

fenced. On this centennial anniversary, the house, as restored, is being formally opened, and officially dedicated as a historic possession of the nation.

When the house was restored, the cairn in the village was removed. In its stead, a boulder was erected on the grounds, surmounted by a bronze tablet. This tablet it is now my honour to unveil. It bears the following inscription in both French and English:

Sir Wilfrid Laurier
Prime Minister of Canada 1896-1911
Born at Saint Lin, 20th November, 1841.
Died in Ottawa, 17th February, 1919.

I have also the honour to declare this house in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier was born, an historic possession of the nation, and, on this day, the 100th anniversary of his birth, formally opened.

This house, from whose windows the childhood eyes of Sir Wilfrid Laurier first looked out upon the world, will become indeed a hallowed home throughout the length and breadth of Canada for generations to come. It will be a shrine for those who honour the great and the good. It is a typical French-Canadian home of a century ago. Its surround-