able to visit Barrie. However, I shall do my utmost to be with you on that day.

I do hope you will find it possible to be at the Markham pic-nic. In some respects it will be an historic affair, a really wonderful demonstration. If Harry could manage to get away at all, I believe it would be good business for him to do so, and I think the Bank should view it in that light. There is a possibility of as many as 10,000 people being present if the day is fine. You would be both of course afforded a prominent place on the platform and I would undertake to see that each of you are given an opportunity to speak, if either of you so desire. It would really be a misfortune for you to

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miss this event if you can at all manage to be present. I should think the children would greatly enjoy the experience. It might well be that you might make a pic-nic of the occasion. However, I do not wish to press you unduly. I am only suggesting this lest you might wish, after you read the accounts, that you had been present.

I hear that your Barrie home is looking very beautiful. It will be agreat delight to me to see it again.

With love and best wishes to all,

Ever affectionately yours,

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BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

August 13th 1924

Dear Willie:

We were very glad to get your letter today and the children as well as Harry & myself are delighted to think you will be here on Monday. Harry is trying to make arrangements for us to get to Markham on Saturday if possible, we will take the children & go down for the day. I am sorry you will not be here for Sunday but Sir William will be able to have influential people to meet you. We were down at Ethel Kirkpatrick's garden party which she had on June 21st her 25th wedding anniversary. We got a splendid snap of Sir William & have one for him if Harry has not already sent him one. He is certainly very fond of you & I back in the reflected glory! He always kisses me when

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he meets me! Professor Baker & Dr. Adam Wright were both asking for you & so were a number of others. We went down right after dinner & were back by nine p.m. I so often wish Mother & Father were in Toronto when we motor down!

Evidently the Markham celebration is to be on a grand scale. The children have been pestering us to take them and are wondering what "arches" are! I would like specially to have John see the parade as it would give him some idea of a political demonstration. You will not have to arrange for either Harry or me to speak!!! Saturday is one of the busiest days in the Bank but the Inspectors arrived this morning so that danger will be out of the way.

We were out at Camp Borden last week for the first time since we came to Barrie. It must have been quite wonderful when it was in full swing.

All the children join Harry & myself in sending best love & hoping to see you on Saturday.

Your affectionate sister Jennie

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Ottawa,, August 15, 1924.

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

Glad to receive your letter today. Hope nothing will prevent you and Harry being with children at demonstration. In more ways than one it will be an historic occasion.

Willie

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Ottawa, August 26, 1924

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

Dear Jennie: I send you best of love and wishes for a very happy birthday and many happy returns. Shall send birthday remembrance and letter just as soon as I complete present Ontario trip and get one free moment. May the new year of your life be the happiest you have thus far known. Love to all.

Willie

NIGHT LETTER
CHG. W.L.MACKENZIE KING

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BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

August 31st 1924

My dear Willie:

We are all delighted with the photo of yourself which arrived safely on Friday afternoon. Just as I was unpacking it Mrs McMurrich, Art, Gladys, and little boy arrived from the Point. They, too, thought it a splendid likeness. I am very glad to have it for the last picture I have of you is the one on my mantel which you gave Isabel a good many years ago. Many, many thanks for it. It is a gift I thoroughly appreciate and having been taken when you

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~~one~~ Prime Minister has a special significance. John admired the frame very much and was glad you had had the photo framed as he was sure we could not have got as nice a frame in Barrie! I quite agree with him and am truly grateful. Also I want to thank you for your telegram first thing in the morning & your 'phone message last thing at night. Both were most thoughtful and I appreciate more than you think, your taking time & thought & money when you are so busy. We had the man here on Friday & yesterday putting the railing around the porch & will send you a snap when it is finished. Harry gave it a priming coat of paint, but it was so frightfully hot on that tin

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roof that both Harry & the carpenter had to stop! Hasn't today been a terrible day? I BOULDERFEL BARRIE got down to write to you this afternoon but simply couldn't do it & went to bed & slept for three hours! When I waked up I felt like going off again but tea was ready & I had to get up. Since then I have been reading to the children etc. & have just got them into bed. I had a very happy birthday. Harry gave me half a dozen stainless steel knives & half a dozen forks. Nelson some note paper which has not arrived yet, John a "Stemo" stove for picnics, Jean two glasses, three mouse traps, a dozen picnic plates & a dozen paper cups, Peach a filet doiley and Harry Jr. some cake tins. The three older children bought their presents with

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their savings & Harry & I had a good laugh when we saw the collection! Mary sent me a collar & pair of cuffs & I got handkerchiefs from Nellie & letters galore so I was pretty lucky. Vera came & got dinner so we had a happy day. I hope your present isn't going to cost too much! It would have been a long time before I would have had it done. I was telling Harry, it will make an extra sleeping porch when we get an awning over it! One thing I will not be afraid of John walking off it in his sleep. The last thing I did each night was close the shutters for fear John might walk out there! John has been out camping with Mr. Reid and the boys since Friday & we have been watching all day

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for him to come home. Mr. Reid is surveying some lots up on Georgian Bay & John is with his two boys.

