

barristers in our country, I cannot be too grateful to the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada for the honour they have done his son in conferring on him the degree of Barrister-at-Law, and the distinction of Honorary Bencher of the Law Society. I accept the two-fold honour, thus conferred, with feelings of truest pride, but in deep humility. I know that nothing could have afforded my father more in the way of happiness than to have had my name find a place along with his on the long and honourable roll of members of the legal profession of Ontario. I thank the Law Society of Upper Canada for this exceptional tribute to my father's memory.

Long tenure of office as Prime Minister

The other reason mentioned by the Treasurer, for the honour being conferred, was my long tenure of office as Prime Minister.

When I was made an Honorary Bencher of Gray's Inn I was quick to recognize that the honour had come to me through a desire on the part of the legal profession in England to express, in a manner appropriate to the profession, appreciation of the all-important part which Canada, as a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, has taken in the development of Commonwealth Relations, and in the preservation of freedom. Today, I am happy to recognize,