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The country is fortunate indeed that can produce a statesman of the character and attainments of Mr. Fielding. It is given to few men to leave behind them a record of public service so conspicuous for its duration and for its ~~enduring~~ <sup>inherent worth</sup> ~~success~~. In his private and public life he was an example of the highest virtues. Kindly by disposition and generous in his attitude to political opponents, he was a strenuous fighter and unswerving in his devotion to the principles in which he believed. He was a life-long Liberal, and ardent at all times in his advocacy of policies in which he believed. Above all he was a true patriot, and I believe he would <sup>have</sup> wish most to be remembered by his faith in the future of Canada as an integral part of the British Empire.

To me personally the word of Mr. Fielding's death, reviving, as it has, memories of the many years in which I was privileged to share with him an intimate association in Parliament and in the Government, has served to revive, as well, a sense of abiding obligation in what I owe to his constant friendship, <sup>Counsel</sup> ~~guidance~~, and co-operation in

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