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The Prime Minister received word of Mr. Graham's death, at Laurier House, in a 'phone message from Mr. George Fulford, M.P., from Brockville this evening. Mr. King expressed himself as deeply pained to learn of the passing of one with whom he had been so closely associated throughout the years of his public life. They had been Ministers together in the Cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Mr. Graham, up to the time of his appointment to the Senate, had been a member of the administration formed by Mr. King when the Liberals were returned to power in 1921.

Of the Ministers who were, or had been members of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Cabinet at the time Mr. King was appointed as Minister of Labour in 1909, Sir William Mulock and Sir Alan Aylesworth now alone remain. Of the Ministers who were members of Mr. King's cabinet, as well as Sir Wilfrid's, Mr. Graham was the sole survivor. The severance of this link with the past and all that it represented in a life-long political friendship, was something, Mr. King said, which he felt very keenly.