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ce. 'It seems to me,' said Mr. Whitney, 'that in 1903 order to arrive at a proper estimate of the character and services of Sir Oliver Mowat, we must start at these premises, viz.: that he desired the continuance and perpetuation of British institutions on the continent of North America; and this was the basis or foundation on which the public efforts and public life of Sir Oliver Mowat were offered, and on which he desired to rest his reputation.'

'Like the "Grand Old Man" of Canada, Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Oliver Mowat, too, believed that the British Empire was the greatest secular influence for good. Hence both men loved the British Empire. Hence, each one in his own way strove for the advancement and perpetuation of British institutions on the continent of North America; and each in his own way was enabled to be of great use and advantage to the people who were comprised in the population of the Dominion of Canada. Sir Oliver Mowat was a strong party man, and he (Mr. Whitney), as one who had belonged, and still belonged, to the opposite party, was glad to be able to make this statement, because he believed, and he was convinced that Sir Oliver believed, that under our system strong party men who believed in the principles which their party advocated were not only a political necessity, but that their existence was productive of the greatest possible good, and therefore he was glad to say, as he would of a political opponent who was, perhaps, not so great a man as Sir Oliver Mowat,