

preserved, each new situation could only be met in the light of new developments. I always regretted that Mr. Cardin found it necessary to resign from the Ministry, but I never questioned his motives. Nor did his resignation ever make any difference in our personal relations, or in the affection I cherished for him.

Let me now resume what I wish to say of Mr.

St. Laurent.

Debt to Cabinet Colleagues

I have frequently stated that if I have been able to achieve anything in public life, it has been due to the inspiration of the lives, the example and the sacrifices of others who have long since passed away. I have also said, and I believe it to be equally true, that such success as I have had in party leadership has been due to the ability and the loyalty of the men who have supported me with their counsel, and honoured me with their confidence at the Council Table. You have only to look at the members of the government here assembled to realize what Canada owes to their ability and integrity, and what I personally owe to their loyalty. Of those present; Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Ilsley, Mr. Howe and Mr. Gardiner have been continuously at my side over the entire eleven years since the party was returned to power in 1935. Their shoulders have borne no small share of the burden and responsibilities of directing