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In his public life, Mr. Lapointe maintained, throughout, the highest standards of personal and political integrity. In politics, as in all else, he was incapable of underhand methods, or any form of meanness. He despised cunning and subterfuge, self-advertisement, and above all,

He loved liberty and sought valiantly to defend its principles

anything that savoured of arrogance, intolerance, and coercion.

and broaden its bounds.

Canada will not soon forget his eloquent appeal when the present war begun; nor, in the election which followed shortly after in his native province, his courageous crusade for full co-operation by Canada, as an equal partner with Britain, in resisting aggression in Europe.

The personal and political friendship between formal falle Mr. Lapointe and myself has been so close over so many years that I cannot express what his death means to me. I prefer to think of what I have gained from the years of our long and intimate association in the public life of Canada to what I may experience of loss, with him no longer at my side.

Ours was a friendship which extended over nearly forty years. It began when Lapointe entered Parliament in 1904. Our association in the House of Commons began in 1908. Though this association was temporarily interrupted, our friendship became all the closer because of views shared so completely in common. For more than twenty-two years, we

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