

These quotations of Scripture and these references to Paul remind me of another passage in Scripture: "Woe unto you when all men speak well of you." I want you distinctly to understand that I am feeling that at last my feet are getting upon solid earth, because the Halifax Herald is taking a few digs at your humble servant. I am always worried a little when our friends are too kind in their references. I am coming into my own, I think, when they are starting in with plenty of criticism, and I want to assure you that I relish it and that I am prepared to take it. Do not think that I feel badly because of the fact that our friends the enemy are criticising as they are. The one thing a man in public life should fear is that they should say nothing at all about him. That is a danger.

I want to express, with my friend and leader the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, our pleasure at having with us to-day the galaxy of men who are upon this platform. Time does not permit me to speak, as I would like to do, of them all, or to speak as fully as I would if there were more time at my command. But I do want to recognize in the presence of the Honourable George H. Murray, who was my leader for so many years, the dean of Provincial Premiers and the representative of all that is best in provincial and Dominion Liberalism.

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