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during the critical and formative period of this young nation's life. His public career was passed in the strain and stress of conflict, in the years of anxiety and uncertainty, when great movements had to be carefully guided and no man did more than he, by wise counsel and sound judgment and courageous enterprise, to lay the solid foundations of future prosperity. More than once his native sagacity, his strong will, his clear vision, his powerful personality and his unfailing tact have served his country in a dangerous situation. The new country presented many difficult problems—political, racial, religious and geographical and his share in the solution of those problems was exceeded by none.

Well might the Empire show gratitude for such service rendered. Well might the Imperial Government recognize the greatness of the devoted and loyal subject. Well might the glorious old Abbey gather together in thousands representatives of all classes to pay tribute of respect to the faithful servant. Well might the King himself do honor to the man, than whom there was no more sturdy supporter of his throne. He loved the British Empire and cherished the Imperial outlook. His interest was broad and extensive, reaching every quarter of the globe where the British flag was acknowledged. But it is safe to say that his main interest centred on the Dominion of Canada—that portion of the King's domain with which his long life had been so closely identified, and which he had done so much to develop. He had seen it grow from an insig-