

occasioned feelings of the deepest sadness. It seemed for the time being to cast a shadow over all the ~~year~~ preceding years. That shadow has now passed, and to-day its passing brings him back in the light of his radiant vigour again. This sentiment, I believe, describes more adequately than any other what is being felt throughout Canada to-day. It is not so much the nation's sense of loss:- that came when, over five years ago, Mr. Fielding's presence was withdrawn from the House of Commons, rather is it a consciousness of gain in that a life so truly great and noble should have come once more into its own.

We can speak of Mr. Fielding without reserve to-day, for he <sup>has long since ceased to be</sup> ~~is no longer~~ the exclusive possession of a party or of a province. His memory is in the keeping of his countrymen without respect of race or creed or party. None will deny that history will award him a place of highest honour among those devoted statesmen, whose faith and courage have helped to establish the firm foundation of a Canadian nation as a part of the great British commonwealth of nations.