

political wisdom, unselfish devotion and personal loyalty made of him, in all that pertained to the perplexing problems of our political life, and in the fullest meaning of the words, "guide, philosopher and friend".

Quebec Representation in the Ministry

When Mr. Lapointe died, I was bereft indeed. That, as you may recall, was five years ago this very week. The second world war was on. Only a short time before, I had, through an unforgettable tragedy, lost from the Ministry, Norman Rogers, a close associate in the work of government over many years, and a colleague who was most promising among the younger Ministers. Still more recently, my closest adviser in the permanent service, Dr. Skelton, for many years Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, the one best informed on international problems, had passed away. I wondered, indeed, many times, if it were going to be possible for me to carry on.

I doubt if I should have found it possible to continue to lead, had Mr. St. Laurent not responded to the call of duty, and entered the Ministry when he did. How true this is, will be seen in an instant when I remind you that it was less than three months after Mr. St. Laurent came to Ottawa that Senator Dandurand passed away, and but two months thereafter that Mr. Cardin resigned from the Ministry. Senator Dandurand was not only the Leader of the