In the passing of the Hon. Frank Oliver, there has been taken from our midst one of the most conspicuous figures in the development of our country, and in its public life. In his day in Western Canada, Mr. Oliver was first as well as foremost in many fields of activity associated with progress. Considering the part he played in settlement, in government and in the formation of an enlightened public opinion, his name will may well be regarded as worthy of a place among the makers of Canada.

It is doubtful if those who shared the friendship of Mr. Oliver will ever again be privileged to talk with one who, within Parliament and without its halls, had as much to do with giving to the map of Western Canada the lines of its present and future development. In his advanced years, he had become the sole survivor of those who had held a place in the Council of the Northwest Territories and the in the Dominion Cabinet. Of the former body he was the first elected member. In the latter he was for years Minister of the Interior. He was also one of the few remaining Finks between the present day and those of the Laurier Administration.

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