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The word of the death of The Honourable Senator Forke, though not unexpected, brings with it a sense of national loss.

Mr. Forke was representative of the type of citizen which has contributed more to the making of Canada than any other class. He had all the best characteristics of the sturdy pioneers who have done so much to develop settlement and government in Canada. In his personal and public life he exemplified in the highest degree the qualities of industry, intelligence and integrity so marked in many of the Scotch race to which he belonged. Possessed of an ardent desire to further the betterment of his fellowmen, and endowed with a keen sense of responsibility to the community and country in which he lived, Mr. Forke brought these qualities to bear in a most unselfish and patriotic manner throughout a long life of public service.

Beginning his public service in the humble sphere of Reeve of the municipality of Pipestone, which office he held for twenty years, he came, in the course of time, to be, not only member in the House of Commons of Canada for the constituency in which Pipestone was located, but a Minister of the Crown, and a member of the Canadian Senate. When the more advanced Liberalism of Western Canada gave birth to the formation of the Progressive Party, prior to the return of a Liberal administration to power in 1921, Mr. Forke became one of the recognized leaders of the new

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