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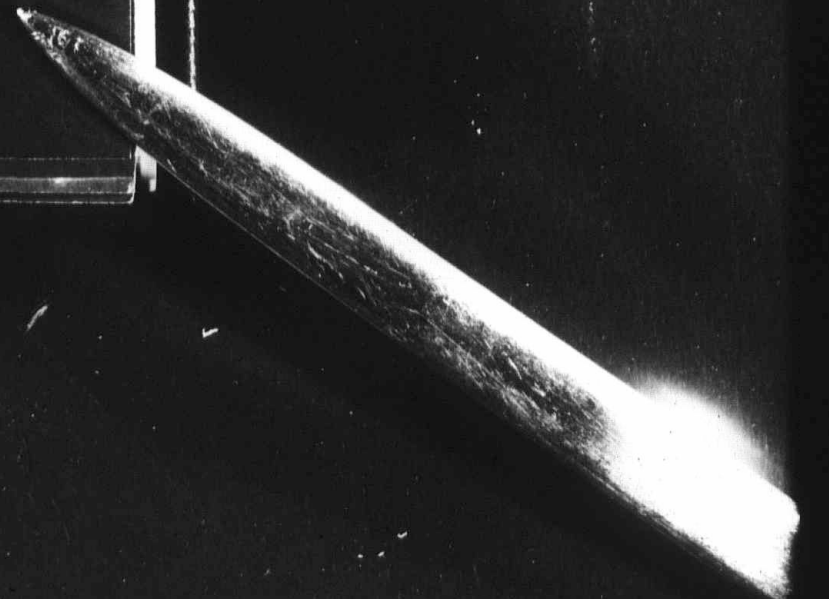


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The other gift I should like to signalize is one not easily described, but I shall not be misunderstood when I speak of his natural dignity and grace of mind and disposition. Sir Wilfrid's influence, so widely pervasive in the public life of his time, was always conspicuously a most powerful agency in elevating the tone of public discussion and in imparting dignity and breadth of mind to the working of great political institutions. In this, as well as in his intellectual distinction and in his uncompromising uprightness, he gave a norm and pattern of the public man which constituted an invaluable possession for the people of this country.

There is one observation I should like to make touching his political career. There is one aspect of that career upon which all men, whatever their views as to particular policies and public acts, must look with satisfaction and admiration. One purpose he pursued steadily throughout his whole career, through good report and through evil report: I mean the development of a common Canadian spirit before which the separatist tendencies arising from the divergence of race and religion should be minimized. His lofty example in this is a legacy of priceless value to his fellow country-men. His



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