

Within that period, the influence of the life of each upon the public life of Canada, upon inter-imperial and international affairs, was greater than that of any other of the many gifted sons of the old province of Quebec.

So faithful in all things was Mr. Lapointe to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and to the Laurier tradition, that the lives of the two, in point of succession, were as one. Never had a master a truer disciple. Never was there a follower whose thoughts and convictions were more completely those of his leader. Each, to his own generation, exemplified the same chivalrous characteristics, the same generous tolerance and ~~the~~ broad outlook upon national and international affairs. All that Mr. Lapointe wrote of the aims, the methods, the example of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the tribute he paid to his memory on the one hundredth anniversary of his birth, might be said today of Mr. Lapointe himself.

I shall have to await another occasion to speak of Mr. Lapointe's truly great political career, of the pre-eminent position he held in Parliament, of the place he held in the affections of the people, of his contributions to the unity of Canada, to the unity of the British Commonwealth, and to international good-will. We are still too close to the events themselves, and the confusion of our times is too great for us to see in its true perspective his outstanding service to his

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