

0 particularly since the constituency itself is so near Ottawa.
I shall remember also what he said about the affairs of our
country and the desirability of the leader of the government
being in the House of Commons when Parliament met. For this
and for much else, particularly for what he has said to this
5 great gathering this evening, I wish to thank him and very
warmly and with all my heart.

There was another gentleman who was present on that
occasion. He was another Mr. Macdonald, the son of the
late Archie Macdonald, an old colleague and friend in the
10 House of Commons, a former member for this constituency.
Well, ladies and gentlemen, it did my heart good to find
that the son of an old colleague was among the number who
had come to speak to me about representing the constituency
which his father had represented. There was a note about
15 that which struck pretty deep into my heart. It said to me
that men who were the sons of those who had been associated
with me years ago were prepared to give the same confidence
to the leader of the Liberal party that their fathers had
given in years before. Could any man wish for a greater
20 compliment than that? It made me recall for the moment that
I had passed my three score years and ten, that I had got
into a different class than the one I was in when I first
entered Sir Wilfrid Laurier's cabinet at thirty-three years
of age. I was then the youngest member of the cabinet.
25 For some little time past I have been the oldest member of
the present cabinet, but may I say that to me no greater
compliment could be paid than that which was paid by young
Mr. Macdonald when he spoke of his father's loyalty and
allegiance and the loyalty and allegiance which he was