

of strain he has already endured, he will tell you tonight that, come what may, he has put out of his mind all thought of respite, retirement or reward, and chosen to continue his membership in the House of Commons as its senior member, in order that, if spared by Providence, he may take his place in the forefront of the battle at our next political campaign. Here, my friends, is evidence of true greatness, and of the noblest type of character.

Admiration and appreciation of party

I have come to Quebec in order that I might, this evening, on my own behalf, and on behalf of every member of the Cabinet, and, may I add, of every Liberal member of the House of Commons and Senate, indeed of Liberals everywhere, express to Mr. Lapointe in the presence of his constituents and friends, our unbounded admiration of the part which he has played in the public life of our country, and our even more profound appreciation of his determination to continue to occupy the place which he has achieved in this province and throughout Canada for so many years.

Presentation by Cabinet

Mr. Lapointe: Your colleagues in the Cabinet are desirous that the national tribute which is being