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The late Honourable W. R. Motherwell

The Honourable W. R. Motherwell, whose death occurred yesterday, had lived to the great age of 83 years. He was best known, and known at his best, from 1921 to 1930, the years he held the position of Minister of Agriculture in the federal government. Before 1921, Mr. Motherwell's public career had been identified mostly with Saskatchewan, of which province he was the Minister of Agriculture from 1905 to 1918. He was first elected to the House of Commons at the general election of 1921, and became Minister of Agriculture in the Liberal Administration formed in that year. This position, excepting for the brief interlude in 1926 during which Mr. Meighen's administration was in office, he held continuously till 1930, at which time the then Liberal administration was defeated. Mr. Motherwell continued as Member of Parliament until 1940.

As Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Motherwell rendered a service to agriculture in Canada which has not been surpassed by any one. He inaugurated reforms and promoted measures which have left their permanent imprint on our national economy.