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Canadians everywhere to-day, regardless of political affiliation, will gladly do honour to the name of the Honourable W. S. Fielding, upon the completion of his fortieth year in public life. Or, rather, upon his entry into the forty-first year of his political activities. For Mr. Fielding's outlook is not toward the forty years of service that are behind, so much as to the years of new opportunity that lie ahead. "The best is yet to be", is characteristic, I believe, of his attitude toward his own work, as it is of his faith in the future of the Dominion. Certainly, those who are most intimately associated with him have reason to feel that added years have only served to enhance the value of his counsels and to increase his usefulness in the administration of the affairs of the people.

Mr. Fielding's political career of now forty years is sufficient testimony to his genius for politics and the art of statesmanship. The prosperity of the country during the years of his service as Minister of Finance is a monument alike to his constructive capacity and to his vision of the future. The confidence in which

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