It was a very great pleasure to us all to have you here for the few hours and I hope you will try & come soon again. I'm afraid the children were pretty troublesome in the car but next time they will behave better! It is such a wonderful excitement that they lose their heads. Harry didn't give Nichols or Peirman anything though he intended to, for he had only a five dollar bill in his pocket & had no chance to change it. It was too bad for they are both so good to the children that I feel they should be remembered.

We read the account of your meeting

BOULDERFEL
BARRIE

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in Peterborough, which must have been a most enthusiastic one. You made the best of the "fall of the Montreal platform" There was a great chance for a cartoonist had there been any closer enough! Did you see the picture of "Pluvius" in the "Star" after your Markham meeting?

Now I must go to bed and I haven't answered one of my birthday letters yet or written to Nelson for two weeks. There seems to be so little time when I have no maid. I am going to write to Toronto & also put ads in the local papers this week.

all the children & Harry are well & join with me in sending best love. Again many thanks dear Willie for all your birthday greetings & gifts from your loving sister Jennie

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Dictated at Kingsmere, Que.,
September 5, 1924

My dear Jennie:

This is a somewhat belated birthday letter, but it carries with it my fondest love and best of wishes for the new year upon which you have recently entered.

You will have seen from the papers why it was next to impossible for me to find a moment in which to write during the times I was holding the Ontario meetings. Mr. Larkin was with me from the week-end which intervened between them, and this robbed me of any chance to write by hand on the Saturday as I otherwise would have done. Our having the little talk over the 'phone in the evening made amends to some extent.

I wanted, too, to write and tell you and Harry how much I enjoyed my little visit to Barrie and the hours spent with the children and yourself. The charm of your home and its surroundings, and the happy voices of the little people always leave many cherished memories in my mind. I often wish I could see more of you and of them.

Sir John Aird wrote to say how sorry he was to have been away the day we called. He

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mentioned that he would gladly come to Ottawa to see me at any time, should I wish to confer with him on any matter.

I am glad you like the photograph I sent you. As a matter of fact, I had it framed a year ago to give you on your birthday last year. Just whether the reason I did not send it was because of a delay in the framing, I am unable to say. The date on it is the date on which it was taken. I thought it was best to inscribe it in that way.

I shall await with fear and trembling the account for the railing around the porch, but shall try to meet the amount whatever it may be. I am sure when you see the great difference it will make to the appearance of the house, you will feel that no gift that could be offered you would give more frequent pleasure.

Let me thank you very much for your welcome letter; I am sorry that it should have come along before I had had any chance to write myself.

I am sure you and Harry would share in the rejoicing which Liberals everywhere are having over our splendid triumphs in the St.Antoine and Rimouski by-elections. They are a great vindication of our policies and help to establish the Government in the confidence of the people more firmly than we have been established any time since taking office. It is an immense satisfaction

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to me personally as, perhaps more than anyone else, I was responsible for the changes made in the tariff at the time our last budget was introduced.

Again let me say how much I hope this new year may be a very happy one for you in every way.

With love and the best of wishes to the children, Harry and yourself.

Believe me, as always, dear Jennie,

Your affectionate brother,

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

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THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Barrie, September 12/24

My dear Willie,

Please accept hearty congratulations upon the result of the last two By-Elections. Even by your opponents they are regarded as nothing but an endorsement of your fiscal policy. I am also glad indeed to see a return of the policy of educating the country to look at the real meaning of taxes as commodities. You have done

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excellent work in your public
speeches hitherto along these lines
and I do not see any danger
in even enhancing this discussion.
I regard the disaster of 1911 as due
to the fact that for many years
the Liberals had allowed the
public to believe that there
was no practical difference
between Tory + Liberal fiscal
principles. The public took them
at their word.

I hope your Western tour
will be a delightful one and
will be successful in every way.

Jennie and the children
are well and join me in
the very best of love and
kind messages.

Yours affectionately,
Harry Lay

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

Miss Burnham, Supervisor Women's Department, Immigration Department, Ottawa, has informed Toronto Office of your desire to secure suitable general servant. If Toronto Office unable to supply from number available there, Miss Burnham will cable overseas for one, after having secured information about wages. Would advise you to call up Toronto Office by long distance giving full particulars. Ask for Miss Duff, Employment Service of Canada, 46 Richmond Street West.

DAY LETTER
CHG: PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

W.L. Mackenzie King.

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Miss Duff,
Employment Service of Canada,
46 Richmond Street West,
Toronto.

The Prime Minister's sister, Mrs. H. M. Lay, Barrie, Ontario wishes to secure services of Scotch general domestic. Miss Burnham Dept. Immigration Ottawa has suggested your office would communicate with Mrs. Lay possibly by telephone. Mr. King would appreciate any good offices you may be able to render.

