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My dear Forley,-

I am sending some newspapers which contain an interesting account of the recent events of importance. The announcement was made on Monday evening and my attitude in the matter has received a good deal of commendation from the press of both parties. General Hughes is remaining in his Department for two or three days to gather together his belongings but it is probable he will vacate his office tomorrow or Friday.

The events of the past three or four weeks have greatly strengthened the position of the Government in the opinion of our friends throughout the country. The Liberals seem less anxious to force an election and there is much more probability that a further extension of the Parliamentary term will be granted. Much of course will depend upon the progress of events during the next two months.

I am leaving for New York tomorrow to address the Lawyers Club on Saturday the 18th instant. After my return the question of General Hughes' successor will be taken up.

The new Governor General and his family arrived on Monday and they had a very hearty reception at the station. I believe they will be very popular; and the Duchess of Devonshire is specially charming. She seems delighted to return to Canada once more.

The only Minister who met them at Halifax was the Secretary of State who was accompanied by Sir Louis Davies and by the necessary officials and officers representing the Militia and Naval Departments.

My old friend the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, David McKean died yesterday after a very short illness. Foster is in Halifax and will probably represent the Government at the funeral. You may remember that he is one of the two recommended for a K.C.M.G. Another name must be

suggested in the immediate future as to which I shall communicate with His Excellency as soon as possible.

Best remembrances to White as well as to yourself.

Yours faithfully,

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