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watchword of his career. There are members of the House present today who will remember the concluding sentence of his last Budget speech on May 11, 1923:

"If we have faith in ourselves, faith in the intelligence, industry, and courage of the Canadian people, faith in the vast and splendid resources of our Dominion, we may justly look forward to an early revival of the prosperity of former days".

We can speak of Mr. Fielding without reserve today, for he is no longer the exclusive possession of the Liberal party. His memory is in the keeping of his countrymen without respect of race or creed or party. He has taken his place among that great group of departed statesmen whose faith and courage established a nation where once there was a wilderness.

Speaking in this House of the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with whom he had been associated for a quarter of a century, Mr. Fielding paid tribute to his leader in these words:

"He was a man who was honoured and admired by us all, and loved by those who knew him best".

When I say that no less can be said of Mr. Fielding himself, I believe I am expressing not only the feeling of this House but of the people of Canada.

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