

*Unveiling of Portraits*

land, the artist to whose talent we are indebted for the splendid portrait of our Prime Minister.

(*Mr. Salisbury came forward and acknowledged applause by a bow to the assembled company.*)

HIS EXCELLENCY, FIELD MARSHAL THE RIGHT HON. THE VISCOUNT ALEXANDER OF TUNIS (Governor General of Canada): Mr. President, Mr. Prime Minister: I feel that it is an honour, besides being a pleasure, to be here on this historic occasion and to have the privilege of unveiling these two fine portraits of two fine men.

It is particularly fitting that today has been chosen for this ceremony, since it marks our own Prime Minister's twentieth year of loyal and devoted service to king and country.

Further lustre to the occasion is added by the presence here today of the President of that great country which not only is our friend and neighbour, but was our ally in two world wars.

Of the two men we honour today, the one led us to victory in the first world war, and the other in the second. Now these noble pictures of two great Canadians, from the brush of distinguished portrait painters of world-wide reputation, find a happy and fitting home in the very heart and centre of the Canada they have both served so loyally and have loved so well.

Hon. Senator KING: Mr. President, Your Excellency, and honourable members: We have with us this afternoon one of Sir Robert Borden's oldest and closest friends, the Honourable Senator Charles C. Ballantyne. Senator Ballantyne was a member of Sir Robert Borden's cabinet from 1917 to 1920, and he is one of the senior members of the Privy Council of Canada. He was summoned to the Senate while a Conservative administration was in office, and until recently was Leader of the Opposition in the Upper House. I should like to call upon Senator Ballantyne for a few words.

Hon. Senator C. C. BALLANTYNE: Mr. President, Your Excellency, Mr. Prime Minister, honourable members of the Senate, and members of the House of Commons: I consider it a high honour and privilege to be invited to make a brief reference to my former Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Sir Robert Laird Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G., K.C., LL.D.

[Mr. Fauteux.]

In the long line of illustrious prime ministers Canada has been fortunate to have had presiding over her destiny, no one stands out more prominently for distinguished devotion and service to Canada, the commonwealth of nations and the empire, than does my former Prime Minister.

The Right Honourable Sir Robert Borden was Prime Minister from 1911 to 1920, including the period of the first great war.

I was privileged to serve under Sir Robert as one of his ministers during the first great war years of 1917-18 and until his retirement, in 1920. I shall always cherish the memory of having been associated with my former Prime Minister during those years.

The Right Honourable Sir Robert Borden was held in high esteem not only by his colleagues in parliament but by Canadians generally, and was as well a recognized world figure.

After Sir Robert's retirement from the premiership our close personal friendship continued throughout the years, and it will always remain with me as a revered and pleasant memory.

May I be permitted on this historic occasion to refer to my old friend of long standing, the present Prime Minister, the Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, C.M.G., who has occupied the high office of Prime Minister for a longer period than any of his Canadian predecessors, and who in a few months will have occupied it longer than any one else in the history of the British empire. It is remarkable that my former Prime Minister and the present Prime Minister both guided our country through great world wars and finally to victory.

It is fitting, therefore, that these two illustrious Prime Ministers should have their portraits placed for ever in these parliament buildings, as a constant reminder to present and future generations, and to the thousands of visitors passing through our portals, of the great and loyal service rendered by them to king and country.

Hon. Mr. FAUTEUX: Mr. President, Your Excellency, Mr. Prime Minister, guests of honour, honourable members of the Senate and of the House of Commons: The time has not yet arrived to appraise Mr. Mackenzie King's long political career. We are too close to him to see it in its true perspective, but we all know that history will class him as a great statesman. We all recognize that he is an outstanding parliamentarian. No man understands our House of Commons