

# MANY TRIBUTES TO DEAD LIBERAL STATESMAN

## FINAL HONOURS ARE TENDERED TO DEAD STATESMAN

*Impressive funeral spectacle  
attended by tens of thousands  
when Sir Wilfrid Laurier is  
laid to rest*

### REPRESENTATIVE MOURNERS

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the deceased statesman, the first in French by Archbishop Mathieu, of Regina, and the other in English by Father Burke, of Toronto.

The addresses ended, the officiating priests, attended by acolytes, moved forward to the head of the bier to say the funeral service. Candles, symbolical of the guiding light of faith, were borne by clergy and sanctuary boys. The final rites were performed, the final prayers for the repose of the soul of the departed were said, and the solemn service was concluded. The congregation stood while the casket was borne out, and the cortege reformed and proceeded to Notre Dame cemetery, where the last ceremony of interment was conducted by Father Lajeune, of the Sacred Heart Church, which Sir Wilfrid had long attended.

Among those in the funeral procession besides members of the Laurier family, members of the Cabinet, the Senate, and the House of Commons were:—

His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Governor General, attended by Col. Henderson, Lord Minto, A. F. Sladen, and Lord Fortescue.

General Gwatkin, representing the Duke of Connaught; Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec; Sir Henry Lake, Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan, and Hon. William Pugsley, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick.

Chief Justice Sir Louis Davies and Justices Duff, Idington, Anglin and Mignault, of the Supreme Court; Sir Walter Cassels and Justice Audette, of the Exchequer Court.

Sir William Sullivan, Sir Francois Lemieux, Chief Justice Archibald, and Justices Pouliott, Mercier, Monet, Fortin, Lafontaine, Archer, Greenshields, Demers, Duclos, De Lorimier, Weir, Bruneau, Roy, Huthingson, Robideaux and Chauvain, of the King's Bench and Exchequer Courts of Quebec.

Hon. J. G. Foster, Consul-General for the United States; the Consuls-General of France, Japan, Belgium, China, and the Argentine Republic.

Justices Latchford and Maclaren, of the Supreme Court of Ontario; Judge Gunn, Ottawa.

### Parcel Mail Suspended.

The British Post Office advises that the transmission of parcels to troops at Archangel has been suspended. Letter mails for Archangel and letter and parcel mails for Murmansk may still be forwarded.

## REPRESENTATIVE MEN FROM ALL CANADA HONOUR GREAT LEADER WHO HAS PASSED

The following tributes to the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P.C., G.C.M.G., have been paid by representative men in the public life of Canada and by others:—

### FROM HIS MAJESTY.

The following messages were received by His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire:—

From His Majesty the King:

"I have received the news of the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier with true regret. Canada will mourn for one who dearly loved his country and will remember with pride and gratitude his great powers of administrative genius and leadership.

(Signed) "George, R. I."

### THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

From His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught:

"Deeply depressed to hear of the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Canada and the Empire mourn the great veteran and a charming personality whose name will long be remembered in the Dominion he loved so well.

(Signed) "Arthur."

### VISCOUNT MILNER.

From Lord Milner, Secretary of State for the Colonies:

"His Majesty's Government and the people of the United Kingdom join Canada in mourning in the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier the loss of a statesman who was held in reverence in all parts of the Empire. By his long and devoted services to Canada, he will rank as one of the master builders of her national greatness and the whole British Commonwealth of Nations will ever hold him in grateful memory as one of its foremost leaders in thought and in action during the eventful years of his distinguished career."

### SIR ROBERT BORDEN, G.C.M.G.

"It is with deepest sorrow that I have received tidings of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's death. Since I became leader of a political party, more than eighteen years ago, our relations have been intimate and never have our political differences interfered with our personal friendship. With his death there passes from the stage one who was from the first a commanding figure, and during a long period the chief figure in our public life. To the affairs of state in which his life was passed, and to which his wonderful ability was consecrated, he brought remarkable gifts of leadership. His experience of nearly half a century in public affairs had given him a thorough grasp of all public questions, and in the parliamentary arena he was renowned for a singular dexterity which seldom failed him. His vision of public questions was wide and comprehensive, and his sympathies as well.

"Up to the last he maintained an exceedingly keen interest in the duties of his leadership and in the work of Parliament. Indeed, his political life had become so much a second nature that, although he felt its burdens weigh heavily upon him, he would never have been happy to lay them down. His personality was singularly attractive and magnetic, and with this he combined an inspiring eloquence, an unflinching grace of diction in both languages, and a charm of manner which gave him supreme place in the affection and respect of his party.

"All Canada will mourn his loss, and those who differed from him will be profoundly conscious that his death leaves in the public life of our country a blank that cannot be entirely filled."

### SIR THOMAS WHITE.

"Personally, Sir Wilfrid was a man of high intellectual gifts and rare social charm, with a singularly attractive win-

domeness of disposition and manner which endeared him to countless admirers throughout the Dominion and made warm personal friends of strong political opponents.

