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Canada and its people were uppermost in his mind until the very end. To the Reverend Father Gaudrault, who was at his bedside during his last hours, he said:

"Tell my young compatriots to work, to get ready to serve their country, to accept the responsibilities which they will have to bear, and to bear them with honour for the good of their compatriots and of Canada. Tell them that I have faith in them, that it is for them, and for my country, that I gave back my life to God."

The sympathy of honourable members of this House of Commons, and indeed, the sympathy of all of Canada, goes out in their sorrow and bereavement to Madame Lapointe, to his daughter, Mrs. Roger Guimet, and to his son, our fellow member, Lieutenant Hugues Lapointe. It was not among the least of his services to our country that the late Minister of Justice should have left, not only a name that will be honoured for all time in the country's history, but that, with it, should be associated a family tradition of service to the State.

I should fail in my duty to my late friend if I did not remind honourable members that throughout the entire period of his membership of the House of Commons, Madame Lapointe

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