

# A Story of Public Service

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When a man enters public life in the role of a member of Parliament, he soon adjusts to its proper focus the true estimate of his character and worth. It does not take long to classify him as one of two distinct types. Either.

(1) He considers his constituents are more or less honoured in having him as their representative, or

(2) He considers himself honoured by the trust his constituents have placed in him, and conscientiously endeavours to repay this trust with genuine service.

No one will hesitate for an instant to admit that the latter classification admirably fits the present member for Selkirk in the House of Commons, Mr. George H. Bradbury. From the first day when Mr. Bradbury entered the arena of Federal Politics, he has allowed nothing to daunt him in his determination to serve faithfully and well the people of Selkirk, who have always manifested in such unmistakable fashion their trust in him.

During the years he sat in opposition he was equally indefatigable in the interests of the people of Selkirk County as he is to-day with his party in power. There is no man in the House of Commons who in an equal length of time has rendered greater service to his constituents than Mr. Bradbury. But there are men in the Commons who have used their position to enhance their own interests—who entered Parliament poor and to-day are rich. **Mr. Bradbury is not one of these.** Serving his constituents, the people of Selkirk, is for Mr. Bradbury, a gratuitous service, willingly rendered. It is for him in reality a sacrifice for had he remained in commercial life he would to-day be much better off financially.

The appreciation of Mr. Bradbury's efforts on behalf of his county is far more than local or even provincial—it is Dominion-wide. The leading newspapers of Canada have frequently referred to his persistently good work. The following extracts are a few of many which might be given, but they give an excellent idea of the high regard in which Mr. Bradbury is held throughout Canada:

## **The Ottawa "Evening Journal".**

The "Ottawa Evening Journal" in March 1913, commenting upon Mr. Bradbury's work in the House of Commons, said,—

"Mr. George H. Bradbury, M.P., for Selkirk is a delightful man to meet. Tall and well built, as he extends his hand his keen blue eyes, set far beneath shaggy brows, kindle with unaffected pleasure, as though you were the very person he had been wanting to see for weeks.