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life work was almost altogether carried on in this country. I do not know of any man who was inspired by a higher conception of duty than was Lord Strathcona.

"As the weight of years pressed upon him it was almost pathetic to see the devotion with which he insisted on performing even the minor duties of his position. In all the time I have known him, and that was in the later years of his life, I was struck with the fact that time did not seem to have dimmed the freshness of his spirit, the vigor of his will or his strength of purpose.

"I consider that it would be a fitting tribute of respect to his memory, that this house should stand adjourned until to-morrow."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the Opposition, in seconding the motion said:—"Since Sir John Macdonald's time I do not know that there has been any Canadian, who, on departing this life, has left behind him such a trail of sorrow as Lord Strathcona. He is mourned by His Majesty, whose personal friend he was, by the authorities of commerce and of finance in the commercial and financial metropolis of the world, by the poor of London, by the people of Scotland, the land of his birth, with whom he never completely severed his connection, and in Canada, by all classes of the community. This universal sorrow is a tribute only bestowed upon men of strong personality and to this class he undoubtedly belonged.