

for constant and, indeed, a most intimate association with members of the legal profession. All through my political life, I have been accustomed to dealing with lawyers, and I think that I have gained some familiarity with their way of looking at things. In the years I have been leader of my party, I have had as opponents, not a few of the ablest members of the profession in Canada, among the number Sir Robert Borden, The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, The Hon. Hugh Guthrie, and Lord Bennett.

Law Making

May I make this further plea: While I have not engaged in the practice of law, I may claim, I think, at least in the matter of time, to have had more to do with the making of laws in Canada than any other member of the legal profession. I have had, as well, to do with the elevation to the Bench of a goodly number of members of the Bar. It has been my duty, as well, to tender advice on matters of State to no fewer than five of Canada's Governors General.

Association with illustrious Members of Profession

Nor do I forget, at this moment, and in this company, to recall that the steps by which I gained my early opportunities in public life have their association with three of the most illustrious names in the legal profession, Sir William Mulock, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Allen Aylesworth. It was Sir William Mulock who, in 1900, invited me to enter