

I like to remember the cordial relations which existed between us as members of the Quebec conference at which the confederation scheme was prepared and agreed to by the representatives of all the British American provinces. I like to remember that when during the sitting of the conference the news came to him of a vacancy in the Chancery Bench, he instantly passed a note across the table offering me the place, and as I felt some scruples about accepting in the then position of public affairs, he in friendly conference argued that if I would like the Vice-Chancellorship there was no sound reason on public grounds against my accepting it. Mr. Brown and my other colleagues concurred in that view, and I was therefore appointed Vice-Chancellor accordingly after the conference had finished its work. I like to remember the flattering words in which Sir John publicly spoke of me while I was Vice-Chancellor; and I have been glad to hear from Senator Sanford and others of the kind and complimentary way in which during the latter years of his life Sir John was in the habit of speaking of me to them. All these things show the kindly nature of the man when politics did not interfere. If words of other import came, or are said to have come, from him on other occasions, or at other times, or to other persons, and these other words intrude themselves at any time on my memory, I call to mind that in party warfare hard words are natural and perhaps inevitable; and with that thought I dismiss from my mind the intrusion.

Take this distinguished Canadian all in all, it may be said of him, in brief, that he was a great political leader, beloved by his friends and followers, and possessed of qualities which obtained for him the respect of his opponents, notwithstanding what they deemed his faults. For myself as a Canadian, and an early friend, and for a short time his colleague in the government, I am pleased to be taking part in the proceedings of to-day, when there has been unveiled a statue, erected here by his friends in his honor as a memorial to future generations, of the statesman who held the premiership of his country for more years than any other premier in any country ever held a like office, and whose administration of public affairs affected the Dominion and its provinces so largely and so long that he will ever occupy a remarkable place in their history.

Two other things among many history will record of him. It will tell that he contemplated with hope and expectation the future greatness of this dear Canada of ours, and that he appreciated meantime and desired to maintain its British connection. May all Canadians long cherish on these subjects like sentiments.

HON. N. CLARKE WALLACE'S SPEECH.

Hon. N. Clarke Wallace was the last speaker of the afternoon. He received a very warm reception on coming forward, and though the rain was falling heavily by this time, the people hoisted umbrellas and braved the elements. The honorable gentleman delivered a very eloquent address. He congratulated the city on being the first to erect a statue to the great statesman. "This may be appropriate in the case of Hamilton," he