"His long political experience, the prestige of the high office of Prime Minister which he held for so many years, his authority and influence as leader of the Opposition, with his wide knowledge of affairs and his great oratorical gifts made him a conspicuous and outstanding figure in the House, where he was always heard with the deepest interest and attention. A certain stateliness of bearing and a dignified courtesy, belonging to a generation now almost passed away, added to the attraction which he had for those who knew him or were brought into contact with him."

### HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN.

"A light has gone out from our midst—a very fine and radiant light—and throughout the entire Dominion we shall feel the sense of loss. From childhood I had been taught to oppose all that Sir Wilfrid represented politically, and it was not until approaching middle life that I had an opportunity to come in contact with him.

"The predilections of earlier years, however, found no justification, so far as Sir Wilfrid's personal character was concerned. All in the nature of personal animosity melted in his splendid presence. In Canada we have been noted for the depth of our political antagonisms. It is a tribute to the late leader that he survived more than fifty years of political conflict and goes to his grave with the love and affection of a vast multitude and the personal regard of all."

### HON. F. B. CARVELL.

"I followed Sir Wilfrid Laurier loyally for fourteen years and always found his judgment good. He was honest and upright. He was ever actuated by the highest ideals and before everything else worked unceasingly for the best interests of Canada.

"By his followers he was accorded a loyalty that few political leaders had ever been favoured with, and when, in 1917, many of his old followers felt they could not agree with him in his attitude toward the one big question, their personal friendship for him never ceased.

"I was probably one of his most active political lieutenants. I worked for him faithfully and I respected him sincerely. Even after I left him our social and personal friendship never wavered. I have never known any difference with him, and I used to call and see him frequently after I became a member of the Union Government. He was, of course, too much of a gentleman to question me as to matters affecting the Government, but we had many pleasant chats over past days and to me he was always the same. I am deeply grieved to learn of his demise, for I respected him as a leader, admired him as a great Canadian, and had a great affection for him as a personal friend."

### HON. N. W. ROWELL.

"I have learned with the deepest regret of the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. I was speaking with him on Saturday last at the Canadian Club at Ottawa and he appeared to be in good health and intensely interested in the question which was being discussed at the club, namely: the position of the Jugo-Slavs in the resettlement of Europe. His sudden illness and death therefore came as a great shock.

"He was the oldest, ablest, and most experienced Parliamentarian of our time. He will rank with Sir John Macdonald as one of the two greatest political leaders since Confederation.

For many years I followed him with admiration and affection, and while recently I found myself compelled to differ from him on grave questions of public policy, these differences did not interfere with our personal relations. The House of Commons will not seem the same without him. The people of Canada will join in most sincere sympathy with Lady Laurier in the irreparable loss she has sustained through the death of her illustrious husband."

### HON. P. E. BLONDIN.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier, so admired and almost idolized by his friends, had the esteem of everyone. If the violence of our political struggles brought him some ardent opponents, he never had an enemy. Politically, as well as socially, he was a charmer; by his exquisite courtesy of form and manners, he excelled in the art of making one forget the blows he was giving. The course of events made him a power in the country but in the House by the sole force of his extraordinary facility of assimilation and the unquestionable quality of his eloquence he was always a master. The same may be said of his political strategy. The place he leaves in the Canadian Parliament cannot be filled in a day."

"As to his political deeds, so much discussed, time alone will discern perfectly their merits and demerits. One thing is sure he will loom large in the political history of the last forty years. Cartier and Macdonald excepted, no one enjoyed at a given moment a prestige equal to his own, in all parts of the country. He often said that his dominant aim was to secure harmony of races in Canada. If he did not succeed in the measure he hoped it is not because he did not give to it the fulness of his great talents and an undying perseverance."

"With Sir Wilfrid Laurier disappears one of the last of those who entered public life at the time of Confederation. He has lived to witness its expansion, and has certainly done much to assure its development. It is proper that his death be considered as a national mourning."

### SIR GEORGE FOSTER, G.C.M.G.

"The news of Sir Wilfrid's death came as a great shock to me. He was a member of Parliament in 1882, when I first entered the House of Commons. We had spent together thirty-four years therein and with his decease I am now the only survivor in the Commons of the members of that date. Our relations have always been of the most friendly and pleasant character both personal and political. Our differences were those of public policy only, and our friendship never suffered thereby. Sir Wilfrid had a charming personality which made him hosts of friends everywhere. He enjoyed to a degree, second to Sir John Macdonald only, the loyalty and enthusiastic devotion of party friends and the respect and good will of his political opponents. No man since Confederation has so strongly appealed to the people of his race, or possessed so large a share of their confidence.

"History, a little later, in calm review, will assess his value as one of the outstanding human factors in the development of Canada, and will undoubtedly assign to him a foremost place. He was always a pleasing speaker and sometimes rose to the heights of real oratory. What was lacking in logical sequence and close reasoning was amply compensated for by the lucidity of style, charm of diction, and vividness of imagination which left him few, if any, competitors.

"He was a great figure in Canadian life, but it is in the House of Commons that he will be most of all missed. For me, it will be a lonesome place without his pleasing presence and eloquent voice. Alas, that death is so pitiless and humanity so frail."

### HON. W. S. FIELDING, M.P.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier's services to Canada and the Empire were of the highest value. If he had one wish

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