the entire history of Canada as a united Dominion.

A country is fortunate indeed that can produce a statesman of the character and attainments of Mr. Fielding. It is given to few men to leave behind them a record of public service so conspicious for its duration and for its enduring success. In his private and public life he was an example of the highest virtues. Kindly by disposition and generous in his attitude to political opponents, he was a strenuous fighter and unswerving in his devotion to the principles in which he believed. Through all the vicissitudes of his political career faith in the future of his Country was his constant watchword. There are many who will remember today the concluding sentence of his last Budget Speech on May the lith, 1923:

"If we have faith in ourselves, faith in the energy, industry and courage of the Canadian people, faith in the vast and splendid resources of our Dominion, we may justly look forward to an early revival of the prosperity of former days."

We can speak of Mr. Fielding without reserve today, for he is no longer the exclusive possession of a party or a Province.

His memory is in the keeping of his countrymen without respect of race or creed or Party. None will deny that history will

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