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## PASSING OF A GREAT CANADIAN

The following tribute was paid to Mr. Meighen in the House of Commons on August 5, the day of his death, by Prime Minister Diefenbaker:

"Mr. Speaker, this morning Right Hon. Arthur Meighen passed away. In his passing Canada has lost a devoted statesman, the Commonwealth one of its founding fathers, and the world of letters one of its master craftsmen. His career from his first participation in public affairs to the present spanned more than half the history of Canada since Confederation. He first came into the House of Commons in 1908. He was appointed Solicitor General in 1913 and was sworn of the Privy Council of Canada on October 2, 1915. Later he became a member of the Imperial Privy Council, and was twice Prime Minister of Canada.

"It has been given to few Canadians to have served so long and made so distinguished a contribution. This is not the time to review his life or his achievements, but it can be said that the true nature of that contribution grows with the years as historical perspective makes clearer the real truth of this man and his mission, often misunderstood.

### LAST MEETING

"I had the opportunity some months ago of seeing him for the last time, and I could not but marvel at his attitude toward life and his freedom from recrimination whatever the vicissitudes of his life had been. Indeed, his own words displayed the nobility of this man. He said on one memorable occasion:

'Fortune came and fortune fled. It is only the lot of all of us, at least of all who strive--the joy of the upward struggle, the successes, disappointments and defeats. Perhaps it has been my fate to have had more than the average on both sides of the account, but I promise you there is going to be nothing of bitterness carried forward after the page is turned... Whether now judged right or wrong, whatever I have said, whatever I have done, is going to remain unrevised and unrepented...'

"The page of his great life is now turned forever. The book of our history is richer because he wrote upon that page. His life was characterized, above all, by stainless integrity, courage and steadfastness of faith. I have mentioned the honours that came to him throughout the years and I shall not repeat them...

### HOLDER OF MANY OFFICES

"I heard him speak on a number of occasions and they were unforgettable. He had the unique distinction of having been the only Canadian who had held the four great offices of Parliament, for he was both Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, and Government Leader and Leader in Opposition in the Senate. His voice was heard in adornment of 23 sessions of the House of Commons and 13 sessions of the Senate.

"Arthur Meighen was my friend. I twice contested a seat in Parliament under his leadership. I heard him on the hustings many times, and whenever I heard that man the words of

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