

Mr. Graham's abilities as a parliamentarian were paralleled by his readiness to serve the public interest in any capacity. Until the very eve of his last illness, he continued to take, in his eighties, an interest in all questions which concerned the well-being of the country, ^{he was interested} as well ~~as~~ in the philanthropic causes and organizations for social service in which over many years he played so useful and prominent a part.

To me personally, the passing of The Right Honourable George P. Graham means the severance of a friendship which has existed throughout the whole of my public life. We first became friends when Mr. Graham entered the Cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1907, when two years later, I also became a member of Sir Wilfrid's Government, that friendship became more intimate. ~~As ministers from the Province of Ontario,~~ We were very closely associated in the reciprocity campaign of 1911.

It was characteristic of Mr. Graham that, when in 1919, I was chosen leader of the Liberal Party at the National Convention, while his name also had been placed in nomination, he hastened, when the final vote had been taken, as did Mr. Fielding, who had also been nominated, to have the gathering express its unanimous support of myself as the leader of the party. From that day, for the remainder of his life, he gave to me constant help in the discharge of my public duties.