

the public service of Canada, and recommended me for the position of Deputy Minister of Labour. It was Sir Wilfrid Laurier who, in 1909, invited me to become a member of his administration, and to whom I owed my first appointment as a Minister of the Crown. It was Sir Allen Aylesworth who, ten years later, at the convention of 1919, placed my name in nomination for Leadership of the Liberal Party in succession to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. With all three, I have been privileged to enjoy, not only the closest of associations, but the most precious of friendships. I should like to add that, for most of the years I have been Leader of my party, I have shared my desk in the House of Commons with two outstanding members of the legal profession, the Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe and the Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, each of whom, as Minister of Justice, has brought high honour to the profession as well as to himself.

Words of "advice and admonition"

Having, I trust, made out a case for my right to address you, may I now in a very few words, seek to fulfil the task I have been assigned. And here, based upon long and close observation of lawyers, and their influence in and out of Parliament, may I say ^{at once} that it is not by the amount of advice given, but by its inherent worth - not volume but quality - that its real value is to be judged.