

political controversies. Happily, much of their bitterness has long since disappeared, and I should be the last to wish to revive it. I may be pardoned, however, if I say that the association my mother's father had with this great city in its early beginnings, the associations he had with the constituency of North York, that fine old stronghold of Liberalism; the part he played in helping to bring about responsible government in this country; the exile he suffered because of that struggle, the imprisonment he endured; my mother's birth at a time when her father was still a political exile, and ^{the} family circumstances those of extreme poverty and adversity; Mackenzie's return to this country; the warmth of the welcome extended to him by the Liberals of Canada and his return to Parliament - all of these things made a deep impression upon me as a young man, and, if I am in politics today, I believe that the reason, more than anything else, has been a desire, the deepest in my heart, that I might to some extent be able, on behalf of the less fortunate of my fellow-men, to carry on the struggle for a wider freedom to which my grandfather devoted his life.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier

May I speak of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. As quite a young man, I enjoyed the highest honour, I believe, which can come, in a lifetime, to any man, the honour of being chosen by