F. A. McGregor
Private Secretary

CHARGE: PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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you say, & the Montreal Star evidently agrees with you, it is a great vindication of your policy. It was very good of you to write me a birthday letter when you are so busy & I didn't expect one after your wire & phone messages. Very many thanks for all your good wishes & remembrances which are much prized. The porch is very fine but we don't seem to get enough good weather to photograph it! When we do you shall have a copy & see the result of your interest. We were down at Dr Grassi last Sunday & Helen was delighted when she heard there was a railing round that porch!

Sir John Aird's brother died here last Wednesday morning. We will all miss him very much for he was a very fine man; as delicate & refined as Mother & the opposite

BOULDERFEL,
BARRIE.
Sept. 14th 1924

My dear Willie:

Very many thanks for your telegram & for your kindness in enquiring about a maid. Just about ten minutes before I got your wire I had engaged a maid who is to come to me on Tuesday. Of course I do not know whether she will suit, but I am going to take her in the meantime and that will give me a chance to go down to Toronto & see Miss Duff which would really be more satisfactory in the long run. I will write to her tonight as I had a

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letter from her yesterday, telling me it was very difficult to get maids to go out of town, masking for particulars. I was really getting desperate, but the maids are now returning from the farms & summer resorts & there seem to be plenty of them. I have managed very well with Vera & Mrs Buttry but am getting tired for I have been nine weeks alone. The children helped a lot but now that they are back at school I miss them. I hope this girl will be some help.

Our new minister, Mr Short, preached his first sermon today. They were here for tea on Thursday night & he seems a very fine man. They are not quite settled in the manse as their furniture has not arrived from the west.

Harry wrote Graeme Cameron congratulating him on his appointment, & had a very nice letter in reply, saying that "the Prime minister had been his friend through everything"! He is renting his place in Goderich & taking a furnished house in Coboung for the winter. We noticed in last night's "Star" that D. A. Cameron did not get the job he was after; Harry thinks the man appointed ought to be a splendid choice.

I can quite understand the joy you will feel at your success in St Antoine & Rimouski. As

which he took at home, working round the place. I hated to see him go back to the Bank. All the children join with Harry & myself in sending much love. They still talk of the good time they had when you were here. Again many thanks & much love your affectionate sister

Jennie

We have the picture of do!! present Prime Minister hung above Sir Wilfrid's & I would like to add Grandfather's to the group!

J. K. L.

of Sir John in every way. They called Harry at 6.15 a.m. and he did practically everything for them. Mr Aird was always so interested in the children. They had been married 53 years & both loved children but never had any.

Nelson is touring Scotland on his motor bike & I gave him Mrs Martin's address. I hope he will try & call on her for I am sure she would like to see him. This note paper is Nelson's birthday present to me & I was badly in need of it for all my "crest" paper is done & we couldn't get any more

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just now! Harry usually gives me enough on my birthday to do for the year, but this year we went easy on presents! I got "stainless steel knives" instead & they are more useful! You are evidently still busy entertaining celebrities! We saw that you had had Mr Macdonald out at Kingsmere & I dare say the Prince will be next! It must be quite a strain trying to look after people & also do all there is for you to do. Still it is a great joy to be able to have these people visit you & to number them among your friends.

As Paul said "you see how long a letter I have written you"! Now I must get off to bed for I seldom am up after ten without feeling the effects next day as we are alway up by 6.30. I hope you will be in this direction some time soon and hope you will give us a call. We saw by one of the papers that you are to make a western tour It will be a change even if there is not much rest. Harry had two weeks' holidays

Dictated at Kingsmere,
September 16, 1924

My dear Harry:

I thank you for your welcome letter of a day or two ago. I was sure you and Jennie would rejoice ~~in~~ at the outcome of the by-elections in Quebec. It is doubly pleasing to be able to feel that they are due in no small measure to a policy distinctly Liberal and to the publicity which has been given to its underlying principles. I agree wholly with you that what is most needed in politics to-day is education of the public on sound economic lines.

Remembering Jennie's problem with regard to domestics, I asked the Supervisor of Women's Immigration if it were not possible for her to secure a good general servant from among the domestics coming from overseas. Miss Burnham, the Supervisor, communicated at once with the Toronto office, and at her request the Toronto office has, I understand, communicated with Jennie by long distance 'phone. I hope she will find it possible to make some arrangement through this source as a good general servant direct from Scotland would perhaps supply your domestic needs in this particular better than they could be met in any other way. The Department has

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offered to cable overseas once they have learned the wages to be paid.

I am looking forward expectantly to receiving the account for the porch railing. I hope that in appearance it will equal what in imagination I have pictured.

With love and best wishes to you all,

Believe me, dear Harry,

Yours affectionately,

H. M. Lay, Esq.,
The Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Barrie,
Ontario.

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P.S. Since dictating Mabel Jennie's letter has been received. Tell her I was delighted to receive it, and thank her heartily for it.

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