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Permit me first to express my appreciation of the honour conferred on me by electing me President of the Royal Canadian Institute.

I regret very sincerely that my predecessor, Dr. J. C. McLennan, was unable to continue his work as President for another year. We expected, however, to have his co-operation and assistance during the present session, but the British Admiralty has arranged with the University of Toronto authorities for leave of absence for him during the coming year so that he may continue his very important work in Great Britain.

It is gratifying that the work of Dr. McLennan and other Canadian men of science is being increasingly recognized as contributing materially to the success of the Allies. The details of much of this work cannot yet be published, but we can safely say that the scientific achievements of Canadians have saved the lives of many of our soldiers and sailors, and will add to the lustre shed upon Canada by the glorious deeds of our fighting men. Dr. McLennan has refused the offer of Sheffield University, and we all wish him a safe return to his life-work for the advancement of science and for the permanent prosperity of Canada.

It is to be noted that two of the Ex-Presidents of the Institute have lost sons in the great war. I refer to Lieut. F. G. Stupart, 81st Bn., C.E.F., son of Sir Frederic Stupart, President in 1906-07, 1907-08, and Capt. W. V. van der Smissen, son of Professor W. H. van der Smissen, President in 1886-87, 1887-88. "Lost" is scarcely the word to describe such noble deaths, which we must see were not in vain.

At Vimy Ridge fell Second Lieut. F. K. Lefroy, R.F.A., son of Professor A. H. F. Lefroy, a very distinguished member of the University staff, and the author of several works, one of which, describing the Federal System in Canada, is at the moment being carefully studied by