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In politics, Mr. Motherwell was an ardent supporter of Liberal principles and policies. There was never any doubt as to where he stood on important public issues; there was no sacrifice he was not prepared to make for friends or principles in which he believed. While his unyielding loyalty cost him many hard battles, especially in the years immediately preceding his entry into the House of Commons, he had, during his years of service, the satisfaction of enjoying an ever-increasing measure of confidence on the part of those whose interests he championed, at times with a force and vigour quite exceptional in one of his years.

By those who knew him intimately and shared his confidence and friendship, Mr. Motherwell will always be remembered as a Christian gentleman possessed of the highest integrity; the kindest of natures, and broad human sympathies. His name will hold an enduring place in the honour role of Canadian statesmen, who have served, ably and faithfully, their day and generation, and who throughout a long public career have helped to maintain in our country the highest and best standards of public life.