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personal references. I would like to avail myself of this occasion, which is one primarily in the nature of a party gathering, to say, in a word or two, what I feel I owe to some of the lives which have meant very much to my own in my task of leadership of the party. Twenty years is a long time to lead a political party. I imagine that no one wonders more than I do myself how it has come about that, twenty years after the great convention of 1919, I should still find myself at the head of the party.

I should like to thank the members of the committee who, in providing the badge which has been presented to each of the guests, arranged to place on either side of the little portrait of myself, which it contains, the portrait of my mother's father and also the portrait of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Those two lives, ladies and gentlemen, have, I think, influenced my own political life more than any others.

William Lyon Mackenzie

My earliest thoughts of politics were associated with the story of our family as I came to know it as a very little lad. The circumstances surrounding the early struggle for freedom in this country were circumstances which, even in childhood days, became very real to me. I am not going to speak of old