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### *The National Battlefields Commission*

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ed from the pen all its seductiveness and from the tongue all the brilliancy of its eloquence. And yet if I had to repeat his eulogium, I would have to go out of this Chamber; I would only need to recall the words which fell from the lips of our colleague, the Honorable Councillor for the Laurentides division, words at once so exquisite and so touching, so delicate in analysis and so profound in feeling, a speech which will rank among the classics and which they who will come after us will find enshrined among the masterpieces of eloquence.

You will recall, honorable gentlemen, with what emotion we applauded the words of our colleague, On that day, he was well and truly the interpreter of us all. In presenting this bill, did the Government draw its inspiration from him? In any case, what more beautiful lesson of concord and of conciliation could it give to the two great races who inhabit this country than to raise a monument to one who has been so appropriately called the great Peacemaker, on those same battlefields which were the scenes and the witnesses of the struggles and conflicts of the past. The noble thought, which has animated the Government, will find an echo in this House.

Hon. Mr. Chapais, the leader of the Conservative party in the Council, congratulated Mr. Turgeon upon his able address, and said that his remarks would serve to remove from the minds of many all anxiety as regards what the Battlefields Commission was doing. There had been recriminations regarding the Tercentenary celebration, but he believed that while \$300,000 had been spent by the Commission on the festivities, if four hundred thousand or even half a million dollars had been spent, the amount would not have been excessive, as the occasion was