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Rt Hon W S Fielding

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Once more our country is called upon to mourn the loss of one whose name in all parts of Canada is a household word.

Matthew Arnold, recalling the gloom of the autumn evening in which his father, Dr. Arnold of Rugby, had been laid to rest within the chapel walls of Rugby School, uses these words in an immortal tribute to the noble and great who are gone:

"But ah!

That word, gloom, to my mind
Brings thee back, in the light
Of thy radiant vigour, again."

Such, I believe, throughout the whole of Canada, will be the effect of the word telling of the passing of the Rt. Honble. W. S. Fielding at his home in this city last night. After a life of intense political activity, covering nearly half a century, during which time he filled the office of Premier of his native province of Nova Scotia and served as Minister of Finance of the Dominion of Canada for a longer period than that occupied by any statesman holding a similar position within the British Empire, Mr. Fielding, some five and a half years ago, was compelled through sudden affliction to retire from public life, and, so far as public affairs were concerned, to seek an all but complete seclusion.

To his many friends, Mr. Fielding's affliction, borne during his closing years with so much patience and fortitude,

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