

from the avoidance of extremes, and seeking for the happy mean in the solution of internal and international differences, the wise counsel and sound judgment of Ernest Lapointe, I doubt whether I should have borne the heavy burdens of office for so many years.

The necessity for joint leadership today

May I add that a relationship similar to that between Mackenzie and Papineau, Baldwin and Lafontaine, Macdonald and Cartier, is as necessary today, if not more necessary, than it ever was at any period in our history. No Ministry which cannot bring to its council table, in close and intimate association, men of the two great races which have given to our country its distinctive character and culture, can hope to govern Canada as it should be governed, if we are to maintain the unity, and fulfil the destiny which is rightfully ours.

Public recognition of Lapointe's services

Ernest Lapointe enjoys many distinctions. He is the senior member of the House of Commons in point of service, and he has no superior and few equals, in Parliament. He has the respect, admiration, and affection of the members of all parties from all sections of the country. He is regarded by Canadians everywhere, as a great Canadian.