

van," one can never think of him as anything but essentially modest and unassertive. You all know what his bearing was on the various occasions on which he was seen in our midst, inwardly glad, no doubt, to receive the homage of our love and praise, but genuinely anxious at the same time that no one should be put to any inconvenience because of him. And all the qualities of which he gave evidence in public were familiar to those who knew him in his home. The death of his wife, but ten short weeks before his own, was naturally the greatest sorrow of his whole life. One who saw much of him at the time has told me how it seemed to shake his soul to its depths, and thereafter he was as a stricken man. The friends who met the aged pair on the occasion of their last visit to Montreal will recall some of the instances of the kindly humour that always characterized their intercourse with each other: and it is a satisfaction to remember, now they are both gone, that through their loving and devoted daughter their lineage is continued in the third generation.

Lord Strathcona lived a strenuous and a useful life. I have said that it was characterized by courage and high resolve in critical and anxious times. As some one said the other day, he always showed that he could rise to the height of great occasions. But alongside of that should be placed the continuous response to constant applications for public and private charity, to which his resources were fortunately adequate—a charity that was never exercised, be it remembered, in mechanical fashion, but always with some personal touch of kindly courtesy and consideration. Even in his latest days he was thinking of what he could do for others: and it ought to be mentioned here that, evidently remembering of his own accord a certain payment which he was in the habit of making to the Royal Victoria College about the time of the New Year, he cabled me the sum of \$45,000 this day last week, practically on the very day before he died. He was given to hospitality; and his Montreal home was long a recognized place of meeting for many who, under the divided conditions of our civic life, seldom met anywhere else.