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~~In an immortal tribute to the noble and great
who are gone,~~ Matthew Arnold, recalling the gloom of the
autumn evening in which his father, Dr. Arnold of Rugby,
had been laid to rest within the chapel walls of Rugby School,
uses these words *is an immortal tribute to the noble and
great who are gone:*

"But ah!
That word, gloom, to my mind
Brings thee back, in the light
Of thy radiant vigour, again."

Such, I believe, throughout the whole of
Canada, will be the effect of the word telling of the passing
of the Rt. Honble. W. S. Fielding at his home in this city
last night. After a life of intense political activity,
covering nearly half a century,
during which time he filled the office of Premier of his
native province of Nova Scotia and served as Minister of
Finance of the Dominion of Canada for a longer period than
that occupied by any statesman holding a similar position,
within the British Empire, Mr. Fielding, some five and a
half years ago, ~~was suddenly afflicted with an ailment which~~
through sudden affliction to ~~compelled his retirement from public life, and which, for the~~
~~greater part of that time, necessitated,~~ *and* ~~so far as public~~

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