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(From the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister)

The death of the Right Honourable George P. Graham brings to a close the labours and the achievements of a long and honourable career. It takes from the political scene one who was known to all as a foremost personality in the public life of Canada.

Mr. Graham's career was marked by continuous service in a constantly widening arena. After some years in municipal affairs, later as Member, and for a time the Leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, Mr. Graham entered, in 1907, into the Parliament of Canada on that larger role which, as a Member and Minister of the Crown in the House of Commons, and later as a member of the Senate, and Imperial Privy Councillor, was to round out half a century of unremitting public service to our country.

Mr. Graham's broad tolerance, wide knowledge of men and affairs, his kindly and genial nature, and the experience gained in so many fields of political activity, gave him, throughout his years in federal politics, a commanding position. I doubt if during the period he was most active in politics any man in Canada had a wider circle of friends or made fewer enemies. Mr. Graham was also most effective, as a journalist, in helping to mould public opinion.