

Dedication

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Only once in the history of the Dominion of Canada has a minister resigned because of disagreement with the premier and his colleagues on fiscal policy. Only once since confederation in 1867 has a member of a cabinet bid his colleagues farewell because he could not conscientiously give his approval to increases in protectionist duties, or give his approval in council, and also his support in the House of Commons and in the constituencies, to reduction of protectionist duties—reductions that since 1879 have seldom been made—that he deemed inadequate.

To commemorate the creation of a precedent that in years to come may be of much value, I am, without asking permission, dedicating this book to

Hon. T. A. CRERAR,

Member of the House of Commons for Marquette, Manitoba,

who resigned the portfolio of minister of agriculture because he was not in accord with the tariff policy of the Union government, embodied in the finance act of 1919; and "therefore," to quote his letter of June 4, 1919, to Sir Robert L. Borden, premier, "could not support it either in the house or in the country."