

Recognition of his services, not less to the British Commonwealth of Nations as a whole, than to his native country, was fittingly accorded by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom when, on the occasion of the Coronation of our present King, he was made a member of the Imperial Privy Council.

Personal sacrifices involved

Ladies and Gentlemen: What I have said this evening is well known to all who are present here. What is not so well known, but to my mind what is greater than all else, is the personal sacrifice at which these great services have been given to his country. With his affable disposition, his great abilities and endowments, Lapointe, had he been so minded, might have accumulated if not a personal fortune, at least sufficient of this world's goods to have enabled him to look forward to years of comparative leisure, freed from the strain of public life and the anxieties it brings with it with respect to health and fortune. He has chosen, instead, to risk all this in his country's service.

Lapointe's decision to continue on

In his sixty-third year, his profession largely abandoned out of devotion to the public service, his health not without some impairment by the years