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I find it difficult to express my sense of personal loss in the passing of Mr. Fielding. When he was compelled by a sudden illness to retire from the House of Commons some years ago the deep regret of his many friends was relieved by the hope that he would soon recover his health and return to his accustomed place in Parliament. The subsequent progress of his illness compelled us to abandon this hope, but the news of his death comes with no less of a shock to his former colleagues and to the many on both sides of the House who were associated with him over a long period of years in the Government of our Country.

For forty years Mr. Fielding was an outstanding figure in the public life of his native Province of Nova Scotia and of Canada. His long career of public service had given him a unique place among us. He was a living link with the great past of our history. He had known Howe, Macdonald, Blake and Tupper. When the Dominion of Canada came into being in 1867 he was already engaged in journalism in Halifax. When the Canadian Pacific first spanned the Continent he was Premier of Nova Scotia. His political recollections embraced

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