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Robert Laird Borden was born at Grand Pre, Nova Scotia, on the 25th of June, 1854, and is the eldest son of Andrew Borden, Esq., and his wife, Eunice Laird. His forefathers lived in New England. His great-grandfather on the maternal side was John Lothrop, the law partner of Pierrepont Edwards, whose firm conducted an extensive business at New Haven, Conn., before the Revolutionary War. On his father's side he is of United Empire Loyalist stock.

Mr. Borden began at a very early age to attend the Acacia Villa Academy at Horton in his native county, and when only fourteen years of age was appointed one of the teachers of that well-known educational establishment, and shortly afterwards became professor in the Glenwood Institute, New Jersey. Returning to Nova Scotia, he began the study of law in 1874 in the office of Messrs. Weatherbe and Graham, Halifax, and was called to the Bar in 1878. The gentlemen with whom he studied law, both of whom are now judges of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, declare that as a student Mr. Borden was already distinguished for those qualities which contributed so largely to his success as a practitioner, namely, great industry, careful attention to every detail of his work, and a firm grasp of legal principles.

A few months subsequent to his admission to the Bar he was offered a partnership by Mr. J. P. Chipman, of Kentville, now a County Court Judge for the midland district of Nova Scotia, and under the firm name of Chipman and Borden they carried on a large and lucrative practice at Kentville down to the year 1882. Upon the appointment in that year of the late Sir John Thompson as Judge of the Supreme Court the firm of Thompson, Graham & Tupper, became the firm of Graham, Tupper & Borden, Mr. Borden having joined as junior partner. Further changes occurred in the firm by the accession of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper to the Cabinet of Sir John A. Macdonald and the subsequent appointment of Mr. Graham to be Judge in equity for